

RULES GOVERNING the INDOOR COMPETITIONS 10/12/2023

All Indoor Competitions will be drawn after the closing date for entries has passed.

All the draws will be displayed on the Competitions noticeboard and website together with the rules for competition.

The finals of the men's and ladies club singles will be played on club presentation night and all other finals will normally be played in the week prior as detailed in the club handbook and diary.

The finals will be played in whites

Please do not enter club competitions if you know you will be unable to play in the finals.

- a) Most men's and ladies club competitions will be "Play by" dates up to and including the semi-final stage.

The semi-finals of the Richard Hart men's championship singles, the ladies championship singles, the Alf Jones Pairs and the ladies championship pairs will be played on a "Play on" date, normally on a Wednesday or Thursday evening unless mutually agreed by all players.

- b) Where play by dates apply, the first named Player is the challenger and must contact the opposition, within 10 days of the draw being put up or within 7 days of the pairings being known for next round. Failure to contact within that period will result in the second named player becoming the challenger who can then make the arrangements for the game. A player challenged shall confirm acceptance of a date within 72 hours.

- c) Booking of rinks. Please use the online rink booking system which each member has access. Use it to select 2 available dates/times when you/your team are available to play before offering them to your opponents. When agreed, that date/time must be confirmed using the Online Rink Booking system.

Contact one of the Competition Secretaries or the Club Office for assistance if needed.

- d) For the Men's 4:3:2:1 Pairs, the Men's Braithwaite Pairs and the Mixed Singles all rounds up to the semi-final will be played on a fixed date (see handbook) and over a 2-hour session only. More than one round may be played on the same date.
- e) A player of the winning team will leave the correctly completed and signed scorecard in the appropriate competition scorecard box for scrutiny by the respective Competition Secretary and the score should be entered on the BowlR system by one of the players.

- f) Rink Allocation – Club competitions.**

ALL club competitions will be played on the rink chosen by the challenger and booked through the online rink booking system.

When booking a double session using spare rink(s) during a league session, spare rinks must be reserved in the first session. If that rink is occupied in the second session, then the league game scheduled for that rink will be moved.

The **Richard Hart Men's Singles, Ladies Singles** and the **Alf Jones Pairs will** take priority over other Club competitions and must be played (*where possible*) on rinks **2, 3, 4** or **5**

Note

Members need to be aware that should a shortage of bookable rinks be available for National & County competitions, a previously booked club competition game may be asked to move. This would only be done as a last resort and then only when sanctioned by a Competition secretary.

- g) If a competition game is booked but not played, the absent team or player will be eliminated from the competition. A card still needs completing and placed in the appropriate box (see **e** above).
- h) In the event that a player/team must forfeit a game and has given more than 24 hours notice to their opponent(s), then it is the responsibility of the challenger to remove the rink booking entry via the online booking system.

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- i) In the event a player/team fails to turn up on the designated date/time, then that player/team forfeits the game. Furthermore, they are responsible for paying the total rinks fee for the game. However, if any players present use the rink for a roll up, then the defaulting player/team must make up the balance.

j) **Substitutes.**

All team games.

The first team to play will constitute the team. The team may take in one substitute after the first game up to and including the final. That substitute may be used again, or the original player can return, but no other player will be allowed into that team. The substitute may not have already entered for another team. The substitute may play as Skip.

In mixed games one substitute of each sex may be taken in. Each "mixed pair" to consist of one man and one lady. Two substitutes are allowed (one man and one lady) but only one substitute to play at any one time. Each "mixed four" to consist of two men and two ladies. Two substitutes are allowed (one man and one lady) and both may play at the same time.

E.I.B.A. rules apply.

- k) **Any disputes will be settled by one of the Competition Secretaries whose decision will be final.**

l) **INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION RULES.**

The rink for league games will not be altered to accommodate Club competitions - except as detailed in f) or in the second session of a four-hour game. For ALL competitions, rink fee is that of a single session.

Men's Richard Hart Singles, Men's Singles Plate, Ladies Championship Singles and Ladies Singles Plate: 21 shots, four bowls each player

Play by date up to the semi-final stages over two sessions. **Play on date** for semi-finals and finals, normally on a Wednesday or Thursday evening unless mutually agreed by both players.

First name in the draw is the home player must also arrange a marker

Dead ends are replayed.

Men's Alf Jones Pairs and Ladies Championship Pairs: 21 ends, four bowls each player

Play by date up to the semi-final stage over two sessions, **play on date** for semi-finals and final, normally on a Wednesday or Thursday evening unless mutually agreed by all players.

Dead ends are replayed. In the event of a tie in the Alf Jones Pairs, an extra end will be played and completed.

Trial ends and visits to the head are allowed.

Men's Club Pairs and Ladies Club Pairs: 21 ends, four bowls each player

Play by date for all rounds - over 2 sessions.

In the event of a dead-end the jack will be placed on the nearest re-spot.

Men's 4 3 2 1 Pairs: two bowls each player

Play on date up to the semi-final stage over one 2-hour session, **play on date** for semi-finals and final.

No trial ends. No visits to the head. In the event of a dead-end the jack will be placed on the nearest re-spot.

