

Norfolk Bowling Club

INDOOR COMPETITION RULES – 2024/25

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 2024/25 Indoor season the following will apply

a) Play By Date Competitions

- Ladies Singles
 - Ladies Pairs
 - Ladies Triples
 - Open Handicap Singles
 - Open Veteran Singles
 - Open Aussie Pairs
 - Open Matchplay Singles
- 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.
- 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.

3) **Finals**

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) **Entry to competitions**

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.

6) **Open Competitions**

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

7) **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.

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8) 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) Open Veterans Four-wood singles | 21 up |
| f) Open H'Cap Singles four bowls each(*) | 21 up |
| g) Open Australian Pairs four bowls each | 18 ends or 3hrs 30mins |
| h) Open Sets Pairs four bowls each(#) | 2 sets of 7 ends and a 1 end tie breaker if sets are drawn |

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

(#) the format and rules for the Open Sets Pairs will be those which apply to the internal league run on Monday evenings

9) Play (Respots)

In ALL competitions the use of respots will apply.

a) If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the jack shall be re-spotted. If the jack passes outside the side boundary of the rink it should be placed on a pre-arranged spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and a minimum of 1 metre and maximum of 1.5 metres to the left or right of the centre line, being positioned the same distance on both sides of the centre line, on the side that it left the rink of play.

Note: This rule ONLY applies to an end in play and not in relation to a jack being cast to start an end where the Laws of Sport rules 9 & 10 will apply.

b) If a bowl is on the re-spot, the jack will be placed as near as possible to the bowl without touching it, between the spot and the centre of the rink. If any other bowls are in the way the jack will be placed as near to that without touching it and the centre of the rink. In other words, directly between the 2 spots without touching a bowl.

10) Veterans

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

11) Matchplay Singles

1. The Matchplay Singles Championship will be open to all members **who have not entered** either the main ladies or men's singles championship and/or **who are not selected to represent the club** in the first round of the Yetton Trophy or Denny Cup.
2. Each match will consist of two sets, each set being played over 9 ends. A set will be decided if at any point it becomes impossible for one player to draw, or win, the set given the number of ends remaining.
3. If the game is tied after 2 sets, by either player having won 1 set or both sets being drawn, a best of a three end "tie breaker" will be played to determine the winner. If the game is still drawn after three tied ends have been played, then one extra end will be played. The match tie breaker is decided by the winner of each end, and not by the total number of shots won in the three ends.
4. The winner of the toss prior to the start of the match shall have the option to either take the mat or give it to the opponent on the first end only. The loser of the toss shall have the option of taking the mat or giving it away on the first end only of the second set.
5. After the first end of any set, the player who wins an end will start the next end in the set.
6. In a match tie breaker, the player winning the toss shall have the choice of starting or giving away the jack on the first and third ends. The loser of the toss shall have the choice of starting the second end or giving away the jack on this end only.

12) 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.

13) Additional items

- a) Dress in accordance with Section Rule 18.
- b) 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.
- c) 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.