

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ALL COMPETITIONS

All competitions shall be confined to those Clubs affiliated to the Bedfordshire Indoor Bowling Association. NO PLAYER IN ANY ONE SEASON SHALL REPRESENT MORE THAN ONE CLUB, nor have played for another County in competitive matches or competitions, nor have entered National Competitions with a club not affiliated to the Bedfordshire Indoor Bowling Association.

All competitions shall be played under the laws of the World Indoor Bowls Council and in accordance with the rules and regulations of the English Indoor Bowling Association and this Association where they differ from the laws and rules of any consortium to whom this Association may be affiliated.

Entries shall only be accepted when submitted by the secretary of an affiliated Club, together with the fees payable, not later than the date shown on the form provided for that purpose.

Entry fees for each competition shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

The competitor appearing first in each pairing shall be the challenger. The challenger shall within 5 days of the closing date of the previous round contact his opponent and offer two dates one of which must be a weekday. The opponent shall reply within 3 days and in the event of him not accepting either date, the Challenger shall be awarded the tie.

If after 5 days of the closing date of the previous round the opponent has not received two dates, the opponent MUST contact the challenger within 24 hours. Unless by mutual consent, all weekday games for 'Open' Competitions will commence at 6.30pm. Unless by mutual consent no competition need be played between the 23rd December and the 2nd January each year.

All matches must be played on or before the closing dates of each round. Going on holiday will not be accepted as a request for an extension to the closing date of a round. Any other request for an extension must be agreed by the Honorary Competition Secretary. Note: Competitor(s) engaged in County, National, or International Matches or attending to the business of this Association may request an alternative date.

All matches must be played on greens of clubs affiliated to the Association. The green fees payable shall be those applicable to the Club on whose green the tie is played and shall be borne equally by the participants.

All semi-finals to be played on a neutral green, however if the competitors have entered the competition from the same club, they may play on their own green. If this occurs the Honorary Competition Secretary shall choose the rink.

Dress shall be white or the clubs coloured shirts approved by the English Indoor Bowling Association above the waist.

The winning player or skip shall be responsible for ensuring that the scorecard is forwarded without delay to the Honorary Competition Secretary by first class mail. The scorecard must be completed with the names of all participants and must be signed by both skips.

Except in the case of singles, one additional – and the same player may be used as a substitute provided that he has not already played in the competition concerned.

Semi-finals and finals of all competitions will be played in either brown, grey or white shoes, white trousers, white shirts or the clubs approved coloured shirts.

In the event of any dispute the Honorary Competitions Secretary shall adjudicate. Any dispute must be notified within 24 hours of the game being played.

All trophies will be held for one year by the winners who will return them to the Honorary Competition Secretary before the Finals Day of the following year. Individual prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall have the right to cancel any competition where less than eight entries have been received.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules and regulations.

SENIOR COMPETITION RULES

These competitions are under the control of the B.I.B.A. and unless otherwise stated, and where the context so admits, the current general competition rules shall apply.

All competitors to have attained the age of 60 years by 1st October in the season in which the championship final is played.

MIXED PAIRS / FOURS COMPETITION RULES

These competitions are under the control of the B.I.B.A. and unless otherwise stated, and where the context so admits, the current general competition rules shall apply.

Each 'Pair' to consist of one man and one lady with the permissible substitution of either the man or the lady competitor, provided one original member of the entry plays in each round.

Each 'Four' to consist of two men and two ladies with the permissible substitution of one man and one lady.

The competitors and substitutes must be members of the same Club and not already played in the competition concerned.

All lady competitors and substitutes must be affiliated members of the B.W.I.B.A. and are required to play with bowls stamped by the W.B.B. or B.I.B.C and dated 1985 or later providing the stamp is legible.

COMPETITION RESULTS

Results must be PHONED through to the Competition Secretary on completion of the game **up to 10.30pm or Early AM next morning**. (ANSWER PHONE AVAILABLE).

Within 24 hours, the score card showing the NAMES OF ALL COMPETITORS AND SIGNED BY BOTH SKIPS must be forwarded to the Competition Secretary by FIRST CLASS POST.