

# **Somersham Town** **Bowls Club**

## **COMPETITION RULES 2026**

### **LEAGUE MATCHES TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER CLUB GAMES**

- The *first named player or team*, in each draw, will be responsible for arranging matches with their opponent(s). For singles games, they will also be responsible for arranging a suitable marker.
- It will be the responsibility of *the first named player or team* to enter the agreed date of play in the online diary, for the groundsman to be aware of when matches are scheduled.
- All matches, in each round, are to be played ON or BEFORE the date shown. An extension (of up to two days) will be granted only in exceptional circumstances by the Club Captain. If no date can be agreed, then one player must concede the match or toss a coin to decide the result.
- Rinks must be drawn to avoid any dispute between opponents when more than one game is to be played at the same time.
- **SUBSTITUTES:** Where a player is unavailable, a substitute may be used if they have not played in that competition already and **CANNOT** take the position of skip. A substitute may play in a final. This applies to all Pairs and Triples matches.
- When a match is conceded, for any reason, please inform the Club Captain.
- In all singles matches, the winner will be the first to 21 shots.
- In pairs, the matches will consist of 21 ends.
- In triples, the matches will consist of 18 ends.
- In the Handicap Trophy, please use the handicap start points which will be displayed on the board.

- All Gatward Cup and Thomas Trophy matches will be played on a Friday evening; the dates are shown on the Competition Entry form.
- Match rules are noted on the draw sheet.
- Any dispute between members relating to these competitions are to be reported to the Club Captain, or any Committee Member, no later than 24 hours after the match.
- All completed scorecards are to be placed in the scoreboard in the hallway immediately after the match and the winner's name entered on the draw sheet.
- Please, wear a Club shirt and greys for all competitions up to and including the Semi Finals, the Finals will be played in Club shirt and Whites.
- The entry fee (to cover engraving costs etc) has been set at £2.50 per competition entered.

***Club Finals will be played on the weekend of  
12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2026.***

***Good Luck Everyone.***