

What is available for Ferndown Bowlers.

The below is a quick guide as to External Leagues and Competitions and Ferndown Club Competitions.

There are 3 organisations which our club is affiliated to.

1. Bowls Dorset, an affiliation fee is paid from your membership to **B.D & Bowls England**, and is mandatory.
2. Bournemouth and District Bowling Association (**B&D**) all leagues are open to men and women.
3. B&D Women's Bowling Association (**B&DW.B.A**) Women Only (To be amalgamated with B&D 2026-2027)

Bowls Dorset.

Edna Paisley League Ladies Only. Over 60 years, 3 players on two rinks with 3 woods. Games played on **Wednesday a.m.**

Blandford, Branksome Park, Broadstone Wessex, Dorchester, Lyme Regis, Poole Park, Shaftesbury, Sherborne, Swanage, West Moors.

Percy Baker Men only over 60 years. Triples. Tuesday morning (sometimes Wednesday or Thursday morning). We have one team in this small league of between 4 and 7 teams per area, with the winners of each area playing against each other to reach a final.

We have previously entered a team in the Monday Evening League; this was dropped due to lack of players wishing to participate. This could be re-entered.

B&D Mixed

Premier League

We have 1 team in the Premier League Division 3 Saturday afternoon. The team consists of 4 players on 3 rinks, 2 woods. 12 players in total.

Saturday Morning Triples

We have 4 teams Axis, Brocketts, Caribou and Elks. Each team has 3 players on 2 rinks, 3 woods each. 6 players in total per team.

Tuesday Evening Triples

As the name suggests it is held on Tuesday evening. We have 3 teams, Bucks, Harts, Fawns.

3 players on 3 rinks, 3 woods, a total of 18 players.

All league teams are open to all Full members; ask the team Organiser, Captains or Secretary for advice.

B&D W.B.A Women Only

Thursday afternoon 2 pm. League has 3 Divisions playing Triples. We have 3 teams, Diamonds, Sapphires, Topaz. 6 players in total per team, 3 woods.

COMPETITIONS

Bowls Dorset, B&D & B&DW.B.A run competitions.

Entries for these are by individuals/teams by entering on notices which are posted within the club house, fees apply which are usually paid to our club and then the total of all entries sent in as one.

This is on a personal basis so if you wish to enter, arrange your team and put it on the notice board.

Bowls Dorset entries close by the end of October of the current Season for Competitions.

(This usually means the very last date you can enter is at the AGM held in October as the entry sheets are removed from the Club as it closes in September)

B&D Entries are made in the spring of next season.

FERNDOWN CLUB COMPETITIONS AND ROLL UPS

Monday. There is a roll up on Monday evening, just turn up. 5pm start. Register (sign in on the paper list in the club room,) by **4.45pm at the latest.**

Ladies Practice 10 a.m. to noon. All Ladies welcome, training and sociable.

Wednesday. Club Triples 6pm start. Teams drawn at the start of the season, new members can be added to teams during the season. Triples, on round robin basis. You may not play every week depending on the size of the teams all members of the team are expected to play an equal number of games if possible.

Friday. Friday Morning Competition 10.30 a.m. start, drawn teams each week, triples or two woods, depending on the numbers each week. You will be notified of the teams by email by Thursday evening.

Thursday. Mentoring Thursday evening 6pm to 8 pm run by Alan Backshall. Help, advice and some bowling.

Sunday. Some informal roll ups.

COMPETITIONS

LADIES

Walker Cup Ladies, 4 woods, 21 shots. Ladies Club Champion.

Presidents Bowl Ladies, 4 woods 21 shots. Entry is open to preliminary and first round losers in the Walker Cup. You are entered by the organiser automatically.

Eve Walker Cup Ladies, 2 woods, singles, 18 ends. 21 ends in the final.

Eve Walker Trophy Ladies, Nominated Pairs, 3 woods, 18 ends.

Neale Cup Ladies, 3 wood singles 18 ends.

MENS

Huntsman Cup Men, 4 woods, 21 shots, Mens Club Champion.

Challenge Shield Men, 4 woods, 21 shots. Entry is open to preliminary and first round losers in the Huntsman Cup. You are entered by the organiser automatically.

Damen Cup Men, singles 3 woods, 18 ends.

Presidents Cup Men, Nominated Pairs, 3 woods, 21 ends.

MIXED

Jolliffe Trophy Mixed, **novices**, nominated pairs, 3 woods, 18 ends.

Benevolent Cup Mixed, drawn pairs, 3 woods, 18 ends.

Montague Cup Mixed, singles, 2 woods, 18 ends.

Brown Cup Mixed, singles, **novices**, 4 woods, 21 shots.

Aussie Pairs Cup Mixed, Nominated pairs 4 woods, 18 ends. (Previously Brown cup r/u)

"Novices" a novice is defined as a player who has not been in any final in the past 3 years at any club or competition.

Additional Information.

Any full member is eligible to play in the leagues or competitions subject to meeting the entry conditions. Should you want to play in any league please tell the organiser(s) of the league(s). League players may not be guaranteed a league game each week due to the number of players wishing to play.

Our Premier League team has first call on players.

In our fixture book, which you will have a copy each year, and is available on our website, there are details of our dress code, and which times and days of the week the rinks are open or closed.

All matches in the fixture book and all competitions take precedence over ad hoc roll ups.

Rinks for competitions can be booked on the sheets in the club room. For ad hoc roll ups please do not use the rink booking sheets, you turn up and if the rink is available you can use it. Check the chalk board to see which rinks are allocated and at what time before you start to set up.

On the chalk board in the club house rinks are allocated by the ground staff each morning. Unless there is an issue with the rink please do not change rinks, it may be that the other rink is to be used later or is in need of a rest.

Leagues. If you play in a league game you are required to pay a match fee £1.50 this is to cover the cost of providing tea & biscuits. Etiquette. It is customary to buy your opponent a drink after the game when at home. If you have made it to here well done!

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