



The EIBA Board of Directors met on Wednesday 18th March to discuss plans for the 2020-2021 Indoor Season and the affected 2019 – 2020 season.

It has agreed to the following: -

2020 – 2021 National Competition Entries

The EIBA are planning that the 2020-21 Indoor Season will commence as scheduled. Therefore, we will be accepting entries for Club, County and Individual National Competitions over the next few months, as scheduled.

Due to the entry forms being issued in February and Clubs being temporarily or permanently closed until the new season, we will be accepting entries via the following options: -

- a) Clubs and Counties who have already started to complete the entry forms and can access them can proceed as instructed on the form.
- b) If the Clubs and Counties can't access the original forms then please email Claire Edson at claireedson@eiba.co.uk
- c) Clubs who have not been able to play their Club Singles final, can still enter the Champion of Champions without the name. We will be allowing as much time in September / October for Finals to be played and names to be supplied before the first round of the event.
- d) Individual members of affiliated clubs, which are now closed, will be able to enter and pay directly with the EIBA, by downloading the forms from the website, and emailing them to Claire Edson at claireedson@eiba.co.uk or post to Head Office.
- e) Before the draws are published the EIBA will liaise with all Clubs to ensure there are no duplications of entry and that the eligibility criteria have been met.
- f) The deadline for entries was Sunday 10th May 2020 but due to the current circumstances, entries will be accepted from now until Sunday 7th June 2020.

2019-2020 National Finals Re-schedule

These competitions, under the assumption that we will be returning to business as usual, will be played later this year.

The period identified is Monday 14th September to Monday 12th October.

The allocation of specific dates for competitions along with the venues is now being undertaken and we will be announcing the schedule late April 2020.

2020 Summer Individual and Fantastic Fives National Competitions

With Clubs being closed the EIBA has taken the decision to cancel this Year's Summer National Competitions.

These Competitions are planned to take place in Summer 2021, so the EIBA would offer all entrants the opportunity to carry this year's entry over to next. However, if they wish to request a full refund then please email Claire Edson at claireedson@eiba.co.uk to start this process.

In reaching these decisions the EIBA wishes to advise that it will be continuing to monitor the Government's guidance and or directives in relation to COVID-19 and if necessary, update its Member Clubs, Counties and bowling community.

This can also be viewed on the EIBA website <http://www.eiba.co.uk/news/2020/coronavirus-comps-statement.php>