

BOWLS SURREY NEWSLETTER

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Goodbye 2023 and HELLO 2024 ... can you believe it? That's another year gone. Hooray the next outdoor season is fast approaching and so much work is being done behind the scenes. The new Committees have started working and there are some new things that you need to be aware of. Keep reading to find out what.
Charlotte

Affiliations & Competition Entries - The Affiliations System will be open from 1st to 29th February 2024. Your club must affiliate all members and enter all competitors into the County Competitions during this period.

All Competitions **MUST** be entered within this time frame.

Players - Make sure your club secretaries know which individual comps you want to enter as once the system closes there can be no additions or changes.

The **new Area Committees** are due to meet mid January. If there is anything that you would like to have them discuss on your behalf please contact your Area Secretary. Area 1 Colin Homes Area 2 David Thomas Area 3 Sylvia Russell Area 4 Eamon O'Flynn - their contact details are on the website on the 'Contact Us' page.

Competition News - NEW Competition for Ladies. Club Top 4 running initially within the Areas and then through to a County Final. It is a club entry and team can be made up of any affiliated women members. Its format is 1 rink with a maximum of 1 badged player, played over 18 ends and the team can change each round. Entries can be made during the affiliation process so ensure your club enters a team (or two!) (Players can only play in one team in any year)
Other Changes - BS Mixed Fours **MUST** be 2 men 2 women.

The NEW Green Keeper and Parks WhatsApp Groups are ready to be created. If your club is in a 'Park' or you look after a bowls green and you want to be included in either group please contact Sheron by email administrator@bowlssurrey.com to be added.

Bowls Surrey has an **IT Committee** and we need a couple more people to sit on it. Are you IT literate and understand websites and 'systems'? Are you forward thinking and have ideas on how our system could be improved? The committee will only meet 3 or 4 times per year. If you think you can help please contact John Tucker.

New Rule - All competitors entering competitions that lead to Leamington **MUST** be prepared to travel to the National Finals or else they **MUST NOT** enter the competitions.

Umpires Corner

Last month's question:- During the trial ends the mat is placed up the green.

Question 1) Can the opposition move the mat back down the green during the trial end?

Answer: **NO** Law 5.1.7 The team which starts the trial end must place the mat, deliver the jack and place the jack on the centre line of the rink at a distance they choose from the mat line (the distance must not be changed during the course of the trial end)

Question 2) Do all the players have to deliver their bowls off the mat during the trial end?

Answer: **YES** Law 7.1 Before delivery a player must be standing on the mat with all or part of at least one foot on the mat. At the moment they deliver the jack or a bowl, the player must have all or part of one foot on or above the mat. It does not specify which ends as it applies to all ends. There can be no footfaulting penalty associated with not standing on the mat during the trial end.

Next Months Question

A player is taken ill during a 'Side' match and there is no reserve. What happens? (A side match is a game that has more than one team or singles player playing at the same time.)