



National Competition Neutral Greens

As we near the later stages in all our Individual and Inter-Club Competitions this document is aimed at providing some further clarification regarding match arrangements etc.

Which competitions require a neutral green?

Senior Singles & Senior Pairs

All Area Finals prior to the National Finals shall be played on a neutral green midway between the two affiliated clubs (unless mutually agreed).

Inter-Club Competitions

1. All Area Finals and All England Rounds (Final Stages) are to be played on a neutral green midway between the two affiliated clubs (unless mutually agreed).

Mixed Pairs & Fours, Family Pairs, Champion of Champions

1. All Area Finals are to be played on the challenger's choice of green as per previous rounds – a neutral green is not required unless the distance club to club is over 160 miles round trip.
2. All England Rounds (Final Stages) prior to the National Finals shall be played on a neutral green midway between the two affiliated clubs (unless mutually agreed).

What do you mean by 'Midway between the two affiliated clubs'?

Matches are to be played on BE affiliated greens with equal distance (where possible) between the named club associated with your entry and your opponents named club. For example if the mileage between the two clubs is 60 miles a venue should be found around 30 miles give or take between the two clubs. For example, neutral venues 50 miles for one team/player and 10 miles for the other is not deemed a midway point to play this match.

There are no greens midway between our clubs?

In some areas across the country it is impossible to find a green midway, especially in the north and midlands, therefore find a club as near as possible to midway that you can or alternatively if both parties agree you can play the match on the challengers or opponents green.

There is only 10 miles between our two clubs, can the match not be played on the challengers/opponents green?

Yes as long as this is mutually agreed between the two parties, if one player/team refuses this then the match will need to be played on a suitable green in the district.

Can an Area Final be played on the same green as an earlier round?

Yes we do allow the same venues to be used even if you have played an earlier round there. This should be made clear to the opponent/challenger when a venue is selected.

Who is to make the Match Arrangements?

The challenger is responsible for selecting a venue and making all match arrangements including a marker if one is required.

Should a green be found first or dates offered first?

This is down to each player/teams to decide which works best for their needs. Please remember that dates are to be offered no later than 24hrs after the close of the previous round.

Who pays the rink fee if one is due?

Both parties to share the rink fee on neutral greens.

Offering of Rinks?

The challenger is responsible for offering rinks at the neutral green.

What is the dress code for Area Final & All England Rounds of 32/16 prior to the National finals?

The dress code for all Area Finals and All England Rounds of 32/16 prior to the National Finals will be as per the earlier rounds. Click view our Rules & Regulations [here](#) Appendix B1 to view the dress code for all National Competitions prior to the National Finals.

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