

## Harris Cup / Shield Rules

### Updated 2026 – Changes in bold

The competition is open to all members of the Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association.

There is no limit to the number of teams which can be entered from each club.

Each team shall play on the green they use in their league.

The entry fee is £15.

A closing date for entries will be set by the Competition Secretary at the March Executive Meeting.

The draw will take place within a week of the closing date. This will be drawn straight through.

Any teams withdrawing after the draw shall pay a fine of £20.

Any non Premier League team that loses their game in the Preliminary or 1st round, shall be eligible to enter into the Harris Shield competition by notifying the Competition Secretary at least a week before the preliminary round date.

The entry fee will be £10 and the competition will be drawn straight through. A draw will take place at least 5 days before the preliminary round.

Any team that withdrew in the Harris Cup shall not be eligible to play in the Shield.

Any teams withdrawing after the draw will be fined £20.

Clubs are handicapped according to their league position the previous season.

**HARRIS CUP - Premier League teams will all give 15 shots, plus one shot for their finishing position for the previous season i.e. the team finishing 1st shall give 15+14=29 shots, the team finishing 14th shall be given 15+1=16 shots. Any team relegated from the Premier League the previous season will start on scratch. The team who finish 1st in Division One shall start off scratch, finish 2nd shall start on +2 and so forth. Any non Premier League from outside the Mid Shropshire League shall start off scratch. (HARRIS SHIELD – the handicaps remain the same as in the Harris Cup.)**

Number of players shall be 10, to play 5 home and 5 away until the final.

Games shall be played on Wednesdays as set by the Competition Secretary at the March Executive Meeting. However, games can be played at least a week before the next round date **(in the Harris Cup or Shield)** if agreed by both clubs and the Competition Secretary is notified.

The two finals shall be played on a Saturday at a neutral two green venue. Dress code will apply.

Teams should be sent in order to the Competitions or General Secretary at least **60** hours prior to the final commencing. **Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20.**

Games to be decided on aggregate.

In the event of a tie on aggregate, the match shall be decided firstly by the most number of wins per team, secondly by the best winner and thirdly by each team's best win in descending order. If the

game is still tied after this criteria, a replay will take place with the date set by the Management Committee, except the final, where one player from each team will play up to 11 with the winner of this game winning the match.

Players for each team must have played at least one league game for that club in that season before any Preliminary or 1st round games.

Players must then have played 4 league games before the Quarter Finals, 6 before the Semi Finals and 8 before the Final for that club.

If a player plays for one team, they cannot play for another team in **this** competition **or the Harris Shield**.

Any player who is in a registered list cannot play for a team below the team that they are registered for.

Results should be entered in accordance with league rule 16, by the home team, excluding the final.