

BOWLS DORSET UNDER 16 SINGLES COMPETITIONS

Rules 2023

Applies to Ladies U16 Singles & Men's U16 Singles (Steadman Family Trophy)

General

1. Entrants must be under 16 on 1st April in the year of the competition.
2. Qualifying Rounds will normally be played on one day with the Final played during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend.
3. The competitions are 4 bowls singles sets play as detailed in these rules.

Qualifying Rounds

4. Competitors will be drawn into Groups with the number of groups depending upon the number of entries.
5. In each Group, play will be a round robin with each competitor playing the others in the Group.
6. Each game will be 2 sets of 5 ends. If both competitors win a set or both sets are drawn, a further 1 end tie break will be played.
7. Prior to each game there will be a toss of a coin. The winner of the toss chooses for the first set whether to keep the mat and deliver the first jack or give it to their opponent. The loser of the toss chooses at the start of the second set whether to keep the mat and deliver the first jack or give it to their opponent. If a further 1 end tie break is required, there will be a toss of a coin and the winner of the toss chooses whether to keep the mat and deliver the jack or give it to their opponent.
8. In each game, 2 trial ends with 2 bowls for each competitor are allowed.
9. Visiting the head is allowed once per end.
10. Any measuring will be done or supervised by the marker.
11. There shall be no dead or killed ends. The jack shall be re-spotted 2 metres from the front ditch on the centre line. If the spot is completely covered, the jack must be placed as close as possible to the covered spot, between and in line with that spot and the corresponding spot at the opposite end of the rink, without touching the bowl.
12. All 5 ends in a set must be completed, as sets and shots will count if there is a tie for Group winner.
13. The winner of a game is the competitor who (i) wins 2 sets, (ii) wins 1 set and ties 1 set, (iii) wins 1 set and loses 1 set but wins the tie break or (iv) ties 2 sets but wins the tie break.
14. The winner of the Group is the competitor who wins the most games. In the event of competitors with equal number of game wins, the winner of the Group shall be decided by the number of sets won (excluding tie breaks), then the total shot difference (excluding tie breaks), then the total number of ends won (excluding tie breaks), then the total shots for (excluding tie breaks) or if still equal, the playing of a further one end tie break game with 4 bowls each.
15. If there are two Groups, the winner of each Group shall play in the Final during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend.
16. If there are three Groups, the winner of each Group together with the best overall runner-up shall be drawn to play in the semi-finals. The winner of each semi-final shall play in the Final during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend. The best overall runner-up shall be determined using averaged over games played the total shot difference (excluding tie breaks), then the total number of ends won (excluding tie breaks), then the total shots for (excluding tie breaks) or if still equal, the playing of a further one end tie break game with 4 bowls each.
17. If there are four Groups, the winner of each Group shall be drawn to play in the semi-finals. The winner of each semi-final shall play in the Final during Bowls Dorset's County Competitions Finals Weekend.
18. The semi-finals shall be played using the same format as Group games other than where a set cannot be won, the remaining ends should not be played.

Final

19. The Final shall follow the same format as the Qualifying Rounds with the following changes:
 - a. Each set shall be 9 ends but this may be adjusted beforehand in appropriate circumstances.
 - b. In the trial ends 4 bowls may be used by each finalist.
 - c. If a tie break is required, it shall comprise 3 extra ends with ends won rather than shots counting.
 - d. The head may be visited after delivery of the players third and fourth bowls and before then with the permission of the marker.