

Singles Championship Rules

1. Not more than sixteen competitors shall be permitted to play on any one alley at the same time.
2. All competitors to be present at 8:00 pm. to draw for places on the scoreboard. Sixteen playing cards numbered 1 to 8 blacks and 1 to 8 reds shall be placed face downwards on a table, each competitor to draw their own card. Those who draw numbers black shall play on the left side of the scoreboard and those who draw red numbers to play on the right side of the scoreboard. New and identical beer mats may be substituted for playing cards. Late-comers cards to be drawn for them if they are not present at the time the draw is made.
3. When a League Officer, Management Committee Member or Team Secretary is present, he or they shall take charge of the score card to be obtained from the Licensee along with a copy of these rules in a sealed envelope, and see that the names are correctly chalked up on the scoreboard, mark the front pin and make sure that stickers-up dues are paid and recorded as such on the scoreboard as couples throw their third hand. Couples to elect their own acting official when no League Official is present.
4. The first player drawn must have commenced skittling by 8:15 pm. Skittling to proceed in the same sequences as for league matches. No late-comers shall be allowed to take part after two complete hands have been skittled by those present.
5. The recommended contribution for sticking up duties shall be £2.00 per player unless a higher amount has been advised and agreed on before skittling commences. Under no circumstances should the contestants allow a sticker-up to dominate proceedings either by seeking payment in excess of the agreed contribution or by offering an opinion on any disputable issue before being asked by those contestants present, furthermore he must keep the same pin in front throughout play.
6. Other than for 'Tidball Cup' clashes, skittling off before or at commencement of play is no longer permitted, but if a man is on night shift, he may throw off providing five hands have been thrown by the remaining contestants. In the event of a tie after seven hands, those who remain shall have priority over others who have left. Any skittling off to be done in the 'follow-back' order to decide who goes through.
7. The top eight players on each alley will move forward to the next round conditional on that one of the four making sure that the result card is delivered to the address on the card by noon on the following day. Any player not finishing in the top eight is automatically eliminated from taking part in the next round even if another player who may have qualified is not able to skittle.
8. No substitution shall be permitted. Only registered league members whose names correspond with the code letters and alleys which appear on the draw sheet shall be allowed to skittle. Other contestants must refuse to allow them to take part unless they are covered by the provisions laid down in rule no 9.
9. No player shall be drawn to play on his own home alley, neither shall he be permitted to skittle on the same neutral alley more than once except in the very last stages of the contest where the possibility of him reaching his own alley proves unavoidable.
10. All alleys have been drawn in accordance with availability listed by team secretaries on their entry forms and reserved by telephone with the licensed house before publication of the draw sheet. Should a difficulty therefore arise, those who turn up to skittle should protest strongly to the Licensee, then resolve the situation between themselves regarding who plays in the subsequent round, even if this means tossing a coin to do so. Team secretaries of sides whose home alley has been drawn are responsible for liaising with their licensee in making sure that adequate sticking up facilities have been arranged, that the proper league match balls and pins are available for use and that the envelope containing a copy of these rules is made available when requested from the bar staff by the players taking part. The envelope should not be opened in advance. Further copies of these rules and draw sheets can be obtained from the league web site.

All previous rules rescinded - 18 June 2012