

YORKSHIRE COUNTY PARKS BOWLS ASSOCIATION

COMPETITION RULES

1. All games and matches organised by the Association shall be subject to the Laws of the Game as stated and issued by the BCGBA.

2. Competition Management

Each District Association shall have the right to manage events played in their own area. The Executive Council shall decide the starting times for all events.

3. Individual and Team Competitions

All players, male or female, shall be eligible to enter any county parks events, providing their Club is affiliated to this Association.

Both males/females can be considered for selection to the senior county parks teams in the British Parks County Championship and dependant on age, for selection to the junior and veteran county parks teams.

4. Team Competitions

a) In all team competitions except the Brotherton and Wood Cups, the playing of matches as a straight knockout or in qualifying section format will be at the discretion of the Association's Executive Council and reviewed annually.

b) The order of play having been determined by the exchange of numbered scorecards must be strictly adhered to. Any player absent when called to the green must be replaced by a

reserve and cannot subsequently take part in the match. If no eligible reserve is available, the game shall be forfeited and the score of 21- 0 recorded.

c) The toss of a coin shall determine who has odd or even numbered jacks.

d) All games to be 21 up.

e) In all team events, 2 points will be awarded to the team with the highest aggregate score (1 point each if equal) and one point will be awarded for each individual winner.

f) In the event of a match points tie in a straight knockout match, the winner will be the team with the most individual winners. If still a tie, the team with the best winner and if still equal, the next best and so on.

g) In the event of a match points tie at the conclusion of a qualifying group, the winner will be the team with the most individual winners overall in the group. If still a tie, the team with the best individual winner overall in the group and if still equal, the next best and so on.

h) Five jacks to be used in all matches consisting of 10 players per team except the final which shall have four jacks. Four jacks to be used throughout in 8 players per team matches.

5. Inter-city

Ten players per Affiliated District (and other Associations) with a maximum of two home green players allowed in any match.

6. Brotherton and Wood Cups

a) The Brotherton and Wood Cups shall be competed for annually by clubs affiliated to YCPBA on payment of an entrance fee decided by the Executive Council and notified to clubs at the preceding AGM.

Teams

b) If Clubs play in more than one affiliated District, they **MUST** stipulate which they deem to be their senior league to the Association Secretary **not later than 30th April each year**. The nomination will be ratified or otherwise by the Executive Council. Teams who play in the top division (or top two divisions if more than four divisions) of their Districts senior league are restricted to playing in the Brotherton Cup only. A Club entering only one team but which has two senior league teams in their District is restricted to the Brotherton Cup only, unless neither of its district teams is in the top division (or top two divisions if more than four divisions). This shall also apply to clubs entering two teams who have three senior teams in their District.

In the event of a Team's withdrawal from either Cup, the entry fee will be forfeited and if this occurs within 14 days of the competitions, a fine of £10 will be imposed.

Players

c) All teams shall consist of eight players who shall be bona-fide registered playing members of the Club. In the Wood, players can only be selected if they play in a league affiliated to YCPBA and must have played a minimum of 2 league games prior to the date of the competition. A member shall not be allowed to bowl for more than one club or team during a season in the Cup Competitions except that a member of a club who has played in the 'B' team may play in the same club's 'A' team in a later round but having played in the 'A' team cannot revert to the 'B' team.

A player cannot play for their Club in the Wood Cup if they have played more senior league games for their club's 'A' team than their 'B' team. A club entering three teams shall not be allowed to use in their C team any player who has previously played in their A or B teams. To ensure the Wood Cup teams field eligible players, a list of players **MUST** be submitted to the Secretary 7 days prior to the date of the competition.

Format

d) Brotherton/Wood Cups - one day tournaments

16 teams in each, 8 players per team, 4 groups of 4 played on a round robin basis. Starting time 9:30am. If a minimum of at least 12 entries are not received, the competition will not take place. If more than 16 entries are received, preliminary games will be arranged to be played on an earlier date.

All group games 21up off 5. Semi-finals and final 21up off scratch.

5 jacks in all group matches (3 jacks from match 1 and 2 from match 2) alternating throughout.

In groups consisting of 3 teams, the team not playing first shall be allowed 15 minutes practice.

In all group matches, 2 points to be awarded to the team with the highest aggregate score and 1 point awarded if both teams tie.

The team with the most points in the group will be declared the winners. If the number of points is equal, the winners will be the team with the highest aggregate scored overall in the group. If still equal, the winners will be the team with the highest total aggregate points difference.

If still equal, the winners will be the team with the most total individual winners, then best individual winner, then next best and so on.

Semi-finals and finals - winners will be the team with the highest aggregate score. If equal, winners will be the team with most individual winners. If still equal, best individual winner, then next best and so on.

7. Victory Trophy

- a) Entry restricted to the current season's Champions of each affiliated District's senior league.
- b) If unable to take part the runners up will be invited followed if necessary by the third, fourth places clubs etc.
- c) Ten players per team.
- d) Where a club's team plays in the senior league of more than one affiliated District and becomes champions of both, the second placed club of the senior league outside the champion club's main District will qualify to compete in the Victory Trophy.
- e) The winners of the Victory Trophy will represent the county in the following season's British Parks Club Team Knockout Championship.

8. Referees

The secretary shall arrange for the appointment of referees for BPCGBA events. For county events, the host district shall appoint referees. Registered referees Grade (B) are allowed to officiate up to and including county parks events. Grade (A) referees are allowed to officiate at all matches.

9. Practice

With the exception of other fixtures, practice shall not be allowed on greens selected for county events, after the draw has been published.

10. Dress Code

The dress code shall be the same as the BPCGBA dress code and the BCGBA bye law number 25.