

The publication of the draws for the Bowls England competitions have raised a number of questions and below are the County fixed dates for the four Inter-Club competitions. It is within the BE rules for the County to fix these dates up to area finals, which we have done at the clubs' request. It has been confirmed by BE that your prompt reporting of the match result will automatically generate your next opponent on the BE portal. None of these dates are new, it is only the round number that has changed.

We first published our fixed dates in October 2023 and when the Bowls England play by dates were published in December 2023, rightly or wrongly, we decided to stick to our original schedule. We were mindful of plans made by individuals, clubs and associations based on these dates. We were also heavily involved with the discussions about the huge number of BE proposals for 2025.

The discussions about the competition changes showed the ability of BE to listen and they are promising that the by-dates for the 2025 competitions will be published in August. This will make everybody's life easier.

We are also preparing for 2025 and in line with the feedback from the pre BE AGM survey, we will not be entering a team in the new over 60's mixed County competition in 2025.

Subject to Leamington remaining the same, County Finals date is likely to be moved back a week to the week-end of 2nd & 3rd August 2025, allowing competitions to start later. Bishop's Stortford provide excellent facilities and we hope that this probable change of date isn't a problem for them. We do want to hear from any other club that feels it can host this and other Finals. Requirements are a good green, ample parking and comprehensive catering throughout the day.

We will be asking clubs to look at some ideas about competitions and give us their feedback. So watch this space.

Bowls England	Club Two Fours		Men's Top Club		Tony Allcock	
	Original	Revised	Original	Revised	Original	Revised
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Preliminary	Sat 27 April	Sun 5 May	Sun 28 April	Sun 28 April	Mon 6 May	Mon 6 May
Round 1	Sun 5 May	Sat 18 May	Sun 12 May	Sun 12 May	Tue 14 May	Tue 14 May
Round 2	Sat 18 May	No Round 2				
Q/Finals	Sun 2 June	Sun 2 June	Sun 26 May	Sun 26 May	Wed 5 June	Wed 5 June
Semi-Finals	Mon 17 June	Mon 17 June	Thur 20 June	Thur 20 June	Wed 19 June	Wed 19 June
Finals now on Neutral Greens	Sun 30 June	Sun 30 June	Sat 29 June	Sat 29 June	Wed 3 July	Wed 3 July
OUT OF AREA PLAY BY DATES						
National 32	Sat 27 July	Sat 27 July	Sun 4 Aug	Sun 4 Aug	Sun 28 July	Sun 28 July
National 16	Sun 11 Aug	Sun 11 Aug	Sun 18 Aug	Sun 18 Aug	Sun 11 Aug	Sun 11 Aug

	Women's Top Club		
	Original	Revised	
		North/East	South West
Preliminary	Sat 4 May	Sat 11 May	Sat 11 May
Round 1	Sat 11 May	NONE	NONE
Q/Finals	Sat 25 May	NONE	Sat 25 May
Semi-Finals	Sun 16 June	Sun 16 June	Sun 16 June
Finals now on Neutral Greens	Sun 23 June	Sun 23 June	Sun 23 June
OUT OF AREA PLAY BY DATES			
National 32	Sun 21 July	Sun 21 July	Sun 21 July
National 16	Sun 4 Aug	Sun 4 Aug	Sun 4 Aug