

ISLE OF WIGHT INDOOR BOWLS CLUB LIMITED

Byelaws made by the Executive Committee under Article 48 of the Articles of Association.

It is a condition of membership that all bowling, social and associate members are members of the Company and subject to such conditions as required by the Company.

1. TITLE

The Club shall be called The Isle of Wight Indoor Bowls Club (IWIBC)

2. COLOURS

The Club colours will be Maroon and Gold

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 To promote, foster and safeguard the game of Indoor Bowls for all ranges of ability, subject to the rules of EIBA Ltd.

3.2 To provide social activities for members of the Isle of Wight Indoor Bowls Club and to undertake fundraising activities.

4. AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated to EIBA Ltd.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5.1 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport.

5.2 Classes of Membership available shall be Full Members, Junior Members and Honorary Life Members. Membership shall be on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable.

5.3 The Executive Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute or objectionable in any respect.

6. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

6.1 Associate Membership is restricted to those members who were Associate Members in Season 2008/9 and have limited bowling rights.

6.2 SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP

This is available to any person who does not play in any Leagues or competitions but entitles them to come along for Roll Ups and take part in the Spoon Drives only.

6.3 This type of Membership can also be purchased by Parents/Family etc so they can have access to the Club and purchase alcohol or to attend a function.

7. VISITORS/GUESTS

7.1 Members may introduce ladies and gentlemen as guests. The introducing member, who will be solely responsible for his or her guests, must enter the names and addresses of all guests in the Visitors Book. Members shall not introduce as a visitor any person who has been rejected or expelled from membership.

7.2 Members of visiting teams are temporary members, at no charge, for the duration of their visit.

7.3 Visitors may only play four times per season at the Green Fee charge for Visitors in place at that time.

8. CHARGES

8.1 The annual subscription, session fees, visitor's fees, competition and league entry fees shall be as fixed by the Executive Committee and these charges shall be exhibited in the Clubhouse

8.2 Club entrance fees are not returnable on cessation of membership, except at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

8.3 Members playing in National Competitions will pay the rink fee as stated in the current Charges Tariff for the Club.

8.4 Any person(s) booking more than one session for any match must pay the green fees due for each session booked whether both sessions are used, or not.

9. DRESS AND FOOTWEAR

9.1 Dress shall be as follows unless specially amended:

For rollups - Please come in smart casual clothes.

For leagues and general play - white top or IWIBC club shirts above the waist and grey or black below the waist.

Club shirts to be worn on representative games with white below the waist, or as designated on the team selection sheet.

For Club competitions - white top or IWIBC club shirts above the waist and grey or black below the waist.

For the Club Finals - Club shirts to be worn with white below the waist.

9.2 Players shall wear regulation bowls shoes, which must NOT be worn to and from the Club.

9.3 Any person who is improperly dressed may not be allowed on the green.

9.4 Discrete club/proprietary logos will be allowed on shirts.

10. GENERAL

Contravention of the rules will be subject to a 3-tier warning system, verbal, written and final warning. All contraventions of the rules will be placed in an incident book and discussed at the monthly Officers Meeting.

10.1 The club shall be open during the hours specified by the Executive Committee and a notice stating these hours and signed by the Company Secretary shall be exhibited in the clubhouse.

10.2 Intoxicating liquor may be served during hours specified by the Executive Committee within normal licensing hours but shall NOT be served to any person under the age of eighteen years.

10.3 Dogs may not be brought into the clubhouse, except guide dogs or assistance dogs.

10.4 It is against the law to smoke anywhere within the Clubhouse.

Whilst there are still many unknowns regarding E-Cigarettes, we have been advised by the EIBA that we should regulate them the same way as traditional tobacco products due to the liquid nicotine derived from natural tobacco plants

10.5 Mobile phones are not permitted on the bowling green during any play.

10.6 Beverages and consumables are not permitted on the bowling green side of the barrier.

10.7 Bowls bags, outdoor clothing and shoes must be left in the cloakroom.

10.8 Running on the playing surface is strictly prohibited. Any person not adhering to this rule may be stopped from playing and may be required to leave the green.

- 10.9 Members damaging club property must pay for any repairs.
- 10.10 Chalking on the green is prohibited, but the use of water-based chalk sprays is permitted.
- 10.11 Players attempting a drive or firing shot shall give due warning to any players or marker on their rink and adjoining rinks.
- 10.12 If the jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play or rebounds to a distance 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 the re-arranged spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the ditch and 1.5 metres to the left or right of the centre line, on the side that it left the rink of play. If any of the pre-defined spots are obstructed by a bowl the jack shall be placed on the inside of the spot, as close as possible to the bowl in a direct line between the full-length spot and the re-spot.

