

ISLE OF WIGHT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB LIMITED

An extract from the byelaws relating to -

18. CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 18.1 Club Competitions are open to Full and Life members of the club. They are the same format as the EIBA National Competitions in the Championship singles. Club rules apply to all other competition matches, as per the notice board.
Dress for Club competitions - white top or IWIBC club shirts above the waist and grey or black below the waist, as per 9.1
Dress for the Club Finals/Friendly's - Club shirts to be worn with white below the waist, as per 9.1.
Dress for National competitions- Club shirts to be worn with white below the waist, as per 9.1.
- 18.2 Entry fees for all club competitions will be as fixed by the Executive Committee and will be payable at the time of entry. No Fee No Entry.
- 18.3 Normal green fees will be paid when playing in all club competitions, except in the finals, where no green fee will be charged.
- 18.4 The format of all the club competitions shall be as laid down by the Officers. Except for the Semi-Finals and Finals, the games will consist of the following: Singles – 21 shots; Pairs – 18 ends; Triples – 16 ends; Fours – 18 ends, in each competition or two and a half hours, whichever is the earlier. Rule 12.3 applies, and no trial ends will be allowed, except for the Semi-Final and the Final. "Re spotting" will be throughout all games, except for the championship games of Singles and the semi-final and final. No player shall visit the head in any timed game except for the last end, which is in play following the last jack being cast, in accordance with 12.3, except for the semi-final and final.
- 18.5 All games shall be played in accordance with World Bowls Laws of the sport, current edition.
- 18.6 All Competitions must have at least 8 entries for the event to start, failing that a round robin basis maybe adopted or even cancelled.
- 18.7 Substitutes will only be allowed in accordance with EIBA National Competition Rules, i.e.
(a) Substitutes are permitted if eligible as competitors, but if a competitor has entered a Championship himself, he cannot afterwards play in another team in the same Championship irrespective of whether he has played or not, in his original entry. (He/his etc., shall be read as she/her or they/their where appropriate).
(b) Only the player who has already acted as a substitute in a team game may play for that team as a substitute in any subsequent tie. Only one substitute will be allowed in any competition, they may substitute in any position.
- 18.8 The player(s) first drawn in any pairing **shall be the challenger(s) and must, no later than 7 days after the closing date of the previous round, offer the opponent(s) the choice of two dates. Both Team Captains share equal responsibility for rearranging the date. If a mutually convenient date cannot be found, the Competition Secretary will set it.**
One such date must be on a weekday evening or at a weekend, unless mutually agreed otherwise.
For all first-round games, the challenger shall offer the same two defined dates no later than 14 days before the closing date of that round. The opponent(s)

shall within three days of the receipt of the challenge, accept one of the dates offered.

If the Challenger fails to offer dates in the prescribed time limit i.e. 7 days, the opponent then challenges the challenger with their own preferred dates during the next 7 days.

If the opponent fails to offer or agree a date, then the matter is referred to the Competition Secretary who will set a date once they have spoken to all players in the next 7-day period.

Therefore, all competitions should have a minimum rolling programme of 3 weeks per round.

18.9 Any questions or disputes shall be referred in the first place to the Competition Secretary who will make an Executive decision for the Club.

If due to mitigating circumstances a decision cannot be made, the matter, when appropriate, will be referred to an Emergency Committee i.e. whose decision will then be final. (No Appeal procedure)

The Challenger and the Opponent will put in writing their reasons why the prescribed time limits have not been adhered to within 7 days of the closing date as evidence for the Committee.

The Emergency Committee shall consist of the Competition Secretary, Chairman and any two other Officers or Executive Committee members.

18.10 The Umpire appointed for a final shall decide the allocation of rinks and stickers. Failure to comply with the Umpire's decision may result in disqualification.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND, ALTER, OR ADJUST THESE BYELAWS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CLUB

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