

INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS AND COMPETITIONS

1. All indoor matches shall be played under the rules and laws of the game of the English Bowling Federation, except as varied hereunder, and in accordance with the characteristics of each individual championship listed in the schedule at the end of this section. Rule changes for Indoor Competitions that are passed at the preceding A. G. M. will be applied with immediate effect.
2. All EBF indoor championships are for male competitors only except for the Northumberland Trophy and the Jim Thompson Trophy which are mixed championships and the Colleen and John Gooch Trophy which is an Open Under 25s championship. In all indoor competitions organised by the Suffolk County Bowls Association, male and female competitors shall be registered with that Association in the previous summer season (financial year to 30 Sep), and female competitors shall be eligible to enter the indoor competitions of Suffolk County Women's Bowls Association. Any competitor not registered with the Association in the previous summer season will satisfy that requirement by payment with their entry(ies) of the affiliation fee applicable to the competition year. In any pairs or rinks competition the members of a team need not come from the same club. The Suffolk County Bowls Association will comply with any match duration restrictions imposed by an indoor bowling club. In the event of any dispute the decision of the Indoor Competitions Committee shall be final.
3. Members of outdoor clubs affiliated to the Suffolk County Bowls Association may play in indoor competitions of another county association subject to the following conditions: a. that they pay any additional fees or levies imposed by that county association, and b. that they do not enter competitions in any other county association area.
4. Competitors should send completed entry forms and fees to the Match Secretary (whose name and address will be supplied) to arrive by the end of October preceding the date of competition. The indoor club that will be used in the event of a home draw must be recorded on the entry form (to enable publication with the draw). No entry fees will be returned to competitors after the end of October
5. Where a competitor has entered a competition as a named player, and the entry bearing his/her name has been included in the draw, he/she cannot afterwards play in the place of another player in the same competition irrespective of whether or not he/she has actually played in his/her original team.
6. Prior to playing, the match secretary must have been notified of the outdoor club through which each player is affiliated (either on the entry form or by email/letter for the purpose).
7. Following the draw for all the competitions the home drawn person / block will be responsible for fixing up the game with their opponents, and the game will be played at their home indoor bowls club, or at another indoor club by mutual consent. In singles you will be responsible for providing a marker.

8. A substitute may be used except in singles competitions and only that named substitute may be used in any subsequent rounds of that competition including national finals. The circumstances in which a substitute may be used are the same as for outdoor competitions as described in: Additional rules for pairs and rinks competitions (rules 3 and 4) Additional rules for mixed pairs competitions (rules 4 and 5) Additional rules for mixed rinks competitions (rules 4 and 5) except that in indoor competitions permissions to use a substitute should be obtained from the Match Secretary instead of the Area Secretary. In the event of a complete block/player being withdrawn after the draw has been made then, at the discretion of the Indoor Competitions Committee, a reserve block/player may be offered the option to play in place of the withdrawn block/player.

9. (a) The duration of play for semi-finals and finals shall be determined by the Match Secretary. (b) trial ends optional (c) A singles player or skip may visit/inspect the head before bowling his last wood. The number of visits permitted in one game will be limited to 3 for each player. If the opposing player chooses to visit the head at the same time this will also count as a visit to the head. (d) No further jacks should be cast after the expiry of any time limit. (e) In the event of a tied game, an extra end shall be played to decide the winning team.

10. The result will then be telephoned to the Match Secretary immediately after the game and the result card posted or e-mailed to the Match Secretary.
All games to be played by the stipulated completion date for each round.

11. The Semi-finals and finals will be played at a venue determined by the Indoor Competitions Committee.

12. In the event of any dispute or matter not covered by these rules the decision of the Indoor Competitions Committee shall be final.