

Norfolk CIBA – AGM Motions

The following will be presented and voted on at the Association's AGM on Sunday 6th July 2025 @ Wymondham Dell IBC.

All the proposals require a seconder before being voted on.

Proposals from County Executive:

1) County League

Rule 4b) League Playing Conditions – Player Eligibility Rules

Proposal from the Executive to either 1) Keep the Eligibility Rules, 2) Amend the Eligibility Rules or 3) Remove the Eligibility Rules entirely.

County Rationale – to allow Clubs more flexibility in fielding teams for their County League fixtures.

If the Clubs decide to amend the rules then these would be as follows:

- 1) Clubs with more than one team in the Norfolk CIBA County League **must register** a minimum of 16 players for their 'A' team, regardless of which Division they are in, with the Hon. League Secretary by **1st October** in the year the season starts. Any Club who only has one team in the County League do not need to register their players.
- 2) Once registered those players **can only play** for the 'A' team that they are registered for. They cannot play for any other team that the Club may have in the remaining divisions of the County League.
- 3) Any players not being one of the players registered can play for any team that the Club may have in the County League without any restriction on the number of games they can play.
- 4) Any team found to have broken the above rules shall have 7 points deducted for each occasion they have defaulted. In addition for each game in which this rule has been broken the offending team will lose any points won in that game and all points for that game will be awarded to the opposing team.
- 5) In exceptional circumstances a member of the originally registered 16 players may be de-registered from that team in order that he may play for a lower team. An approach must be made to the Hon. League Secretary in writing or by e-mail giving the reason for the request to have that player de-registered.
- 6) Clubs with more than one team in the league shall designate their strongest side their 'A' team, their second strongest side their 'B' team and their third strongest their 'C' team.
- 7) No player can play for more than one club in the Men's County League's.

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Proposals from County Executive (cont.):

1) County League (cont.)

Roundwood IBC requested an amendment to the following:

2) Once registered those 16 players can play for the Club's 'B' team if required. However only 2 of those registered as 'A' team players can be used in any one 'B' team game and for a maximum of 2 games. If a Club has a 'C' team then none of the 16 players registered for the 'A' team is allowed to be used in a 'C' team game.

2) County League (cont.)

Addition to Rule 4e) League Playing Conditions – Scheduling of Fixtures

"If during the season dates which were originally set aside for the playing of Liberty Trophy, Under 25 Inter-County Double Rink, Denny Cup and / or Denny Plate games become available, Clubs with the agreement of their opponents may bring forward any games due to be played later in the season.

No games may be put back however. Any such changes must be advised to the Hon. League Secretary as soon as they have been agreed.

County Rationale – to allow Clubs more flexibility in filling any gaps in the County League fixture schedule..

Proposals from Acle IBC:

1) County League

Alteration to Rule 4a) (ii) League Playing Conditions as follows:

All County League games will be 18 ends or a maximum of 4 hours; whichever is the shorter. An end where the jack has been cast before the 4 hours must be played to a finish – should the cast not be "legal" then the opposition shall place the jack.

Club Rationale – Clubs and Counties set the pace, EIBA follows so disagree with argument about needing 21 ends because of Liberty, etc. Norfolk has always been at the fore in changes in the past such as dropping trial ends, etc. and the main reason for this proposal was that players wanted less time away from home and a quicker game of bowls.

Acle IBC requested an amendment to their proposal as follows:

All County League games will be 18 ends or a maximum of ~~4 hours~~ **3 hours 30 minutes**; whichever is the shorter. An end where the jack has been cast before the ~~4 hours~~ **3 hours 30 minutes** must be played to a finish – should the cast not be "legal" then the opposition shall place the jack.

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Proposals from Acle IBC (cont.):

1) County Competitions

Propose that the County Competitions go back to the old system whereby clubs have 2 entries, progressing to County Play-Offs which will be played at the end of the current season (Feb. to April) and aim to play the County Finals the week or weekend before National Finals start.

Club Rationale – 1) Clubs do not have to rush their finals night by end of January, 2) County Comp. Officer will find neutral greens where required or book rinks of final stages well in advance, 3) With fewer clubs life is much easier than the old days, 4) By leaving it a year to finalise an event teams often change composition due to players leaving the area or illness, 5) Players who have had a strong season want to continue their form that year and not play in a year's time, 6) Two entries gives more opportunities to players not having to be strongest, year after year in Club. Should hopefully encourage more entries, 7) Propose the County Play-offs winners from Clubs in 2024/25 Season, play County Play-offs between 1st October and first week in December 2025, then next season will be the transition year.

2) County Competitions

Players can only enter County Competitions from the Club they play for in the County League.

Club Rationale – Tighten up loop hole in the existing rules.

Proposals from County Arts IBC:

1) County League

Addition to Rule 4e) League Playing Conditions – Scheduling of Fixtures

All County League Premier games to be played on a Friday evening starting at 6.45pm.

Club Rationale – to avoid clashes with National competitions.

2) County League

Addition to Rule 4e) League Playing Conditions – Scheduling of Fixtures

That games be played in 2 blocks of 7 consecutive weeks with the first block taking place in October/November and the second block in February/March.

Club Rationale – To provide a greater consistency of games rather than having a somewhat fractured fixtures timetable.