

ROTARY DISTRICT 1210



DISTRICT SPORTS COMPETITION RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUMMER SPORTS 2020

WINTER SPORTS 2020/21

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The aim of the District Competitions is to provide Rotarians with:

- Enjoyment of the sport
- Fun, fellowship and friendship

District competitions have been running for many years and winners of these competitions are presented with trophies.

Spring and summer competitions

Ten Pin Bowling (from January 2020), Crown Green Bowls and Croquet

Autumn and winter competitions

Snooker, Table Tennis and Darts

The District Sports Officer will oversee all of the competitions. Specialists Sports Coordinators have been appointed for some sports to oversee some of the sports. The Specialist Sports Coordinators will be the direct link between clubs and any problems that may arise. The District Sports Officer will only get involved if the problem cannot be resolved with the relevant Specialist Sports Coordinators. It is important that all clubs read and understand the rules for competition timescales (Section 6)

Rotarians should be advised to destroy all previous copies of these rules and regulations as several sections have been rewritten

1. Entry to Competitions

1.1 Clubs will be notified of the competitions in early February for spring and summer competitions and early July for autumn and winter competitions by the District Sports Officer. **If you are a club that only meets once a month or owing to holidays do not meet in certain months of the year or after Bank Holidays please remember to ensure to check your emails regularly.**

2.1 A pro-forma will be enclosed to enable clubs to indicate the sports they wish to participate in, but please refer to the rules and timescale section before agreeing to join in any of the competitions. Please remember holidays especially when entering summer sports, as no extension to the to be played dates will be allowed. This also applies for Rotarians playing in competitive Rotary leagues etc.

3.1 There is a dead line set for the return of these pro-forma forms; these forms may be either emailed or posted back to the District Sports Officer.

4.1 Please remember the points raised at the District Sports meeting October 2018 with regards to entering and playing clubs who may have a small number of members but which to take part in District Sports.

2. Club Sports Officers

The names and contact details of each clubs sports officer is documented in the District Handbook which is updated by the Assistant District Secretary monthly. It is important that any changes in the name, address or contact details are advised to the Assistant District Secretary and the District Sports Officer immediately to prevent information going astray. It is permitted to have individual captains for each sport but the club sports officer is the main person to communicate with as being the only officer listed in the District Handbook.

3. Communication

In order to speed up communication and cost the District Sports Officer would prefer to use email. Therefore it is vital that the District Sports Officer is given email addresses where appropriate. An email sent by the District Sports Officer will be deemed to have been delivered. It is also the

responsibility of the individual Club Sports Officers to check their emails on a regular basis (daily if possible)

4. Preparation for the competition draws

Clubs will know the sports they have entered for and should make preliminary plans for suitable nights and availability. This will save a lot of time in the long run.

5. The draw

5.1 All clubs who enter competitions are put into a draw. As is normal clubs in zones 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be placed into one group (top) and clubs from zones 5, 6, and 7 (bottom) will be placed into another group. The two winners will play each other in the District final at a neutral venue,

5.2 Depending on numbers some clubs will receive a bye in the first round/s. The home teams will be identified as black and the away teams as red. Clubs will receive a copy of the full draw from the relevant Specialist Sports Officer or the District Sports Officer which will include deadlines by which all matches must be played. It is important that these timescales are adhered to.

There will be no extension to dates that rounds have to be played by which will usually be the end of the named month, and the final mid-September

6. Competition Timescales.

6.1 If the competitions in the various sports are to run to time and conclude when they should, it is important that everyone involved acts in an efficient and timely way which allows others to also fulfil their own tasks. In relation to each round of all of the sports, these timescales should be followed over the course of a calendar month which is the usual span for each round.

6.2 Upon the closing date for entries for the sports competitions the District Sports Officer will inform the individual Specialist Sports Coordinator if one is appointed for each competition the names of all the clubs that have entered. The Specialist Sports Coordinator or District Sports Officer will make the draw for that competition, upon receiving the draw by the clubs the following is given as an example.

