

RULES FOR THE SEPTEMBER CUP 2018

Outdoor competition between Atherley, County, Hedge End & Meon Valley Bowling Clubs

Team composition: 6 rinks of mixed triples, up to 12 men or 12 women in the team. No single-sex rinks. Each Club restricted to maximum of 6 first-team or Championship players in any one match, no more than one first-team player on any rink.

[NB In 2019, at the request of Atherley, they will field only 4 rinks.]

Match details: No entry fee for the competition, but match fees of £2.00 per player go to the home Club. This means the home club collects £64

15 ends starting promptly at 5.00pm. Visitors' jack, **one trial end.** Club or white shirts to be worn, with greys.

Matches played to 'Australian Rules'. Players on each rink rotate positions.

Skip for the first 5 ends becomes No. 1.

No. 2 for the first 5 ends becomes Skip.

The lead (No. 1) for the first 5 ends becomes No. 2 and so-on

Bad Weather: If conditions mean the match is abandoned it will be counted as full game if more than 8 ends have been played. If 8 or less ends have been played then it is recorded as "rained off" (see scoring implications below).

Scoring: The match result is decided by totalling:

A. the POINTS (not the actual scores) from each rink and

B. the bonus points awarded for an overall win.

Points awarded under **A** (rink scores)

Winning rink: **6 points.**

Drawn rink: **3 points** to each side.

Losing rink: **2 points** if the losing margin is 5 shots or less, **0 points** otherwise.

Points awarded under **B** (bonus points)

The team with the majority points score is awarded: **12 points.**

Drawn match: **6 points** to each side.

Losing side: **3 points** if losing margin is 10 points or less, **0 points** otherwise.

Match "rained off": 12 points for each side

(Note: shot totals create points. The shot scores are recorded but only come into the reckoning if Clubs tie for final places)

Local Penalty rule:

If an end is killed, it is replayed with the bowler responsible (in most cases the skip) excluded from the subsequent end. This means team member number 1 of the penalised team bowls three woods alternatively with Numbers 1 and 2 of the opposition (they bowl 6 woods). Team member 2 of the penalised team then bowls 3 woods alongside the 3 woods of the third member of the opposition.

Final match hospitality: by the tradition already established, it will be *Meon Valley's* turn in 2019 to host (and pay for) an informal supper after the last match on Thursday 12th September. The Cup will be presented to the winning team on this occasion. All players and supporters who have participated in any of the September Cup games will be invited.