

RBA COMPETITION RULES & REGULATIONS

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1. All competitors must be bona fide members of a club affiliated to the Romford & District Bowls Association (RDBA). A player shall not represent more than one club in any one year. Should a player change clubs during a season; they would not be eligible to play in any competitions they had already competed in for the previous club. Also, players will confirm they had resigned from the previous club to the Secretary of the new club.
2. All competitions shall be played under the rules and regulations as laid down by the Essex County Bowling Association (ECBA) (except for fixed dates). No competition shall be played on a Saturday except by mutual arrangement.
3. All trophies are perpetual and the property of the RDBA. Trophies will be held by the winner during the year and returned to the Competition Secretary for engraving by 1st August each year.
4. (a) The McCarthy Cup (singles), Romford Pairs Trophy, Bowers Cup (Triples), Mailer Cup (Rinks), Silver Jubilee Trophy and the Officers Cup will incur an entrance fee which will be determined by the Executive Committee, at the October meeting for the following year's competitions.

(b) The Silver Jubilee Trophy is restricted to those over 60. The Officers Cup is open to current and past officers of affiliated clubs and the Association.

(c) Club Secretaries shall be responsible for all competition entries for their members. Entry forms must be sent direct to the Associations Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Secretary with the entry fee paid no later than the 31st December each year.
5. The officers of the Association will make the draw, and they will fix the closing date by which each round must be played.
6. (a) The player or players first in the draw shall be deemed the challenger, shall have choice of the green and shall without delay offer the opposing competitors three dates from which to select. For the initial round of each competition one of these dates must be at least seven days before the closing date of the round.

(b) The opponent(s) will within 72 hours of receipt of the challenge reply by accepting one of the dates offered. An Opponent(s) already committed to either a National or ECBA representative or competitive match (e.g. ECBA singles, pairs, triples or rinks) who is unable to accept any date offered by the challenger may apply to the Competition Secretary for an extension. If granted, the Competition Secretary will speak to the players and give them 24 hours to settle on a time and date and report to him. Any decision he makes will be final.

(c) The challenger or the opponent failing to comply with (a) and (b) above will be scratched upon successful application of the opposite party and failing such application, no later than the last day of the period of the round, both parties will be scratched.

(d) the semi-finals shall be played on neutral greens to be arranged by the challenger, any charges for the use of the green to be paid by the competitors, if players / teams are from the same club then the requirement to play on a neutral green will be waived.

(e) All Association finals to be played in whites or in the club's official colours. Finals will be played on the first Sunday in September on the Association President's green. If this is not possible for any reason, the President will make arrangements for the finals to be played at another Association venue.

7(a) Score cards for all competitions must be sent by email to the Competition Secretary as soon as possible following the match, failing this the defaulter will not be included in the next round.

(b) All players names who play in the teams must be shown on the score cards, any substitute must be shown having 'sub' by his name.

(c) If the game must be conceded, the player going through shall be responsible for advising the Competition Secretary.

8. Twine Cup will be awarded to the club obtaining the highest number of points in the Association Competitions during the season excluding the Silver Jubilee Cup and the Officers Cup.

Points to be awarded:

Singles	Winning Club	6 points
	Losing finalist	4 points
	Losing semi-finalist	2 points

Pairs, Triples and Rinks:

Winning Club	4 points
Losing finalist	2 points
Losing semi-finalist	1 point

9. Charter Cup will be awarded to the player scoring the most points in the Associations competitions during the season.
10. Suitable trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up of all the Association competitions.