

Ball & Chain or Wood,n Arrt Open event 2022

at MIJAS LAWN BOWLS CLUB, (ENTRY FEE €16/team)

Conditions of Play will be in accordance with Crystal Mark World Bowls Rules unless stipulated below. IAN PATTERSON will be the controlling body for this Competition. Conditions of play will be displayed at MLBC. Players must be Federated in Spain or with any Bowls Federation.

Qualification rounds one and two will be held on Sunday 4th (2 games/teams), Monday 5th (those not playing on Sunday will play 2 games/team) & Tuesday 6th December (1 game/team). The top four teams from each category will progress to the semi finals on Wednesday 7th December before the afternoon finals.

Entry will be restricted to 24 teams across the 2 categories with prizes awarded to the Winners and Runners up in each category.

Arrive 10.00 for 10.30 start & PM session expected to be between 13.00 to 13.30

1. **COMPETITIONS** Ball & Chain (B&C) specifically for couples registered to the same address or related, but they may add any substitute or third team member. The Pair that is a related or domiciled couple must play a minimum of one set in each game/person. Alternative Round Robin Tournament (ARRT) will play in Pairs but teams may use substitutes or name a third team member. Arrt teams can decide when and if to use substitutes in a specific game. The Arrt is Open with players from different clubs and be any combination of sexes.
2. **DRAW** made Sunday 27th Nov at 13.30 hrs at Mijas LBC. Where possible teams from the same club will be kept apart in qualification rounds. If necessary the Controlling Body will organise the schedule to ensure all teams play the same amount of games. Provisional draw below based on 12 entries for each Category.

Date & start time	Green Group	White Group	Blue Group
Rd 1/2 Sun 4th Dec.-am pm	Max 4 teams x ARRT	Max 4 teams x ARRT	Max 4 teams x ARRT
Rd 1/2 Mon 5th Dec.-am pm	Max 4 teams x B & C	Max 4 teams x B & C	Max 4 teams x B & C
Rd 3 Tues 6th Dec. 10.30	Max 4 teams x ARRT	Max 4 teams x ARRT	Max 4 teams x ARRT
Rd 3 Tues 6th Dec 13.00	Max 4 teams x B & C	Max 4 teams x B & C	Max 4 teams x B & C
Semi Final Wed 7th Dec. 10.30	1st v 4th each category	Only if Qualifiers have not played in previous rounds	2nd vs 3rd each category
Final Wed 7th Dec. 13.30	Ball & Chain		Alternate rrt

3. TRIAL ENDS There will be no trial ends, but one shot scored in the first 2 ends of the first set. Two practice ends will be allowed for a team who has to play a team who has played in the morning session. This practice will be on a rink not being used for the game.

4. **MAT and JACK** Toss for the mat on the first set, opposing team will be given the mat for the start of the second set. Toss for the mat prior to the start of the tie break, if needed. A burnt jack will be placed on the T and complete the end.

5. **GAME FORMAT** Individual games will be played as 3 bowl Pairs over 2 x 9 end sets. A set is complete if it impossible for a team to win or draw in the remaining ends. 4 points available for each set (2 point for a drawn set), if necessary 3 points for tie break. Tie break will be the best of 3 ends (Ends won).

6 **VISITS TO THE HEAD** Only the skip will be permitted to visit the head and this will be limited to 3 times/set. Plus 1 additional visit during a tie break. A skip may stay at the head if the opposition has the mat & this will not count as a visit to the head.

7. **QUALIFYING** Qualification will be based on points from a maximum of three round robin games. Should more than two teams be equal on points the shot difference over the completed ends in the first two sets of all the games played will be the deciding factor. Then if necessary the result of final games played by those teams will determine their standing.

8. **WEATHER DELAY** If play is stopped due to weather conditions the qualifying team will be established based on the Points difference and then shot difference of all completed games and sets.

8. TEAM ATTIRE Players of individual teams should try to wear the same colour shirts above the waist (but not essential) and white below the waist and flat soled shoes.

9 SUBSTITUTES All teams may include a 3rd player/substitute should they team members be unable to play 2 full games in one day. The substitute can be any sex and need not be related. Teams will be permitted to exchange players at the end of any set or game including altering the positions of Skip and Lead should they so wish. Domiciled or related couples in a B & C team must play at least one set per game with no restriction on the use of substitute.

A substitute required for medical grounds will be permitted to replace the player at any time as long as they have not been playing previously the same Category of Competition.

If a qualifying B & C team is unable to satisfy domiciled/related requirements for the final day the next highest points scoring team will qualify. The B & C teams may use multiple substitutes to support the recognised couple, related or domiciled pair.

10 UNPLAYED GAMES Teams are encouraged to complete rounds 1 through 3. However should a team default or have to withdraw after starting the Competition, then the results of their previous games will be count. Teams negatively impacted by their withdrawal will be awarded the average of the points won and shot difference achieved by their previous opponents. The Controlling body will have the authority to make adjustments or allowances if a teams loses the opportunity to qualify due to an unequal number of games. This may include arranging a catch up game for the affected team.

11. ORDER OF PLAY Teams will be allocated a team letter when the draw is made. We will announce a summary of the overall standings before the third game.

Rinks will be predetermined at the time of the draw based on the table on sheet 1. Rinks will be drawn for the semi final and final ensuring no team plays on the same rink on the same day.

Please note background music should be expected between and during games.