

COUNTY COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Governing the Singles, Under-25 Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours County Championships

1. The County Competition Championships are open to full male members of affiliated clubs with no age restriction, except for the Under-25 Singles Championship which will be open to both male and female competitors.

2. With the exception of the Under-25 Singles Championship the current year's club competitions will be used to run the County Championships. All games to be played under regulation 10 CONDITIONS OF PLAY and rules 3- 10 set out below Under 25 Singles 21 up, Singles 21 up, Pairs 21 ends, Triples 18 ends, Fours 21 ends. Particular reference is made to the W.I.B.C. Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls Laws 54 and 55. Where a player has to leave the green because of illness Law 55(i) should be applied first and if no substitute is available, subject to mutual agreement between the teams, Law 54 be implemented provided the match is completed before the next round is played. Law 43c (i) The second player shall keep a record of all shots scored for and against his team and shall at all times retain possession of the score card whilst play is in progress.

3. A competitor entering a team in the Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships is not permitted to be a member of any other team in the same championship. The competitors playing in the first match of any championship shall constitute the team which must consist of one player in the original entry. A competitor who has entered a championship team in his name cannot afterwards play in another team in the same championship irrespective of whether or not he has actually played in his original entry. One additional (and the same) player may however, be used as a substitute at any time provided he has not already played in the championship. A player may only represent one and the same club in any one season in the County Singles, Under 25 Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships. A player competing in the Club Competitions leading to the Norfolk CIBA County Competitions can only play from the same Club that that competitor plays for in the Norfolk CIBA County League.

4. DRESS. Plain white shirt with tailored collar, club necktie/registered coloured shirt, grey trousers or coloured trousers and brown grey or white regulation bowling shoes for matches up to and including the Semi-Finals; plain white shirt with tailored collar and club necktie/registered coloured shirt, white or coloured trousers and white regulation bowling shoes for the Finals.

5. The entry fee to each County Competition is payable at the time of entry and sent to the Hon Treasurer by 20th November. Rink fees for County Competition Play-Offs will be determined at the previous AGM. There will be no rink fees for the Semi-Finals and Final of the County Competitions.

6. First round club competition scorecards with the names filled in to be sent to the Hon Competition Secretary immediately after the first round has been completed.

7. Each competition (apart from the Under 25 Singles) to have a maximum 32 entrants. Clubs will be allocated up to a maximum of 2 entrants in each of the disciplines. The number of entrants allocated to each Club will be determined by that Clubs ranking in each of the disciplines based on their number of entrants in each of their respective Club competitions, until 32 entrants have been achieved. If after completing the above process 32 entrants cannot be achieved in any competition then some competitors will receive a bye in the Preliminary Round of that particular competition. The entrants allocated in to each of the County Play-offs must be that Club's competition winner(s) and if applicable runners-up. Club secretaries must notify the Hon Treasurer the number of entries in each of their Club competitions by 31st October in order that the above allocation may take place.

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8. Club secretaries must notify the Hon Competition Secretary who the representatives are from their club in each of the County Championship play-offs not later than 26th February. Any competition entrant qualifying for the 'County' Championships who does not wish to participate in the 'County' Championships must notify the Competition Secretary by 26th February that they are withdrawing. Any competitor who has not notified the Competition Secretary by 26th February that they do not wish to participate in the 'County' Championships and later concedes the Preliminary Round or any subsequent Round, unless due to illness or extenuating circumstances, shall be banned from participation in the 'County' Championships for up to three years. Competitors will also be liable for any rink fees should they concede at any time during any of the Competitions they have qualified for.

9. Competition games must be played on the date(s) specified by the Hon. Competition Secretary unless prior agreement to play on a different date has been given.

10. The finals will be played on a green at the choice of the County President. With the exception of National events under the auspices of the EIBA Ltd, no event staged by any other organisation shall take precedence over the dates determined for the Norfolk County I.B.A.Championships.

11. Singles Champion will receive the R G Moore Cup and pennant Under 25 Singles Champion will receive the Frank Edge Cup and pennant Under 25 Singles Runner Up will receive the George Lingwood Plate Pairs Champions will receive the Bob Savage Cup and pennant Triples Champions will receive the John Bakewell Cup and pennant Fours Champions will receive the Ken Gooch Bowl and pennant. All trophies to be returned to the Competition Secretary by 1st March. Engraving will be the responsibility of the Association.