The team with the shot wood will have the mat for the next end.

The team scoring **106** shots first will be the winner. In the event of both sides attaining **106 or above and the scores being equal**, an extra end will be played, and the game will be won by the team having the highest total score. In the event of the scores being equal after the extra end, the winner will be the team scoring the shot bowl on the extra end.

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Men's Braithwaite Pairs, two bowls each player

Play on date up to the semi-final stage over one 2-hour session, **play on date** for semi-finals and final.

The game is played over 2 sets of 9 ends. In event of a tie after two sets there will be a three-end tie-break (one shot per end in the tie-break).

Toss for mat only at the start then alternate mat in second set. Toss for mat if three end tie-breaks required. No trial ends and no visits to the head.

In the event of a dead-end, the jack will be placed on the nearest re-spot.

Mens/Ladies Mixed Novices Singles: 21 shots, four bowls each player

Play by date over two sessions.

The home player must also arrange a marker. Dead ends are replayed.

A novice is defined as a player with 3 years or less bowling experience.

Ladies 2 Wood Pairs: Best of 2 Sets of 9 ends

Play by date to the semi-final stage over one 2-hour session.

The game is played over 2 sets of 9 ends with a three-end tie-break in the event of a tie after two sets. (One shot per end in the tie-break).

No trial ends. No visiting the head.

Toss for mat only at the start then alternate mat in the second set. Toss for the mat if the three-end tie-break is required.

In the event of a dead end the jack is replaced on the nearest re-spot.

Aaron Lyons Mixed Triples, three bowls each player

Play on date over two sessions on a Wednesday evening or earlier by mutual consent if all players agree and confirmed with one of the Indoor Competition Secretaries.

Dead ends are replayed.

The team is to consist of at least one man and one lady. A substitute is allowed and must the same gender as the player being replaced.

Dan Coker Mixed Pairs, four bowls each player

Play by date over two sessions.

Dead ends are replayed.

One man or lady substitute allowed but not two at the same time.

Mixed Singles and Veteran Mixed Singles: two sets of nine ends, four bowls each player

Play by date over one 2-hour session.

The home player must also arrange a marker.

No trial ends. Only one visit to the head allowed each end.

The game is played over two sets of nine ends with a three-end tie-break in the event of a tie after two sets (one shot per end in the tie-break).

Toss for mat only at start then alternate mat in second set. Toss for mat if three end tie-breaks required.

In the event of a dead-end the jack will be placed on the nearest re-spot.

For the Veterans entrants must have reached the age of 70 by the 1st of October of the competition year.

Mixed Fours: 21 ends, two bowls each player

Play by date over two sessions, played by 2 men and 2 ladies

Dead ends are replayed.

Two substitutes are allowed and must the same gender as the player being replaced. Both substitutes may play at the same time.

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Ladies 2 wood Triples, two bowls each player

Play on date up to the semi-final stage.

The game is played over 2 sets of 7 ends with a three-end tie-break in event of a tie after two sets (one shot per end in the tie-break).

Toss for mat only at the start then alternate mat in second set. Toss for mat if three end tie-breaks required.

In the event of a dead-end, the jack will be placed on the nearest re-spot.

Ladies Fours, two bowls each player

Play on date up to the semi-final stage.

The game is played over 2 sets of 7 ends with a three-end tie-break in event of a tie after two sets (one shot per end in the tie-break).

Toss for mat only at the start then alternate mat in second set. Toss for mat if three end tie-breaks required.

No trial ends. No visits to the head.

In the event of a dead-end, the jack will be placed on the nearest re-spot.

Ladies Intermediate Singles – 21 shots

Entrants must not have reached a County or National semi-final.

Play by date up to the semi-final stage over two sessions, **play on date** for semi-final and final.

The home player must also arrange a marker.

Dead ends are replayed.

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m) COMPETITION summary

Competition	Gender	Sessions	Dead End /Re-Spot	Trial Ends	Visit Head
4-3-2-1 Pairs	M	1	R	N	N
Alf Jones pairs	M	2	D	Y	Y
Braithwaite Pairs	M	1	R	N	N
Club Pairs	M	2	D	Y	Y
Dan Coker Pairs	X	2	D	Y	Y
Ladies 2 wood Pairs	L	1	R	N	N
Ladies 2 Woods Triples	L	1	R	N	N
Ladies Fours	L	1	R	N	N
Ladies Intermediate Singles	L	2	D	Y	Y
Ladies Pairs	L	2	D	Y	Y
Ladies Champ Singles & Plate	L	2	D	Y	Y
Mixed Fours	X	2	D	Y	Y
Mixed Singles	X	1	R	N	Y *
Mixed Novice Singles	X	2	D	Y	Y
Richard Hart singles & Plate	M	2	D	Y	Y
Veteran Mixed Singles	X	1	R	N	Y *

* Only 1 visit per end

- n) INTERPRETATION of RULES.** The laws of the E.I.B.A. Ltd will apply if not covered by the above rules.

Any complaints or questions of interpretation or breaches of rules must be referred in the first instance to one of the competition secretaries. If no satisfactory reply is forthcoming or a member seeks further clarification, please write to the indoor committee whose decision shall be final.