**WEST LOTHIAN BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

**MEN’S COUNTY COMPETITITION-CONDITIONS OF PLAY (W.E.F. 2024 SEASON)**

**Men’s Singles, Pairs, Triples & Fours**

Each Member Club shall be entitled to one entry only in each of these Competitions.

Each of these Competitions shall be conducted on a knockout basis.

Players may only participate in one of these competitions in the same season.

The player(s) representing the Club in the first game they play in each of these Competitions shall constitute the official Club entry. Should one of these players not be able to play in any subsequent round in the same Competition, and require to be substituted in accordance with the substitution conditions detailed below, they shall be entitled to return to play in the same Competition without it being considered to be a substitution. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE ALLOWED IN THE SINGLES.**

**Singles (4 bowls**)-Each Club shall be represented by one player. Each round to be 21 shots up. **NO SUBSTITUTIONS SHALL BE ALLOWED.**

**Pairs (4 bowls each player)**- Each Club shall be represented by 2 players. Each round consisting of 17 ends. Only one substitution allowed throughout the duration of the Competition.

**Triples (3 bowls each player)-**Each Club shall be represented by 3 players. Each round consisting of 15 ends. Only one substitution allowed throughout the duration of the Competition.

**Fours (2 bowls each player)-**Each Club shall be represented by 4 players. Each round consisting of 17 ends. Only one substitution allowed throughout the duration of the Competition.

**Matches in the above which are required to be abandoned are required to be started on another day following the abandonment and prior to the next round. Matches that started on one day and are subsequently rearranged to be played to a finish on another day must be recommenced from the point where the match finished when it was abandoned in accordance with the Laws of the Sport.**

**Other Men’s Singles Competition**

**Champion of Champions-**Singles (4 bowls) knockout Competition with each Club represented by current year’s Club Singles Champion. Each round to be 21 shots up.

**Men’s Club Side Competitions**

**Rosebery Cup-**Each Club shall be entitled to enter a maximum of two sides. Where Clubs enter two teams, participating players may only participate in one of the teams during the period of the competition.

Each Club side to be represented by four fours in this knockout Competition. No game shall be allowed to proceed without a full side. Each round to consist of 17 ends with the Final being played over 21 ends on the green of the Men’s President. No limit on substitutions allowed between rounds.

Should scores be level once all four rinks have completed their 17 ends (21 ends in the final) then all rinks shall play an extra end. Should scores still be level after the extra end then extra ends will be played until a result is obtained.

**Top Ten-**Each Club entitled to enter one side. Side Game with each Club represented by 10 players in this knockout Competition. Each round to consist of a 4 bowls Singles (21 shots up), 4 bowls pairs (15 ends), 3 bowls triples (13 ends) and fours (15 ends). 2 points to be awarded for each tie won and 1 point for a draw. Winner is side with a higher number of points scored. If equal on points then the result is decided on total shots difference. If still equal the result shall be decided on the result of the Singles. No limit on substitutions allowed between rounds.

Please note that a Member Club or member of a Member Club may not compete in more than one Association’s Top Ten Competition which qualifies for a National/Inter-Counties Top Ten Competition.

**Top Five-**Each Club entitled to one entry. Side Game consisting of 5 Singles ties (4 bowls) with each Club side represented by 5 players in this knockout Competition. Each tie to be 21 shots up. Winner is side winning the higher number of ties. No limit on substitutions allowed between rounds.

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