

COMPETITION RULES

The following rules will apply to both Mens & Ladies, Club and County competitions organised by the Spalding & District Indoor Bowls Club: -

- All normal Singles will be 21 up, no time limit.
- U25 Singles will be 2 sets of 9 ends. If scores are level, a 3-end tie break will decide the winner.
- 101 Singles and 101 Pairs will be played to a finish, so please try to start on time.
- All other competitions are 16 ends with no time limit.
- Failure to attend as a team within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start time shall result in forfeiture of the game to the opponents. (In competition play, you cannot play 1 short).
- Visiting the head is prohibited in all games except singles, where players are allowed to visit the head once, only after their third bowl.
- All competitions will use re-spots. If the jack is hit off the side of the rink, it is replaced on the pre-defined spot on that side. A jack hit into the end ditch is played to in the normal manner.
- No trial ends are allowed.
- In singles, the first drawn player must provide the marker.
- No rotation of playing positions within any competition is allowed.
- Competitions should be played on the dates fixed wherever possible. If a game needs to be rearranged, the player/players who DID NOT CANCEL the game shall, within 3 days, offer the choice of 2 dates before the next round and over at least 2 weeks, one date per week, unless agreed by both teams. If there is less than 2 weeks before end of round, 2 dates must still be offered. One date must be accepted within 48 hours, or the game may have to be conceded. The Competition Secretary will have the final decision if no date can be agreed.
- Any person/team failing to attend on the date of the game will be automatically 'scratched' from the competition and his/her opponents awarded the game. If you qualify for a singles final and are unable to play on finals weekend, you will be disqualified and the losing semi-finalist reinstated. The final will not be moved to accommodate. This also applies in the Family Pairs, if no family substitute is available.
- Substitutes will be allowed as in accordance with E.I.B.A. rules.
- Please consult Club Rules for the use of stickers and for dress code.
- Dress for Finals weekend shall be explained on the Schedule when ready.

Mixed Fours

Must be two men and two ladies and can be played in any order. A team may have a maximum of two International, Liberty, Atherley, Denny, Yetton, Egham or Top Club players in the rink. The Competition Secretary will have the absolute discretion over acceptable entries.

Family Pairs

This will be played according to EIBA Family Pairs, except this comp will be handicapped, please see details on flyer. The possible permutations are:

- Husband / Wife / Married Partners / Partners joined by civil union
- Parents / Children (adopted, half and step are included in this definition)
- Grandparents / Grandchildren (adopted, half and step are included in this definition)
- Siblings (adopted, half and step are included in this definition)
- In-laws (only mother, father, brother, sister, daughter and son are included in this definition)
- Immediate Cousins
- Domestic Partners (a relationship between 2 individuals who live together and share common domestic life but are neither joined in marriage or civil union)
- Aunts / Uncles
- Nephew / Niece

County Competitions

All games to decide who qualifies for the Club will be played to the above rules, including re-spots. Successful players are expected to be available to represent The Club in the latter stages organised by the County on specific fixed dates. Failure to attend without adequate reason may result in entry for the following season not being accepted by the Competition Secretary/Committee.

National Competitions & Latter Stages of County Competitions

In all National Competitions or County Playoffs played at Spalding all rink bookings and where an existing rink booking requires cancellation it must be arranged with the External Fixture Secretary. The External Fixture Secretary will book the rink on the SIBC System and with the Complex, he will also contact the League Secretary should a league game need cancelling. It has been the Clubs' policy since 1973, that National & County Play Off Competitors shall play on their desired rink. Every effort will be made to ensure the same league teams are not always affected.