

TOP TEN LEAGUE RULES - Revised 07/07/2019

1. Organisation

The "Top" Ten League will be organised and controlled by the Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association and will be played in accordance with rules as set out in the "Men's County League Rules" in the County Handbook, except where the rules set out below apply.

2. Team Composition

10 Full playing members in each match registered at the club will represent the team providing they have not represented any other team in this competition.

If a member of a Club which has not entered the Competition wishes to play for another Club in the Competition they may do so.

Players representing any club with more one entry will only be allowed to play for only one of the teams.

You may make as many changes as you wish in personnel, or in which of the four disciplines they play from game to game.

3. Fixtures

Teams to play each other on a Home and Away basis.

There is a total of 7 points at stake for each competitive match.

Singles 1 point, Pairs 1 point, Triples 1 point, Fours 1 point. One point awarded for each win. Tied score ½ point to each team. Three points for a team win, 1½ points for a team draw.

League positions will be determined by 1) the highest number of points, 2) the highest shot difference and 3) the highest number of shots scored.

In the event of any club failing to fulfil their league fixtures the Executive has the power to suspend the offending team from the League for a period of up to two seasons.

All results relating to the offending team will be deleted from both their records and the records of any teams they have played in the league.

4. Match Organisation

All four disciplines to be played at the same venue.

The Singles player and the Pairs players competes with 4 bowl, the Triples players with 3 bowls and the Fours players with 2 bowls.

It is the responsibility of the Club hosting the Singles discipline to provide a marker.

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Other than in the Fours, should it be impossible for the element to be played, then for each element there will be one point and 10 shots awarded to the opponents.

It is the responsibility of the Home team to make the fixture arrangements with the Away team and to notify the Hon. League Secretary.

No trial ends.

Matches are to be of 3 hours duration or Singles 21 shots up, Pairs and Fours 21 ends, Triples 18 ends, whichever is the sooner.

An end where the jack has been cast before the 3 hours must be played to a finish – should the cast not be “legal” then the opposition shall place the jack. An end “killed” after the three hour time limit has elapsed shall not be replayed.

A completed Result form shall be forwarded to the Hon. League Secretary within 48 hours of completion of the match by First class post. No telephone results are required.

5. Match Revenues

Entrance fee(s) per team to be determined at the Annual General Meeting, Payable at the time of entry and sent by 20th November to the Hon. Treasurer.

Each player will be responsible for payment of rink fees, which will be collected in the same way as applies to the normal NCIBA County League programme, playing home or away.

Rink fees should not be requested from opposition players.

6. Dress

The dress for matches shall all white above the waist or registered coloured shirt, Club tie, grey trousers, registered coloured trousers or EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer grey shorts, and any coloured flat soled regulation bowling shoes **(however this is subject to the rules of the Club where the game is being played.**

At the start of each season the Hon. League Secretary will send to each Club a schedule of all Clubs dress code so that Clubs can comply with this rule.

7. League Champions

The Top Ten League Champions will receive the Boswell Shield and a pennant.