

Knock-out competitions

1. When signing up for a competition, players should check the playing dates to ensure that they are likely to be available to play the later rounds.
2. The top name on the draw is responsible for nominating dates to give to their opponent(s). (However this does not preclude the other person making contact).
3. Contact should be made as soon as the opponent(s) for the next round is known.
4. In a Pairs competition, partners should agree 3 dates between themselves before contacting their opponents.
5. The nominator/nominating team should offer at least 3 dates for the match. If none of these is acceptable, their opponent should offer an alternative 3 dates.
6. If a date is agreed and a team needs to cancel, then the opponent(s) should be given a bye into the next round (except in the case of the final – when the matter will be referred to the Committee).
7. If it is impossible to arrive at an agreed date for the match, competitors should contact the Competition Secretary or the Captain a minimum of two weeks before the closing playing date so that the committee can adjudicate.
8. In the event of a dispute about availability, the number of games played at the Club over the year will influence the decision of the Committee.
9. If in the view of the Committee the case is totally impossible to resolve, the Committee will make a decision by the toss of a coin.
10. In only exceptional circumstances, e.g. course closure, will any extension be given.