

1. **Rules of the Game** The individual games in these Competitions will be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls per Crystal Mark Third Edition, but with the following Mijas LBC specific rules. The order of play and rink allocation will be decided by the MLBC Competition Secretary as the Controlling body. Where possible the Controlling body will include every member that wants to play in Competitions, even if this involves using lucky losers and reserves to give every member available to play a game. Members who join after the draw has been made may be used as substitutes or take lucky loser place in vacant positions in the pairs or triples.

2. **Competition Draws** will include all **Mijas LBC Federated Members** that have paid their membership fees and confirmed their interest in entering the specific competition and where they are available to play during all of the scheduled play by dates. A minimum of three members shall be present during the draws. Fully paid up members that join after the draw has been made or have been excluded because they were not present for the early rounds maybe considered as reserves for team competitions. The Controlling Body will be responsible for setting the playing schedule, but avoiding Federated Competitions and Open events which may prevent member participation. Competition schedules will not be allowed to interfere with the ability of those members who want to play a Roll Up game as stipulated in the IOURs. Ties can be played at roll up times **ONLY** if rinks are available.

2.1 Pairs and Triples draws will be made by mixing experience and allocating members into either two or three sections to even out the experience levels in Pairs and Triples teams. The handicap system maybe used to generate the various sections. Individual teams may decide on the order of play before starting each game. Draws for triples and pairs will normally be conducted on the day of the first round and players should be available at the draw to allow play to commence that day if rinks available.

3. **Game duration** Pairs and Triples games will be over 18 ends. The game can be stopped by either skip where the shot difference has determined the winner.

Singles matches will be played until one player reaches 21 (twenty one) or a player concedes the game. In the handicap event the player with the lowest handicap will start at a score of zero and the higher handicap player will start at a score equal to the difference between the two handicaps.

If less than eight (8) players enter the Gents or Ladies singles this must be ran as a round robin to enable entry to the Inter club Championships per FAB rules. If a round robin format is used it must be played to a conclusion to determine the overall winner. The Winners will represent MLBC at the Inter club Championship. If that member does not want to represent the club a separate competition will be held for that purpose.

3. **Scorecards** must be completed by a member of each team and in the event of a singles match by the Marker. These score cards should be signed by a player from each team and a time attached before handing it/them to the Controlling Body or in their absence put in the Suggestion/Complaints box.

4. **Rink Allocation** will be made by the Controlling body or the players using all available rinks. No team/player will be permitted to play twice on the same rink on the same day.

5. **Ownership of the Mat** will be decided by a coin toss at the start of the game and in the event of an extra end. Two trial ends will be played prior to the start of play using an equal number of bowls as used in the game, unless both players/teams agree to less bowls or no trial ends (if no trial ends used then 1 shot for each of first 2 ends).
6. **A Burnt Jack** will be replayed from the end in which it was originally played unless both Skips/players agree to play from the opposite end.
7. **Dress code** for Competitors and markers shall be in accordance with the current dress code as specified in the IOURs and Noticeboards, unless the tie is only arranged just prior to play.
8. **Restrictions on Visits to the Head.** Only Singles players or Skips are allowed to visit the head and this will be restricted to a maximum of six visit per game. However, the skip not in possession of the mat may stay at the head until the opposing skip has played. If both skips approach the head at the same time the second skip can remain at the head until the first skip bowl comes to rest.
9. **Lucky losers** Will be used where there is a player/players short to complete either a pair or triples team. The draw will be organised to ensure the vacant player team is given a place in the second round (if possible) and the Lucky loser/s will be taken from the players in the same category as described in Clause 2.1 who lost in the Preliminary round. Only if all the teams are in the same round at the start of the competition will the lucky loser be taken from the same round, but from the opposite side of the draw.
10. **Reserves** will only be permitted if the member has not been included in the original draw. Where one or more members of different teams withdraw from the competition before playing a game, a new team can be formed by the Competition Secretary, if this enables a greater member participation. A blind draw will be made to determine the addition into each team and also which opposition team gets the bye if two teams are combined. Reserves will be permitted in all rounds except for the Final. A person that withdraws from a team, unless through injury or illness **will not be permitted** to rejoin the Competition as a reserve or in a reconfigured team.
11. **Play by/on dates** will be set by the Competition Secretary initially to accommodate the availability of the majority of the members. Games may be played prior to that date if agreed by the all the players/skips. Extensions to the dates will only be allowed at the discretion of the Competition Secretary, due to weather, unplanned significant events that affects more than one competitor. This extension will be given so that it minimises the risk of interfering with the completion of the subsequent round on its planned fixture date.

The Drawn Triples and Handicap Competitions will be played to conclusion prior to the festive break and the Pairs and Championships thru January to March. The date for the Finals will be set by the Competition Secretary to accommodate those involved.

12. **Handicaps** are set by the Competition Secretary with support from Captain/Vice Captain. A separate sheet will be generated to show the current years handicaps.

Handicaps will not be adjusted after the Competition has started.

13. **Markers** Players who enter Singles Competitions will be required to mark a minimum of one match in each of the competitions they enter.
14. The decision of the Competition Secretary is final and the current post holder may amend these Rules prior to the start of the In house Competition season. The rules maybe altered during the season with approval of the Executive Committee.

Current version of the rules will be posted on the Notice boards and website.