

Norfolk Bowling Club

INDOOR COMPETITION RULES (November 2023)

1. All men's, ladies, mixed and open competitions are to be played in accordance with the rules of the Norfolk County IBA, Norfolk County WIBA. EIBA Ltd, and Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition will apply unless otherwise stated in these rules.
2. For the purposes of the 2023/24 Indoor season the following will apply
 - a. Play By Date Competitions
 - Ladies Singles
 - Ladies Pairs
 - Ladies Triples
 - Mixed Pairs
 - Mixed Triples
 - Open Handicap Singles
 - Open Veteran Singles
 - Open Aussie Pairs
 - i. Competitions to be played **by the date displayed** on the competitions boards and/or on the club website via the Bowlr system. The first named (challenger) is responsible for all match arrangements, contact with their opponents and rink booking.
 - ii. No change where a date has been agreed by both challenger and opponent will be allowed under any circumstances apart from a clash with National or County Competitions entered from the Norfolk Bowling Club, or severe inclement weather.
 - iii. In the event of a postponement for the reasons stated, the player/team captain causing the postponement shall arrange a new date, to be played within 14 days of the original date and notify this to the Competition Secretary. Failure to play the rearranged match within this timescale will result in the Competition Secretary setting a match date within 7 days. Failure to play on the date set in this situation by the Competition Secretary will result in both players/teams being eliminated from the competition.
 - iv. The Challenger in singles competitions will arrange a marker to be present.
- b. Fixed Date Competitions
 - Men's Singles
 - Men's Pairs
 - Men's Triples
 - Men's Fours
- i. Competitions to be played **on the fixed dates displayed** on the competitions boards and/or on the club website via the Bowlr system. Competitions may be played before the fixed date by mutual agreement, and this should be notified to the Competition Secretary who will move the match in Bowlr.
- ii. No extension of time will be allowed under any circumstances apart from a clash with National or County Competitions entered from the Norfolk Bowling Club, or severe inclement weather.

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3. Finals are to be played Finals night on a date(s) determined by the club and published on the competitions board, and/or the club website and Bowlr system. In the case of a member being involved in more than one final alternative arrangements will be made by the Competition Secretary.
 4. A competitor entering a team in any of the Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions or championships is not permitted to be a member of any other team in the same competition or championship.

The competitors playing in the first match shall constitute the team, which must consist of one player from the original entry. A competitor who has entered a competition or championship team in his/her name cannot afterwards play in another team in the same competition or championship irrespective of whether he/she has actually played in his/her original entry.

5. Substitutes

Only one and the same substitute will be allowed in Pairs, Triples and Fours competition, subject to rules 6.a, 6.b and 6.c. where these apply to the competition.

6. Mixed Competitions

- a. **Pairs:** Each pair will consist of one man and one lady. One and the same substitute of both a lady or a man will be allowed provided one of the team who played in the first match of the competition plays.
- b. **Triples:** Each triple will consist of at least one man and one lady player. One and the same substitute of both a lady and a man will be allowed provided the other two members of the team who played in the first match of the competition plays.
- c. **Fours:** Each four will consist of two men and two lady players. One and the same substitute of both a lady or a man will be allowed provided the other three members of the team who played in the first match of the competition plays.

7. Open Competitions

Each team may comprise any combination of gender e.g., all ladies, all men or mixed in any combination.

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8. Absentee players

Unless all players appear and are ready to play at the end of the maximum waiting period of 30 minutes, or should an ineligible player be introduced, then that team shall forfeit the match to the opposing team.

9. Play

There will be no trial ends for the club stage of the competitions up to the final.

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| a. Four-wood singles | 21 up |
| b. Pairs four bowls each | 18 ends or 3hrs 30mins |
| c. Triples three bowls each | 18 ends or 3hrs 30mins |
| d. Fours two bowls each | 18 ends or 3hrs 30mins |
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| e. Mixed Pairs four bowls each | 18 ends or 3hrs 30mins |
| f. Mixed Triples three bowls each | 18 ends or 3hrs 30mins |
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| g. Open Veterans Four-wood singles | 21 up |
| h. Open H'Cap Singles four bowls each(*) | 21 up |
| i. Open Australian Pairs four bowls each | 18 ends or 3hrs 30mins |

(*) the starting score will reflect the handicap allocated to each player.

10. Veterans

Members entering the veteran singles must be 60 years of age or over on the first of October that year.

11. Score Card

The official score card must be completed with the names of all the players and any substitutes used, one team to record each score on the card and the other team on the score board. The score card must be signed by both players or skips as applicable and left in the appropriate pigeonhole.

12. Dress in accordance with Section Rule 18.

13. Any amendments or additions to these Rules must be agreed by the Section committees and the decision to do so recorded in the Committee minutes. Any amendments or additions to these Rules when agreed by all Section committees must be advised to members by notices being placed on Section notice boards in the Clubhouses. Ratification of changes made during the course of the year must be confirmed at all Section AGM's.