

BOWLS ALGARVE INTERCLUB OPEN TRIPLES PEDRAS BC 5-6-7 JANUARY 2026

THE FIXTURE PLAN FOR THE COMPETITION

Day 1 - qualification rounds – **three groups of three teams, two groups of four teams.**

The draw has been arranged so that no group contains more than two teams from each club.

Five group winners and three best runners-up will go through to quarter-finals. Runners-up in the groups of four will have points and shots adjusted on a points-per-game basis to be on a par with the runners-up in the smaller groups. Tie breaks as below will be applied when teams are level on points.

Day 1 will start at 10:30. Two trial ends can be played if required by one or both teams before their first game on that rink.

Match 1 - 10:30, Match 2 - 12:30, Match 3 - 14:30 aiming to finish by 1630.

The groups of three will play a game of **10** ends against each of the other two in the sequence 1 v 2 ; 2 v 3 ; 1 v 3. All games in each group will be on the same rink. This is necessary to minimise the possibility of a delay on one rink having a knock on effect.

The start time for second and third games will be adjusted if required to allow a reasonable interval between games. If both teams are ready and the rink is free, by all means start before the scheduled time.

The two groups of four will be spread across two rinks each. Each team will play the other three in matches of **8** ends. Two teams in each group will unavoidably play two matches on the same rink, but for the third games rink pairs will be swapped so that no-one plays all their games on the same rink. The schedule allows for a break between games. If both teams are ready and the rink is free, by all means start before the scheduled time.

Teams will play 20 or 24 ends on the day.

Knockout stages days two and three

A knockout game may be ended early when one team is too far behind to be able to win, or by mutual consent. Deciding end to be played if scores are level after 14 ends.

Day 2 – will start at **10.30am**

Four knockout quarter-finals of two trial ends then **14 ends** a compromise between various suggestions!

Day 3 – will start at **10.30am**

Semi-finals of two trial ends then **14 ends**. Final of 2 trial ends then **14 ends** starting at 1.30pm – ish. The final will be played on a different rink to the semi-finals.

APPLICATION OF RULES

This was discussed at the recent Bowls Algarve Committee meeting. World Bowls rules will be applied where required.

Specifically :

- No unofficial warm-up or practice on the rink you are due to play on. (Law 3)
- A substitute will be allowed if a player has to retire once the competition has started. Maximum 1 per triple. The substitute may not play as skip. (Law 32)
- Match points will be awarded to the opponent if a team fails to play a match once the competition has started. (Law 39)
- Tie-breaks within and across groups on day 1 – where one or more team is level on points, the following shall be applied: shot difference - most shots scored - most ends won

ALSO

Dead ends NOT to be replayed. Record the score as 0-0.

Let's hope the weather co-operates as it has done so far.