

There has been considerable feedback posted on the club's website concerning the conduct of the club competitions this season. Not all members have access to the website so I wish to make the position clear to all.

The conduct of competitions is the responsibility of the Competitions' Secretary, currently Jim Chubb, who enjoys the full support of the committee. This year's competitions will be completed in accordance with the rules of the competition and the schedule posted on the clubhouse notice-board and the website.

As in many other sports it is always an option to concede defeat if the player considers that he or she is too far behind to win the match.

For newer members, some background:

The majority of Old English Bowling Club's competitions are played over 25 ends, as are our friendly competitions against Hayling Island and Alverstoke, albeit that these are triples matches. In 2016 the then committee attempted to introduce 25 ends to all play at Titchfield but it was resisted by the members who voted to retain "first to 21".

At the 2017 AGM in November the outgoing committee proposed a change to the Constitution to make club competitions 25 ends and this was passed unanimously by the membership. The Competitions' Secretary is merely carrying out the expressed wishes of the membership.