

ROXBURGH BOWLING CLUB: Discussion Topics General Meeting 9 February 2026

Ladies Interclub

This tournament is not currently working for some people due to the length of games and it takes up a whole day. The proposal put forward is to follow the same format as Saturday Pennants Division 2 i.e. reduce games to 1.5 hours, play fours and then pairs (2x4x2), place the jack rather than re-throw etc. The potential benefits are:

- Reduction in the amount of catering required
- The reduced overall time on the green would encourage players to participate in both Fours and Pairs
- Players will not have the whole day taken up with bowls

Champion of Champion Pathways to National Title

A remit passed in the last few seasons changed the pathway to the National Champion of Champions events from our own Champion of Champion (Club Championship) to the Open Centre Events. While the intention of this change was to encourage clubs to spread the knowledge of their senior players to new bowlers it is not felt that this has happened enough to warrant the change. It is felt the change has diluted the importance of the club ties instead of enhancing it and that players are not getting the same chance to make it through to represent the centre in a National Event that they once did. The achievement of Naseby in the Fours in recent years being the example put forward. The potential benefits are:

- With any team/player being able to beat anyone on the day it gives less experienced players the opportunity to win their club championship
- The knockout format of the Centre Champion of Champions event introduces a greater chance of a less experienced team making the final and going on to represent the centre at the National Level

In addition to the above benefits it is felt that the true intention of the National Champion of Champions event is that the eventual winning team/player has come through to represent their centre all the way from the roots of club competition, their centre and eventually the National event.

Catering for Centre Events

Providing catering at events is becoming more and more challenging for clubs large and small. In addition, players with dietary challenges are paying \$5 towards food they are unable to eat and, while it may not be a lot, there is wastage where food provided is not consumed. Centre events in particular where players who do not progress head home causing an additional headache for clubs deciding how much food to prepare.

- The proposal is that, for Centre Events only the clubs only need to provide tea/coffee/water and that players bring along any food they need for the day
- Clubs may offer a lunch order option but this is not compulsory and must be made clear ahead of the event date