6.3 As soon as the tie is known it is the responsibility of the **HOME** club to contact the **AWAY** club ASAP to offer three alternative dates to play the tie. The away team must come back with a date ASAP after this time allowing for a club meeting to decide on a date. Clubs must communicate in all cases, failure for clubs to agree to play a tie by the to be played by

date will be disqualified. Clubs should not offer club meeting nights when offering dates or dates when there are District meeting nights (The District meeting dates can be found in the District diary)

THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE MAY ASSIST CLUBS

As near as possible to the beginning of the month

The draw will be issued to all competing teams by the Specialist Sports Coordinator if appointed. Club Sports Officers to approach venues for available dates.

Within the first week of the tie being know

The Home Club Sports Officer/Captain to advise away team of **three alternative dates to play the tie**, as in 6.3

By the 2nd week

Away team to advise acceptance of one of the three dates offered.

From date selected by both clubs play the tie before the end of the month as stated by the to be played by date

Play matches and advise Specialist Sports Coordinator of the outcome on the following day. First team for the next round pairing to advise their result, will normally be the home team for the next round and can immediately start enquiring with their venue for dates for the next round.

It is the onus of the wining Club Sports Officer to notify the Specialist Sports Coordinator or the District Sports Officer of the result

The Specialist Sports Coordinators will have regular contact with the District Sports Officer.

It may be helpful to find out the date when other games which you may be involved with are being played in order to get an idea of the available time slot into which the three dates could be offered.

If any team has any problem in meeting any of these dates, this is to be notified immediately it arises to the Specialist Sports Coordinators/District Sports Officer and the opponents. Specialist Sports Coordinators will advise on action to be taken, in conjunction with the District Sports Officer.

7. Contacts for Specialist Sports Coordinators

Croquet: District Sports officer (details bottom of page 11)

Crown Green Bowls: Stan Jukes (Norma) stan.jukes@btinternet.com
20 Moors Drive, coven, Wolverhampton WV9 5EJ
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01902 744285 (P) 01902 845300 (B) 07921 777088 (M) (Tettenhall)

Snooker: Mike Nimmo (Hazel) mike@heritagewalk.co.uk
2 Heritage Walk, Wrexham Road, Whitchurch SY13 1JF
01948 667857 (P)

Table Tennis: District Sports officer (details bottom of page 11)

Ten Pin Bowling: Brian Tew (Wendy) brian.tew@icloud.com
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8. Rules for the competitions

These are shown later in this document. New sports or amendments to the rules, feedback would be welcomed by the District Sports Officer.

9. Winners of the round

It is the responsibility of **the winning team** to report the result to the appropriate Specialist Sports Coordinator or for that particular competition and the District Sports Officer within one day of the game being played.

10. Sports Officers leave of absence

When a Clubs Sports Officer is away please arrange for another Rotarian to take over temporary sports duties in their absence. It is vital that the District Sports Officer and the Assistant District Secretary are made aware of any changes so that communications with clubs is maintained.

11. Hospitality and venue costs

Hospitality and venue costs should be shared equally between both teams and it is vital that the person making arrangements for any food knows numbers in advance.

12. Finals

Finals should be played wherever possible on neutral venues. The date, time and venue should be communicated to the respective Sports

Specialist Coordinator and the District Sports officer, who will communicate with the District Governor to see if they are free to attend.

13. Trophies

Where possible trophies will be presented at the final. Each club will hold the trophy for one year, and will be responsible for engraving the trophy and ensuring it is returned in a clean condition before handing it back to the District Sports Officer and the end of the sporting year.

14. Club Support

Please make sure that all members of your club are fully aware of the sports competitions and encourage them to attend, especially the final.

