

DORSET COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

MIXED SUMMER LEAGUE RULES (2025)

1 ELIGIBILITY

Any player who is a bona fide member of an affiliated club shall be eligible to play in the teams selected for this competition.

2 ENTRIES

Each club may enter up to two teams. Any one player may only play in one and the same team throughout any given season. The closing date for entries will be the 1st March prior to the opening date for the forthcoming season.

3 LEAGUE FORMAT

Each team to play each of the other teams in their division 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 12th May and 5th September. The actual day and time of play to be arranged by the scheduled home team of each match. Away teams will be obliged to accept the proffered day of play, with the start time being mutually agreed, but not later than 14.00hrs. All match arrangements to be agreed by 14th April. Details of match arrangements must be sent by each club to the League Secretary by 21st April. Should a club have difficulty in providing rink space, the home fixture may be played at the opponent's, or any other club, in which case the appropriate rink fees must be paid.

4 MATCH FORMAT

Each team shall comprise two rinks of triples and each match will be played over 18 ends.

The composition of both triples must be mixed.

4a The visitors will have the mat on the first end, there is no choice to give it away.

4b 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.

All matches shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as issued by the WBB except as may be superseded by notes 4c and 4d.

4c There are no 2s up, the lead and 2 should be at the same end for the first 6 bowls of each team (unless the 2 has to temporarily replace the skip e.g. due to a call of nature). After 6 bowls of each team the 1, 2 and skips should change ends at the same time. The skip will be allowed one visit to the head each end but visits should be kept to a minimum to keep the game moving. If the skip decides to "stay up" that will be considered to be the one and only visit to the head.

4d 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.

(N.B. Illegally delivered Jacks are returned, not "spotted")

5 POINTS SCORING

5a There shall be a total of six points for each match, the points score being determined as follows :

5b The team with the higher shot aggregate over the two rinks shall be awarded two points.

5c If the aggregate scores are equal then each team shall be awarded one point.

5 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.

6 RESULTS

A photo of the scorecard, signed by both team captains, shall be sent by email 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. (willgressb@gmail.com)

7 GREEN FEES

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

8 DEFAULT

Where a team does not fulfil 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 2 mixed triples, shall forfeit the match points, and one set of rink points, plus a ten shots penalty against the defaulting team. A single mixed triple can be played for the remaining rink points.

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

8a Due to inclement weather such as snow ice or fog that prevents players from reaching the playing venue.

8b. 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.

8c. Any other reasons put forward for postponements will be judged upon their merits by the League Secretary whose decision will be final. If BOTH teams cannot field six players then a single triples will be played. The winning team receiving 4 points. If the game is tied then 2 points will be awarded to each team.

9 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.

10 DRESS

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