

SOMERSET COUNTY INDOOR BOWLS ASSOCIATION

COUNTY FOURS, TRIPLES, PAIRS, SINGLES & UNDER 25's CHAMPIONSHIP

RULES

1. The competition is limited to members of clubs affiliated to the S.C.I.B.A.
2. Competitors may only enter from the club from which they enter the National, County or other Competitions.
3. The competition shall be played on a "knockout" principal and shall conform to the Laws of the Game as laid down by the E.I.B.A. and the S.C.I.B.A.
4. All questions of dispute shall be referred to the Competition Secretary, and if he deems it necessary to the Competition Committee who's decision will be final.
5. The competition must be played on an approved green. The Challenger may however, (a) Play on an opponents green.
(b) Provide an approved green.
6. The final of each competition to be played on a green determined by the Competition Committee and the dress will be whites.
7. The player whose name appears first in a draw pairing is designated the "Challenger" on behalf of himself and where appropriate, his team, and similarly the player whose name appears second in such pairing is designated the "Opponent".
8. The Challenger shall within five days of the closing date of the previous round (at least 14 days before the 'play by date' for any Preliminary or First Round), offer his Opponent the choice of two dates for the playing of the tie. In the event of this not happening the 2nd named (the original Opponent) becomes the challenger with the right to offer two dates for play at his club to the original challenger. One such date must be a Saturday or Sunday and the other a weekday, Monday to Friday inclusive (except for public holidays). Within three days after receipt of the offer of dates the Opponent is either bound to accept one of the said dates or concede a walkover? Ties on Saturday or Sunday shall not commence before 9 am. Ties in midweek shall not start before 6 pm except by mutual agreement. Teams unable to commence play within 30 minutes of the stipulated time shall forfeit the game.
9. Competition Result card, duly signed, must be sent to the Competition Secretary by 1st. class post within 24 hours of the game being played.
10. There shall be no limitation to the number of entries from each club.
11. In Pairs, the Pair shall consist of 2 men who must be members of the same Club. 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 has not played in the competition in another Pair.
12. In Triples, the Triple shall consist of 3 men who must be members of the same Club. 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 has not played in the competition in another Triple.
13. In Fours, the Four shall consist of 4 men who must be members of the same Club. The 4 players taking part in the first game shall constitute the Four 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 has not played in the competition in another Four.
14. A Substitute may play in any position, except in a resumed game (a game interrupted through illness or any other reason)
15. In the Under 25 Singles competition competitors must be under not have attained 25 years of age on the 30th of April in the year the final of the competition is played
16. All matches must conform to the "4 Hour Rule" as given in the EIBA Competition Rules (Rule 6) except that trial ends must be included in the 4 hour period
17. Entry fees shall be decided at the A.G.M. Entries and fees shall be given to the Club Secretary who in turn will forward them to the Competition Secretary.
18. The green fees in all rounds to be shared by the competitors.
19. The winners will hold the competition trophies for one year and will be responsible for the safe keeping and insurance of the trophy.
20. The trophies remain the property of the S.C.I.B.A. and must be returned to the Competition Secretary by the 28th. February of each year.
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