

DORSET COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

THE PURBECK CHALLENGE TROPHY RULES

1. ELIGIBILITY

Players who are bona fide members of affiliated clubs shall be eligible to play in the teams selected for this competition.

2. ENTRIES

Each club may enter a maximum of two teams. Any one player may only play in one team throughout any one season.

The closing date for entries will not be later than the 1st July prior to the opening date for the forthcoming season.

3. WITHDRAWAL OF TEAM

In the event of a team withdrawing from the league during the course of a season all matches played by that team prior to withdrawal shall be declared "null and void". Following the aforementioned, new league tables to be prepared and made available to participating clubs showing revised league positions resulting from the appropriate adjustments being applied.

4. LEAGUE FORMAT

The competition shall take the form of leagues with each team playing each of the others twice, once at home and once away, during the season.

All matches shall be played in the scheduled weeks of the fixtures programme within the period 1st October and 31st March. The actual day and time of play to be arranged by the scheduled home team of each club. Away teams will be obliged to accept the proffered day of play with the start time being mutually agreed, but not later than 1400hrs. All match arrangements to be agreed by 30th June. Details of match arrangements must be sent by each club to the League Secretary by 15th July each year.

There will be an end of season 'play-off' to determine the finalists.

'Play-offs'	Runner-up Section A	-v-	Winner Section B
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The venues to be arranged by the League Secretary.

The **FINAL** to be played on a green at a time and date determined by the County. In each of the above games, in the event of a tie after the first 18 ends, an extra end(s) to be played by both rinks to decide the winner.

5. MATCH FORMAT

Each team shall comprise two rinks of triples and each match will be played over 18 ends. There shall be no trial ends, but on each of the first two ends played, there shall only be one shot scored on each rink. For the semi finals and final, two trial ends shall be played, followed by a normal game of triples.

- 5a** If a Jack in motion passes completely outside of the **END** boundaries of the rink in play, or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the Jack shall be **replaced onto the T**. If a Jack in motion passes outside of the **SIDE** boundaries of the rink in play, the Jack shall be **replaced onto a pre-arranged spot** on the rink which is 1.5 metres to the left or right of the centre line, on the side that it left the rink in play. If any of the pre-defined spots are obstructed by a bowl, the Jack shall be placed as near to the bowl without touching it and the centre of the rink. All matches shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as issued by the WBB except as may be superseded by this document.

6. POINTS SCORING

There shall be a **total of six points** for each match, the points score being determined as follows :

- 6a** The team with the higher shot aggregate over the two rinks shall be awarded **two points**.
6b If the aggregate scores are equal then each team shall be awarded **one point**.
6c In addition, a winning rink shall be awarded **two points**, and where the rink scores are equal, **one point** shall be awarded to each team.

7. RESULTS

A league result card, signed by both team captains, shall be sent, by first class post, from the home team to the League Secretary, within 24 hours of completion of the game.
Scorecards shall be retained by the clubs for possible future reference.

8. GREEN FEES

Green fees for matches, except those for the final, shall be agreed between the clubs on a 'reciprocal' basis.

9. DEFAULT

Where a team does not fulfill a fixture on the originally agreed date of the scheduled week or a rearranged date that has been previously agreed by the League Secretary that team will concede all six points and twelve shots to their opponents.

Any team which at the start of the match is unable to field six players, shall forfeit the match points, and one set of rink points, plus a ten shots penalty against the defaulting team. A single triple can be played for the remaining rink points.

Reasons that will be accepted to postpone or rearrange a fixture are :

- a.** Due to inclement weather such as snow ice or fog that prevents players from reaching the playing venue.
- b.** Due to a funeral of a Club Member that brings about the Team Members wishing to attend the funeral out of respect for that Member and the date of the funeral falls on the agreed scheduled playing date.
- c.** Any other reasons put forward for postponements will be judged upon their merits by the League Secretary whose decision will be final.

10. DISPUTES

All disputed matters between teams or matters not covered by these rules shall be referred to the League Secretary, whose decision shall be final.

11. DRESS

All league matches shall be played in regulation 'greys' with white or, where approved, coloured shirts.

Final 'play-offs' shall be played in 'whites' again with white or coloured shirts.

Amended July 2015 Rule 5 Revised, Trial ends rule added. Rule 9 Default, 2nd Paragraph added.
Amended May 2016 Re-spot rule 5a added.