

Surrey County Indoor Bowling Association

COMBINED COMPETITION RULES AND BYE LAWS FOR 2024-25

1. The competitions are limited to playing members of Clubs affiliated to the Surrey County Indoor Bowling Association. All players must be members of the Club from which the entry is made. No player shall represent more than one Club in any one season in these Surrey events.

2. Entries will only be accepted when submitted by the Club Secretary on behalf of the Club Committee. The completed Competition Entry Forms, together with the appropriate entry fee, as printed on the forms, to be forwarded to the Hon. Competition Secretary by the date stated on the forms.

3. Singles, Pairs and Triples

Entries shall be limited to six entries to be decided by the Club preferably the semi-finalists of the internal Club competitions

The Club may ask the entrants for the appropriate entry fees.

4. U25 Open Singles, O60 Men's Singles, Mixed Pairs, Mixed Fours and Men's Fours These competitions' entries shall not be limited. Clubs may, however, restrict entries having regard to their green capacity.

Entrants shall be responsible for the appropriate entrance fee.

5. The County will be divided into two Zones for the early rounds as follows: Zone 1 Camberley, Egham, Mole Valley, King George Field and Wey Valley. Zone 2 Croydon, Donyngs, Old Coulsdon, Richmond, Sutton and Temple. Zones will play up to the last 4 entrants/sides in each competition when they will merge and be redrawn to establish the County ¼ finals onwards. This draw will be made at the start of the competition and will be published on the county website. (E.g. 1a v 2b, 1c v 1d, 2a v 2d, 1b v 2c).

6. All Competitions shall be played on a knock-out principle and shall conform to the Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls (Current Edition) and the National Championship Rules, as published by the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd., except where those rules are varied below

SINGLES 4 bowls each player 21 shots

PAIRS 4 bowls each player 18 ends or 3 hours 30mins

TRIPLES 3 bowls each player 18 ends or 3 hours 30mins

FOURS 2 bowls each player 18 ends or 3 hours 30mins

U25 4 bowls each player 2 sets 9 ends 3rd set 3 ends 1 shot per end

The 3 hours 30minutes does not include trial ends and does not include extra ends. An end where the jack has been cast before 3 hour 25 minutes must be played to a finish. All dead ends must be replayed. Start time must be agreed by both players from the same timepiece and marked on the scorecard. If a game is unable to continue due to unforeseen circumstances, the competitors must return as soon as possible to complete the game.

The team/player drawn first in any pairing is the Home and the Challenger and must, within FIVE days of the closing date of the previous round (not less than 21 days before the closing date of the round in the case of the first round) offer their Opponent(s) the choice of TWO dates, ONE of which must be a Saturday or Sunday morning. The Opponent shall within THREE days of the receipt of the challenge accept one of the dates offered. No competitor shall be compelled to accept any dates between the 23rd December and 3rd January inclusive.

Failure to offer two dates within the prescribed period shall result in the opponent taking the rights of the challenger and the opponent will offer a similar choice of dates for the game to be played on his (the opponent's) green. Where a challenger has been unable to contact his opponent within the prescribed period he shall immediately inform the Hon. Competition Secretary. If no action is taken by either competitor then both parties may be "scratched" from the Competition. Teams/players may vary the dates and/or times games take place by mutual consent, but the game must be played not later than the date given for the closing of the round. No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed; failing such agreement the competitor desiring such alteration must give their opponent a 'walk-over'. No competitor shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6.00 p.m. nor later than 6.30 p.m. on a week-day, neither shall he be compelled to accept a start time before 10.00 a.m. at week-ends.

All first round matches are published on the website www.sciba.co.uk and no notification to individual competitors will be issued by the Competition Secretary. He will, however, provide a printable copy via Email or where preferred a hard copy of these rules and the competition draws to all club secretaries for information of their members who do not have internet access.

All finals will be played on the dates and greens notified by the Hon. Competition Secretary and published on the SCIBA website. He will also provide club secretaries with posters containing all details of final venues and schedules for display at their clubs. All finals will be played in whites, approved club coloured uniforms may be worn.

7. All results must be telephoned, texted or emailed to the Hon. Competition Secretary at the latest by 9.30p.m. the next day. If, however, the game is played on the last day of the round, the result is to be telephoned to the Hon. Competition Secretary by 11.00 p.m. that same evening.

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

In team competitions, the score-cards showing the names of all the players and Clubs & signed by both skips/players must be retained by the winning team for ratification if requested, to ensure compliance with rules governing substitutes & eligibility for County Badges.

8. Green-fees incurred in all matches to be shared equally by all competitors.

9. All questions and disputes shall be referred to the Hon. Competition Secretary who if he deems it necessary will refer the matter to the County Secretary and the President and the decision will be final. Any objection shall be made in writing within 24 hours of the game being played and shall be accompanied by the signed score-card.

Conditions of Entry to the County Competitions

10. It is a condition of entry that all competitors shall only enter, or be entered by their club, on the basis that they are available to play on the Finals Days dates advertised on the SCIBA website, or by direct consultation with the Competitions Secretary.

11. If for any reason, it shall become apparent during any player's run in an event that he is unable to comply with this requirement, he shall withdraw/concede at the earliest possible opportunity in order that an opponent may take his ongoing place in the draw.

12. Failure to comply with either of the 2 rules above shall result in a future disqualification of entry for any SCIBA event for the two following seasons.