

DORSET COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

COMPETITION RULES (Revised 22nd August 2019)

1. The Dorset County Indoor Bowling Association shall organise County Championships:
 - i) A singles competition
 - ii) A pairs competition
 - iii) A triples competition
2. Each competition is limited to full members of Affiliated Clubs belonging to the Dorset County Indoor Bowling Association. No player shall represent more than one Club in any one season. Each team entering pairs, or triples must consist of players from one Club.
3. Entry fees shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting. Competition entry forms shall be issued to all Affiliated Clubs by the Competition Secretary, and are to be returned before the stated date. Entries shall only be accepted when submitted by Club Secretaries (together with appropriate fees). Each Entry Form shall show the full names of **all** the players for each event, ("to be advised" or "anonymous" will not be accepted). Failure to comply with these conditions will result in the Entry Form being declared invalid.
4. All questions and disputes shall be referred to the Competition Committee. Their decision in all matters will be final and binding. All matches must be played on or before the closing date of each round. **NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
5. All competitions shall be played on an approved green. The challenger may play on an opponent's green or provide an approved green. Each round shall be played on a "knock-out" principle and shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as laid down by the EIBA. Any player who will not be available for finals day, unless involved in national finals, shall withdraw from the competition at the earliest opportunity.
6. For all rounds up to the finals the dress will be grey below the waist and white above the waist. Club colours, if worn, will apply to individual players in singles, both players in pairs, and by all three players in triples. A mixture will not be permitted.
7. The finals will be played on greens determined by the Competition Committee, and the dress will be whites above and below the waist. Club colours, if worn, will apply to individual players in singles, both players in pairs, and all three players in. A mixture will not be permitted.
8. In a singles game the challenger shall provide a marker up to and including the semi-finals. The Competition Secretary will arrange for markers for the finals.
9. The challenger shall, within five (5) days of the closing date of the previous round, offer his opponent the choice of two (2) dates for playing the tie. One such date must be a Saturday or Sunday and the others a weekday. Within three (3) days after receipt of the offer of dates the opponent is either bound to accept one of the said dates or concede a 'walk-over'. Ties on Saturday or Sunday shall not commence before 0900hrs and ties in mid-week shall not commence before 1800hrs (except by mutual agreement). Players unable to commence play within 30 minutes of the agreed start time shall forfeit the game. Green fees to be shared by all competitors in all rounds up to and including the semi-finals.
10. Within 24 hours after a tie is played, the winner shall notify the Competition Secretary of the result (by telephone or email). Score cards, duly signed, must be retained by the winner(s) until commencement of the next round. **FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN EXCLUSION.**

11. If a Competitor has already entered the Championships (through the medium of an Entry Form) he cannot afterwards play in another team in the same Event, irrespective of whether or not he has actually played in his original entry.
12. A competitor entering the Pairs Competition is not permitted to be a member of any other Pairs Team in the same competition. In Pairs, the 2 players taking part in the first game shall constitute the pair and should normally play together throughout the competition. One additional player **and the same player** may however be used as a substitute at any time, provided he did not originally enter the Pairs Competition or has not played in the competition in another pair. A substitute may play in any position, except in a resumed game (a game interrupted through illness or other reason). In the event of a player being taken ill during a game, the substitute may play in any position other than skip.
13. A competitor entering the Triples Competition is not permitted to be a member of any other Triples Team in the same competition. In Triples, the 3 players taking part in the first game shall constitute the triple and should normally play together throughout the competition. One additional player **and the same player** may however be used as a substitute at any time, provided he did not originally enter the Triples Competition or has not played in the competition in another triple. A substitute may play in any position, except in a resumed game (a game interrupted through illness or other reason). In the event of a player being taken ill during a game, the substitute may play in any position other than skip.
14. All Trophies will be awarded at the time of each final, but they shall be immediately handed back to the Competition Secretary for engraving and will be displayed in the Trophy Cabinet at Dorchester Indoor Bowling Club.
15. Individual prizes shall be awarded at the discretion of the Executive Committee.