

ISLE OF WIGHT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB LIMITED
An extract from the Byelaws, relating to -

12 LEAGUES

- 12.1 League entry is open only to full members of the club.
- 12.2 The format of the league competitions will be determined by the Officers of the Club.
- 12.3 The Officers of the club will decide the session times. Session times are to be taken from the official clock. No end shall commence if the official clock shows less than 10 minutes from the end of the session. An end is deemed to commence when the jack has been cast. If the jack enters the far ditch, or is short, or finishes outside the confines of the rink, it shall be recast even if the last time for commencing a new end has passed.
- 12.4 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
- 12.5 Scorecards must clearly state the division to which they relate, team identification letters and names of all players and must be signed by both skips at the end of all matches.
- 12.6 League Entry forms will be on display from early January. The League Secretary will coordinate with you and ask you to complete your entry form by the close of season i.e. at the AGM (in April) with your appropriate fee.
It is essential that we receive your league entries so that we can formulate the new leagues by early June.
Any late entries cannot be guaranteed a position.

13. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- 13.1 Rink leaders, who must be full members of the club, shall be responsible for registering their teams at the time specified.
- 13.2 (a) DAILY LEAGUE 'B' or EVENING LEAGUE 'B' - a team may include, in any game, only one player who has played in 50% or more of games played by a team in the 'A' division of the same daily league. No player may skip in the 'B' division of a league once they have skipped in the 'A' division of that league.
(b) DAILY LEAGUE 'C' (if required) – a team may include, in any game, only one player who has played in 50% or more of games played by a team in the 'A' or 'B' Division of the same daily league. No player may skip in the 'C' Division of a league once they have skipped in the 'A' or 'B' Division of that league.
A team entering for the first time with a majority of experienced players may be placed in a higher league if considered appropriate when the league format is decided – see Rule 12.2.
- 13.3 Subject to Rule 13.2 above, any number of substitutes may be used in any game, provided the player(s) concerned have not already played for another team in the same league.
If, a team is one short a substitute can be used from any other division to ensure the game goes ahead. However, once they have played 3 times for the same team they are then deemed to be registered with that team. See Rule 15.
- 13.4 When a team member must leave the rink owing to illness during a League Fours match and no substitute player is available, the depleted team shall not lose any of their shots total for ends played prior to the retirement of the sick player. However, they shall lose one quarter of their score following the retirement of the sick player.
- 13.5 As per EIBA rules the rink may wait up to 30 minutes for the absentee player, however, the game ends at the original time. IWIBC advise that play should begin with 3 of the 4 players. 25% of the score will be deducted, until such time as the 4th player joins the team. Thereafter play and scoring as normal.

14. INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- 14.1 A team containing an ineligible player shall be penalised by losing 2 points from their end of season score. Their shot total shall also be reduced by 25% for that match.

15. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 15.1 Transfer of players between teams in the same league can only be affected by giving eight days' notice in writing to the relevant League Secretary.

16. POSTPONED MATCHES

- 16.1 All League matches **must** be played on the dates shown on the fixture list. **NO MATCHES CAN BE POSTPONED WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE LEAGUE SECRETARY.** Matches may only be postponed in **VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** valid reasons could be: more than 2 players in a team playing an International match, in National Competitions or Finals or attending a member's funeral. **GAMES MAY NOT BE POSTPONED SIMPLY BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR HOLIDAYS.** In all cases, the request to re-arrange the match may be accepted or declined by the League Secretary. Matches postponed to a later date **must be arranged within 21 days** of the original set date and the League Secretary and Co-ordinator must be informed of the new date. **Both Team Captains share equal responsibility for rearranging the date. If a mutually convenient date cannot be found, the League Secretary will set it.** It must be entered into the Rink Booking book and the Club Steward informed. If the original match date was between September and 31st December, the game must be played by 31st December, if the original match date is after the 1st January it must be played before the end of the season, if not, the team who called off the match will be deducted 2 pts and 10 shots. The opponents will be awarded 2 pts. The rink leader of the defaulting team will be responsible for the rink fees in respect of the match. The rearranged match must be played. Any difficulties in complying with this arrangement should be reported to the League Coordinator who will decide upon the course of action to be taken in order to complete the fixtures. If the Club needs to change the date of any of the scheduled matches, this rule will apply to the reset date.
- 16.2 Any teams who fail to turn up for a match without prior notice to the opponents will be deducted 2 pts and 10 shots. The opponents will be awarded 2 pts. The rink leader of the defaulting team will be responsible for all unrecovered rink fees in respect of the match.

17. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 17.1 (a) In the Daytime leagues, the top two teams in the 'B' and 'C' Divisions will be promoted provided they comply with the conditions of Rule 17.3. The teams finishing in the bottom two places in the 'A' and 'B' Divisions will be relegated. If teams in the 'A' and 'B' divisions do not re-enter the Division such places shall be filled firstly by the highest placed team of those to be relegated, secondly by the team finishing lowest of those to be relegated, and thirdly by the team(s) gaining the highest position(s) in the next Division.
- (b) If there are 2 Divisions in any Evening league, the top team in the 'B' Division will be promoted provided it complies with the conditions of Rule 17.3. The team finishing in the bottom place in the 'A' Division will be relegated. If teams in the 'A' division do not re-enter the Division, such places shall be filled firstly by the team gaining the second highest position in the 'B' Division, secondly by the team to be relegated and thereafter at the discretion of the League Co-ordinator.
- 17.2 In the event of teams refusing promotion or placement in the higher division, they will forfeit their prize money and their league entry fee. Furthermore, they shall only be allowed back into the lowest Division of the league if space permits, will forfeit their place in the league if entries are oversubscribed. When all League matches have been completed, should a tie occur on points, the team with the best shot difference will be deemed the winner. If shot difference were equal, then the team with the best average of shots will be deemed the winner.
- 17.3 A team playing in the 'A' division of any league must contain at least three of the regular members of the team playing the immediately preceding season. Regular member shall mean any player who has played in 50% or more of the games played in the season immediately preceding the entry. The rink entry may be made in a different name provided the above conditions are met. This Rule also applies to promoted teams and will be applied in all but very exceptional circumstances.

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

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