15. Review of Sports

With changing patterns and age profile of club membership it is vital that sports are reviewed on a regular basis to ensure as much participation as possible. Clubs who have any ideas for new sports or changing the format of existing sports should contact the District Sports Officer. Winter sports for 2018/19 are under review and may well change.

RULES FOR THE COMPETITIONS

Unless otherwise stated the rules for each sport are those which are laid down by the individual sport's governing body. In the event that a club has turned up with less than the required amount of players required for any competition that club will forfeit the absent members game/s i.e. as in darts the club will forfeit one rubber to the opposition.

Autumn and winter competitions

Snooker

Each team will consist of 6 players and 6 games of doubles are played. Each game must be played until the final black is potted.

A1 V B2
A2 V B3
A3 V B1

A2 V B2
A1 V B1
A3 V B3

In the event of the matches being drawn 3 – 3 the total number of points scored determines the winner. In the event of the scores being tied a final game will be played to determine the winner.

If agreeable by both teams to save time, at the start of the matches an agreed number of red balls may be removed i.e. the last 5 in the triangle.

In the final 9 games are played the additional games will be:-

A1 V B3, B2 V A3 and A2 V B1

Table Tennis

Each team to consist of 3 Rotarian players with 9 games being played, each player plays each of the opponents.

The games are to be played with the winner achieving 21 points and must win by 2 clear points.

Service changes will happen after every 5 serves.

Ten Pin Bowling

Each team will consist of 6 Rotarian players, each lane having 3 players from each team bowling alternately with 10 frames to a game. As most bowling alleys are computerised it is vital for each captain to keep a note of individual scores. The team with the highest cumulative score will win.

In the event of a tie the team with the highest individual score will win. If two players have the same score the second highest scores will count and so on. In the unlikely event that the scores are still tied then a single game will take place of a nominated player from both teams to determine the winning club

Darts

Teams to consist of six Rotarian players

The game will commence with 301 with a straight start, (i.e. **NO** double required to start) A player must finish on a double to win. If both players land on double one then each player has twelve darts (less if bust on any throw) in the event of no double one being scored then each player throws for nearest to bull to win

Nearest the bull up to see who starts first, home side throws first.

If the scores are level 3 each at the end of the match, then there is a club decider. 501 start finish on a double. On the order of play from the tie each player has throws three darts in turn i.e. club A first player verses club B first player, then player 2,3,4,5 and 6 and so on. If there is not a result then player 1, 2, 3 etc. throws again until the tie is decided on a double.

Any Rotarian player not turning up forfeits his game to opposition.

There is no provision for female members to be allowed to throw nearer to the board than as provide by the venue.

Spring and Summer Competitions

Please remember that Croquet and Crown Green Bowls are summer sports and by entering these competitions clubs will abide by the closing dates which will be clearly stated on the draw sheets. No extra time will be allowed for Rotarians who may be away on holiday or playing for league/county sides. Once known of the number of clubs entering the two competitions on completion of rounds, clubs will be advised of their next opponents ASAP to enable them to arrange their ties in good time of the closing date.

The two finals will be played within the first two weeks of September

Crown Green Bowls

Each team will consist of 6 Rotarian players and three games of doubles are played.

If the weather is uncertain then the captains can agree to play to 11 or 15 rather than to 21.

Croquet

The version of the game will be Golf Croquet.

- Each team will consist of 6 Rotarian players, and each game will involve a pair from each side.
- Each pair will play 2 games, making a total of 6 games for the match.
- The captain will decide on his pairings and on the order of play.
- In each game, the pair winning the toss will play with the blue and black balls.

- The order of play will be BLUE, RED, BLACK and YELLOW.
- The hoops must be taken in the correct order and in the correct direction.
- The first player who hits his own ball through the correct hoop scores the point and all players move on to the next hoop.
- If a player hits an opponent's ball through the correct hoop, then the opponent scores the point and the game moves on to the next hoop.
- The game ends as soon as one pair has scored 7 points – final scores are to be carefully noted.
- If scores are tied at 6-all after 12 hoops, the players will play from hoop 12 to hoop 3, in the correct direction, as a decider.

