

MID WILTS TRIPLES BOWLS LEAGUE

RULES FOR THE MID WILTS TRIPLES KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

WILSON TROPHY

1. The competition shall be known as the Mid Wilts Triples Knockout Competition and the cup shall be known as the Wilson Trophy and will be played for annually.
2. The Closing date for entries will be the 1st May each year or as agreed by the committee and all entries shall be sent to the Competition Secretary by that date.
3. The competition shall be open to all players who in the previous season had played regularly in the Mid Wilts League, with the exception of new teams entering the League. A Four or Three Rink Skip who has played more than four times in the Bowls Wiltshire Four or Three Rink competition, during this or the previous Season will NOT Skip in the Wilson Trophy.
4. The entry fee shall be six pounds per triple or such amount as the committee decide.
5. All preliminary and first rounds will be completed by the end of June.
6. All games to be played under Bowls England rules.
7. The three players taking part in the first game shall constitute the triple and shall normally play together throughout the competition. One additional player – the same player – may be used as a substitute providing he has not already played in the competition and qualifies under rule 3. Each team shall advise the Competition Secretary the composition of the team 7 days prior to the first match which may be changed up to the start of the first match.
8. The first team drawn shall be the challenger and shall be responsible for match arrangements. The challenger shall offer their opponents at least three dates, one of which will be a Saturday or Sunday. The time for commencement of the tie shall be mutually agreed but no team shall be compelled to accept earlier than 6-00pm on a weekday or 3-00pm on a Sunday. If a team arrives more than 30 minutes late for a match their opponents may claim a walkover. No extension time shall be granted for any reason whatsoever. The Competition Secretary should be notified as to the date of the game as soon as it has been agreed.
9. Both teams playing each match shall notify the Competition Secretary the result of the game within 24 hours of the match being played. The scorecards bearing the names of the players and signed by both skips is to be kept by both teams and should be made available to the Competition Secretary should it be requested.
10. The final shall be played on a neutral green as decided by the Committee.
11. Any complaints regarding the competition shall be forwarded to the League Secretary and the decision of the committee shall be final.
12. A game would be deemed to be completed when a minimum of 15 of the 18 ends has been played. If 15 ends were not completed then the match would be void and should be replayed at a suitable date.