

K.C.B.A. MENS COMPETITIONS 2025

NOTES FOR ALL COMPETITORS - PLEASE READ

Firstly, a reminder that, with the exception of the Unbadged Singles, all the competitions listed are National (Bowls England) competitions with the eventual winners & runners-up from our county qualifying to play at Leamington in the National Finals held (provisionally) between the 11th & 31st of August 2025.

COMPETITORS RESPONSIBILITIES

Only players who are affiliated to K.C.B.A. & B.E. can participate in these competitions. It is the responsibility of the named entrant to ensure that both he & any playing partners are fully aware of the rules of the competitions & the specific Competition Bye Laws. These are shown on the K.C.B.A. website.

All competitors should ensure they are available to play in all rounds up to the final.

COMPETITION FORMATS

The formats of the various competitions remain as :-

Singles & Unbadged Singles (21 shots), Pairs (4 bowls each, 18 ends), Triples (3 bowls each, 18 ends), Fours & Over 55 Fours (2 bowls each, 18 ends), Two Wood Singles (21 ends).

With the exception of the Two Wood Singles all competitions will be played on set evenings each week with start times being 6.00 p.m. although an earlier start and / or date is permissible but only if mutually agreed with your opponent.

COMPETITION DATES (*Start dates are provisional as based on 2024 entry levels)

Singles – Monday 26th May through to Divisional Final on Monday 30th June.

Pairs - Tuesday 27th May through to Divisional Final on Tuesday 1st July.

Triples – Wednesday 4th June through to Divisional Final on Wednesday 2nd July.

Fours – Thursday 12th June through to Divisional Final on Thursday 3rd July.

Unbadged Singles – Friday 30th May through to Divisional Final on Friday 4th July.

Over 55 Fours – Tuesday evenings commencing on 8th July through to the Divisional Final being played on 29th July on a neutral green.

Sunday 1st June (provisionally) – Two Wood. The aim will be for this competition to continue to be played off down to the final **2** on either one or two nominated greens (TBA) depending on the number of entries received.

The Divisional Final will take place on Friday 4th July.

COMPETITORS REGISTER / CONTACT LIST

This will be accessible via the county website by clicking on to “*Competitions*”, “*Division 1*”, “*Competitors Register*”. If any competitor finds a discrepancy in the details shown they should inform the Divisional Secretary or Competition Steward ASAP.

SCORECARDS - IMPORTANT

COMPETITION CARDS WILL NO LONGER BE SENT OUT.

It is expected that you use the information shown on the K.C.B.A. website to ascertain the date, venue & opponent for your first and all subsequent matches using the file entitled "Dates, Venues, Stewards etc". If in any doubt contact either your own club secretary, Competition Steward or Divisional Secretary.

RESULTS

It is expected that competitors provide & complete their own scorecard which MUST contain the names of all players and MUST be signed by your opponents at the end.

You must notify the relevant Competition Steward of your result, by phone, text or email ASAP after your game. Preferably before 10.30 p.m. on the night or, at the very latest, by 10.00 a.m. the following morning.

In team games (Pairs, Triples & Fours) the cards (**or photographed / scanned copies**) MUST also be sent to the Competition Steward as soon as possible after each game. Although this is not necessary in either of the singles competitions, it is still advisable to get your opponent to sign the cards, just in case of any dispute

Winners will be responsible for finding out who & where they are playing the following week by referring to the K.C.B.A. website but if in any doubt contact the Competition Steward or Divisional Secretary.

NOTE - Prompt return of your results & scorecard details will greatly assist in our aim to update the draw sheets on the website daily so PLEASE ensure you get the results to us in good time!

COMPETITION STEWARDS

The list showing all the Competition Stewards contact details is accessible via the K.C.B.A. website by clicking on "*Competitions*" then "*Division 1*" then finally "*Dates, Venues, Stewards etc*" which is under the "*Division 1 Competition info*" tab at the bottom of the page.

COUNTY QUARTER & SEMI FINALS Etc.

Looking beyond the Divisional Finals stage, for those who are lucky enough to qualify, the later stages will take place as follows :-

Over 55 Fours Semi Final & Final on Saturday 2nd August @ Horton Kirby BC
Cox Cup Semi Final & Final on Sunday 10th August @ Empire BC

County Quarter & Semi Finals :-

Sunday 19th July – All Singles competitions @ Folkestone Town BC

Saturday 20th July – Pairs @ Bromley BC.

Saturday 26th July – Triples @ Halls BC

Sunday 27th July - Fours @ Maidstone BC

County Finals Day will be on Sunday 3rd August @ West Wickham BC.

Wishing you all the best in whatever competitions you enter.

Ian Way

Hon. K.C.B.A. Division 1 Secretary