The winning team will be the one having won the most games. In the event of games being tied at 3-all, the winner will be the team having the higher aggregate points total from all six games. In the event of points being tied, the each captain will nominate any two players for a deciding game.

The grass should be cut reasonably short and wherever possible there should be no significant gradients, no mounds, no depressions and no obstacles.

The overall boundary should be clearly marked with flags or pegs.

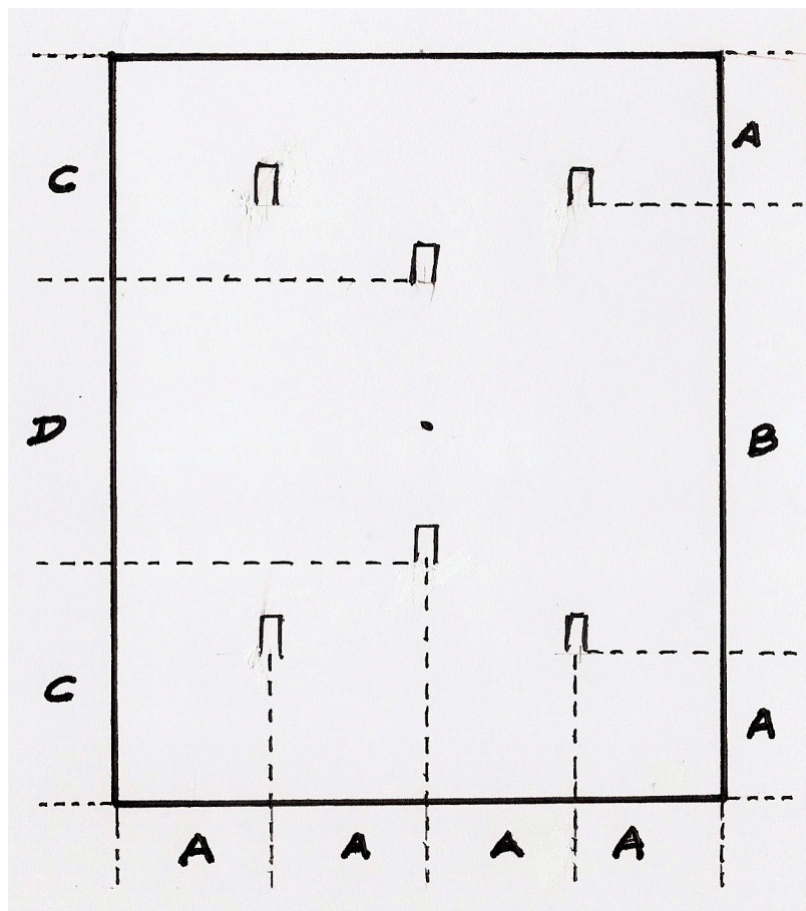
The preferred lawn size is 105 x 84 feet, but if this cannot be accommodated there are two smaller alternatives -

Reduced 90 x 72 ft, or

Minimum 75 x 60 ft.

The chart next page gives the measurements for hoop positions in relation to the three alternative lawn sizes.

The Croquet Lawn



Dimensions in feet			
	Optimum	Reduced	Minimum
Overall	105 x 84	90 x 72	75 x 60
A	21	18	15
B	63	54	45
C	31.5	27	22.5
D	42	36	30
Dimensions in Yards (striding paces)			
	Optimum	Reduced	Minimum
Overall	35 x 28	30 x 24	25 x 20
A	7	6	5
B	21	18	15
C	10.5	9	7.5
D	14	12	10

Rules of Golf Croquet.

Clearly it is important that all clubs are working to the same rules, but there is some evidence that this is not the case. Team captains are requested to click on www.croquet.org.uk/garden/golfrules.html print off the page, and take it with them to the game so that points of difference can be resolved.

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