

PLAYING FORMATS 2024

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National Championships (all rounds)

	Players (per side)	No. of bowls (per player)	No. of ends	No. of shots	Age restrictions (where applicable)
Two Bowl Singles*	1	2	21		N/A
Singles	1	4		21	N/A
Pairs *	2	4	18		N/A
Triples*	3	3	18		N/A
Fours*	4	2	18		N/A
Senior Fours*	4	2	18		55 or over on 1st April 24
Junior Singles	1	4		21	Under 25 on 1st April 24
Junior Pairs*	2	4	18		Under 25 on 1st April 24

Individual National Competitions (all rounds)

	Players (per side)	No. of bowls (per player)	No. of ends	No. of shots	Age restrictions (where applicable)
Champion of Champions	1	4		21	Open age
Senior Singles	1	4		21	55 or over on 1st April 24
Senior Pairs*	2	3	18		55 or over on 1st April 24

In all events marked with an asterisk (*), should the scores be equal when all ends have been played, an extra end (or ends) must be played until a decision is reached.

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Inter-Club National Competitions (all rounds)

	Players (per side)	No. of bowls (per player)	No. of ends	No. of shots	Age restrictions (where applicable)
Top Club - Men	11	Refer to the rules for full details			Open age
Top Club - Women	10	Refer to the rules for full details			Open age
Men's Club Two Fours*	8	2	18 (per rink)		Open age
Tony Allcock Trophy*	8	2	18 (per rink)		60 or over on 1st April 24

Inter-County National Competitions (all rounds)

	Players (per side)	No. of bowls (per player)	No. of ends	No. of shots	Age restrictions (where applicable)
White Rose Trophy*	8	2	21		Under 25 on 1st April 24
Walker Cup*	8	2	21		Open age
Balcomb Trophy*	8	2	21		Open age
Amy Rose*	8	2	21		31 or under on 1st April 24
Middleton Cup*	24	2	21		Open age
Johns Trophy*	24	2	21		Open age

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Open/Mixed Competitions		
Family Pairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible players should be from one of the following pairings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Grandmother and granddaughter/grandson ◦ Grandfather and granddaughter/grandson ◦ Mother and daughter/son ◦ Father and daughter/son ◦ Sister and sister/brother ◦ Brother and brother/sister ◦ Step relatives of the above are also eligible to play ◦ Marriage ◦ Civil Partnership 	Three bowls per player/18 ends
Mixed Pairs	1 x man/1 x woman; Both players from clubs within same county	Three bowls per player/18 ends
Mixed Fours	2 x men/2 x women; All players from clubs within same county	Two bowls per player/18 ends