

The individual knockout tournament starts November 27th
TEAM CAPTAINS – PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR PLAYERS READ THIS

To enter, you need to pay £3 entry fee. You MUST register before you bowl in the competition, retrospective entries will not be counted. If you did not bowl on or before December 18th, you can still enter if there are spaces available in the table, but must bowl for at least four weeks in the group round.

The total money collected from each tournament will be split 2:1 between the winner and loser of the final.

Individual Knockout Competition Schedule – Season 2008/9

Week	Date	Knockout Round
11	Nov 27	<p style="text-align: center;">Group round</p> <p>The top two from each group will qualify, plus the highest 3rd place bowlers from the groups to make numbers up to a power of two.</p>
12	Dec 4	
13	Dec 11	
14	Dec 18	
15	Jan 8	
16	Jan 15	
17	Jan 22	
18	Jan 29	
19	Feb 5	<p>Knockout Round 1 - 8 Matches</p> <p style="text-align: center;">8 qualify for next round</p>
20	Feb 12	
21	Feb 26	
22	Mar 5	<p>Knockout Round 2 - 4 Matches</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4 qualify for Semi-Finals</p>
23	Mar 12	
24	Mar 19	
26	Apr 2	<p>Semi Finals - 2 Matches</p> <p>Both players to arrange to bowl on the same night.</p>
27	Apr 9	
29	Apr 23	<p style="text-align: center;">FINALS</p> <p>Both players to arrange to bowl on the same night</p>
30	Apr 30	

There are three knockout competitions running to the same schedule.

- Division 1 (Average 175+)
- Division 2 (Average 161 to 174)
- Division 3 (Average up to 160)

All knockout tournaments are mixed. There will be no separate mens and ladies knockout this year.

Each bowler can enter one knockout competition. Unless you say otherwise, the division you enter will be determined by your average at the end of week 10. **You may, if you wish, enter a higher-average knockout if you so desire.** I.e. If your average is 173, you would enter division 2, but you have the option of entering division 1 instead. Once you have started in a division, you will stay in that division.

During the group rounds, your first FOUR handicap series will count towards your total pinfall used to determine position within your group.

The number of groups in each division will be determined by the number of entries. The target number of groups is four, but no group should have more than six bowlers, and the minimum number per group is four.

Group and knockout draws will take place prior to the start of bowling at the start of each round. The group draw will include additional 'spacer' players, to make the number of places in each group equal, these will be allocated to bowlers joining after the first week on a random basis.

The knockout stage will then begin at the appropriate week for each division (i.e. If 8 bowlers qualify, the first knockout round will be week 22). During the first two knockout rounds (i.e. Before semi-finals), the first series bowled by any bowler will count as their entry.

The bowlers who qualify for the semi-final or final must bowl on the same night.

All knockout matches are settled on handicapped pinfall. In the event of a tie, the game will 'roll over' to the following week, if there is time available within the round, otherwise the high handicap game will count.