

Surrey County Indoor Bowling Association

County Inter-Club Rules

Effective from Season 2025

General

1. The E.I.B.A laws of the game will apply, subject to any bye-laws governing this competition approved by S.C.I.B.A.
2. The Competition will be open to all indoor clubs affiliated to SCIBA.
3. Administration of the competition will be controlled by the County League Secretary.
4. Members belonging to more than one Surrey Indoor club may only play for one Club in League matches in any one season.
5. League matches will be organized as part of the Club's match programme for Saturdays or Sundays. Normally, the Home Club match arrangements will be complied with, except for the matters provided for in these rules.

League Format

6. Format is now 3 rinks. Below is a break down of all SCIBA Clubs.

Camberley	6 Rinks	Croydon	6 Rinks	Egham	6 Rinks
Donyngs	6 Rinks	King George Field	6 Rinks	Sutton	6 Rinks
Wey Valley	6 Rinks	Old Coulsdon	3 Rinks	Mole Valley	3 Rinks
Richmond	3 Rinks	Temple	3 Rinks		

Play

- 7a. Teams short of a player/s will play as a Triple v a Rink. The Triples play 6 Woods against the Rink of 8 Woods. Method of play is that the Triples forfeit the No. 2 position i.e. the Leads play as normal, the No.2 then plays both his woods consecutively and the No. 3s and Skips play as normal. The actual score stands with no deductions.
- 7b. Prior to commencement of the League match, individual rinks for both teams will be drawn. Captains will also toss for the first use of the Jack.
- 7c. If a player has to leave the green owing to illness or other reasonable cause, his place will be filled by a substitute belonging to the same Club. If that player is a Skip, his duties and position will be carried out by the Three. In the event of a substitute not being available the game will proceed with 3 players rule 7a. applies.
- 7d. Before the commencement of each League match there will be two trial ends. The trial ends will normally be followed by 18 ends. The result of each match, however, will be determined from the score on each Rink on the number of ends completed.
- 7e. The tradition of playing "Threes up" at the Head until Two's have bowled will be maintained in the match for as long as time allows on individual rinks, and at the discretion of the Captains. Before a match starts Captains should agree arrangements to take place in this regard if it is thought time will be against completing 18 ends on any Rink.
- 7f. Play in League matches will be continuous; this is whilst taking mid-match refreshments. If you are a club that provides catering you must ask your opponents if they want a meal and if they do not you must be respectful to their decision. After match catering will be by agreement between the Clubs.

Match arrangement and scoring

8. All participating clubs in the County will play each other on a basis on one Home and one Away match during each season, and will receive points as follows:
- 4 points for each winning rink in a 3 rink match
 - 2 points for each drawn rink in a 3 rink match
 - 6 points for winning the game overall on shots difference
 - 3 points for a drawn match on shots total
 - Total 18 points awarded

Matches postponed

- 9a. Should any match be postponed for whatever reason, the Home Club will endeavour to offer an alternative date for the completion of a fixture within the same season. The Away Club will agree, within 14 days, a suitable re-arrangement offered. If agreement cannot be reached, the matter will be referred to the County League Secretary whose decision will be final.
- 9b. If insufficient notice (i.e. at least 4 weeks) of a postponement of a match is given by the opposing Club, fails to fulfil a fixture, that Club will be deemed to have lost the match by 12 points to nil, and shall incur a 6 point penalty deduction from its current League points score.

Penalties

10. Any Club failing to meet two or more fixtures in any one season will have the results of all its matches with other Clubs cancelled from the League table for that season. The acceptability of that Club for membership of the League for the following season will be reviewed by the Council.
11. Clubs are expected to clarify compensation arrangements in the event of match postponements or cancellations when agreeing Fixtures. Equally, they will be expected to pursue any claims for compensation themselves.

Matches abandoned

12. If a match is abandoned or not played due to circumstances beyond each Club's control (e.g. Weather, Loss of control of the green, illness of epidemic proportions) and cannot be rearranged, the points for the match will be allocated at the discretion of the County League Secretary.
- 13.** If a match is abandoned, ie (due to Power cut/failure over 30 minutes) or any other unforeseen circumstances the score will be taken if a minimum number of 12 ends have been played by each rink, and the total number of shots will be taken by each Rink the score will be treated as the final score with points awarded accordingly if a match is abandoned before the minimum number of ends has been played, the match rearrangement provisions of **Rule 12** will apply.

Dress Code

14. Club colours.

Administration and results of matches

15. The Match Secretary of each Club in the League will send one copy of the Club's Fixture Book showing names and addresses of Club Officials to the County League Secretary and one copy to the Match Secretary of each Club in the League, in advance of the start of the season.
16. The Home Club Captain and or the Match Secretary will be responsible for advising the County League Secretary of any cancellation or rearrangement of a fixture.
17. The Captain of the **Home Club** will be responsible for sending a copy of the standard result sheet by post/or email for each League Match played within 4 days after playing the match.

League Winner

- 18a** The Club with the highest aggregate of Points (match and Rink Points combined) at the end of the Indoor Season or at the close of the competition, will be deemed to be League Champion and will receive the Winner's Trophy, to be held for one year.
- 18 b.** In the event of the aggregate points tie, the Winner will be the Club winning most matches. Thereafter the determination of the Winner will be the highest aggregate shot difference gained by the tying Clubs. If the Clubs are still tied, the Winner will be determined by the result over the two matches between the Clubs in the Season.

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