

PALMERSTON CUP RULES 2022-23

1. This is an Open competition – the teams can be all of the same gender or any mixture of men and ladies – for teams of nine players (three rinks of three bowling triples) from outdoor bowling clubs. All matches are to be played at Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club, Fareham throughout the winter season. Outdoor rules will apply under the current E.B.A. rules for the game of bowls. There are two exceptions to this. Firstly, should the lead bowler deliver the jack off the green, the opposing skip may place the jack where they like and can move the mat to a position to suit them. Secondly where there is a “dead end”, the jack will be re-spotted on the side of the rink where it left the green.
2. This year there are 12 teams who will initially play 4 games against each other in a mini-league before the knockout stage. Points will be awarded as follows. Two points to each winning rink and one point each for a drawn rink. The team with the best aggregate score will be awarded a further six points, or in the event of a draw, each team will be awarded three points.
3. Once the league has been finalised, the top 8 teams will go through to the knockout stage. If any teams are tied on points, the team having the best shot difference will take precedence.
4. Team players must be a member of your club during the preceding summer season.
5. Substitute players may be allowed throughout the competition, subject to rule 4 above and provided they have not played for any other team in this year’s competition. Clubs that have entered more than one team should be mindful of this rule.
6. Rink fees of £27 per team (£3 per player) will be charged per match and team captains should pay the monies to the duty steward prior to the commencement of each match. Rink fees may be dispensed with at the semi-final and final stages of the competition.

7. In the event of a team failing to attend a fixture, they will be responsible for not only their own rink fees for the missed match, but for those of the opposition as well, a total of £54.
8. Two trial ends are permitted, but these may be dispensed with upon agreement of BOTH team captains.
9. Each match will consist of 18 ends. Captains will toss a coin to determine which team will lead off.
10. At the knockout stages, the team with the best aggregate score is deemed to be the winner, but in the event of the aggregate scores being level at the end of the match, an extra end will be played on one nominated rink. Captains will toss a coin before the match begins and the winning Captain will nominate which rink is to be used if it is necessary to play the extra end.
11. Dress will be club colours or white tops, with grey bottoms, except in the final when it will be club colours or “whites”