11. RINKS

- 11.1 Priority in the use of rinks shall be as follows:
 - (a) Club events
 - (b) National competitions
 - (c) League matches
 - (d) Club competitions
 - (e) Private use.
- 11.2 All booking of rinks must be made on the advanced booking list. If only one session is booked for a game, then only one may be used regardless of the competition involved. In respect of private use, no booking shall be made more than seven days in advance. All private bookings must indicate the number of players involved and if this is less than eight they must accommodate others who wish to play.

12. LEAGUES

- 12.1 League entry is open only to full members of the club.
- 12.2 The format of the league competitions will be determined by the Officers of the Club.
- 12.3 The Officers of the club will decide the session times. Session times are to be taken from the official clock. No end shall commence if the official clock shows less than 10 minutes from the end of the session. An end is deemed to commence when the jack has been cast. If the jack enters the far ditch, or is short, or finishes outside the confines of the rink, it shall be recast even if the last time for commencing a new end has passed.
- 12.4 No player shall visit the head in any timed game except for the last end, which is in play following the last jack being cast, in accordance with 12.3
- 12.5 Score cards must clearly state the division to which they relate, team identification letters and names of all players and must be signed by both skips at the end of all matches.
- 12.6 League Entry forms will be on display from early January. The League Secretary will coordinate with you and ask you to complete your entry form by the close of season i.e. at the AGM (in April) with your appropriate fee. It is essential that we receive your league entries so that we can formulate the new leagues by early June. Any late entries cannot be guaranteed a position.

13. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- 13.1 Rink leaders, who must be full members of the club, shall be responsible for registering their teams at the time specified.
- 13.2 (a) DAILY LEAGUE 'B' or EVENING LEAGUE 'B' - a team may include, in any game, only one player who has played in 50% or more of games played by a team in the 'A' division of the same daily league. No player may skip in the 'B' division of a league once they have skipped in the 'A' division of that league.
(b) DAILY LEAGUE 'C' (if required) – a team may include, in any game, only one player who has played in 50% or more of games played by a team in the 'A' or 'B' Division of the same daily league. No player may skip in the 'C' Division of a league once they have skipped in the 'A' or 'B' Division of that league.
A team entering for the first time with a majority of experienced players may be placed in a higher league if considered appropriate when the league format is decided – see Rule 12.2.
- 13.3 Subject to Rule 13.2 above, any number of substitutes may be used in any game, provided the player(s) concerned have not already played for another team in the same league.
If, a team is one short a substitute can be used from any other division to ensure the game goes ahead. However, once they have played 3 times for the same team they are then deemed to be registered with that team. See Rule 15.
- 13.4 When a team member must leave the rink owing to illness during a League Fours match and no substitute player is available, the depleted team shall not lose any of their shots total for ends played prior to the retirement of the sick player. However, they shall lose one quarter of their score following the retirement of the sick player.
- 13.5 As per EIBA rules the rink may wait up to 30 minutes for the absentee player, however, the game ends at the original time. IWIBC advise that play should begin with 3 of the 4 players. 25% of the score will be deducted, until such time as the 4th player joins the team. Thereafter play and scoring as normal.

14. INELIGIBLE PLAYER

- 14.1 A team containing an ineligible player shall be penalised by losing 2 points from their end of season score. Their shot total shall also be reduced by 25% for that match.

15. TRANSFER OF PLAYERS

- 15.1 Transfer of players between teams in the same league can only be affected by giving eight days' notice in writing to the relevant League Secretary.

16. POSTPONED MATCHES

- 16.1 All League matches **must** be played on the dates shown on the fixture list. **NO MATCHES CAN BE POSTPONED WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE LEAGUE SECRETARY.** Matches may only be postponed in **VERY EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES** valid reasons could be: more than 2 players in a team playing an International match, in National Competitions or Finals or attending a member's funeral. **GAMES MAY NOT BE POSTPONED SIMPLY BECAUSE OF ILLNESS OR HOLIDAYS.** In all cases, the request to re-arrange the match may be accepted or declined by the League Secretary. Matches postponed to a later date **must be arranged within 21 days** of the original set date and the League Secretary and Co-ordinator must be informed of the new date. **Both Team Captains share equal responsibility for rearranging the date. If a mutually convenient date cannot be found, the League Secretary**

will set it. It must be entered into the Rink Booking book and the Club Steward informed. If the original match date was between September and 31st December, the game must be played by 31st December, if the original match date is after the 1st January it must be played before the end of the season, if not, the team who called off the match will be deducted 2 pts and 10 shots. The opponents will be awarded 2 pts. The rink leader of the defaulting team will be responsible for the rink fees in respect of the match. The rearranged match must be played. Any difficulties in complying with this arrangement should be reported to the League Coordinator who will decide upon the course of action to be taken in order to complete the fixtures. If the Club needs to change the date of any of the scheduled matches, this rule will apply to the reset date.

- 16.2 Any teams who fail to turn up for a match without prior notice to the opponents will be deducted 2 pts and 10 shots. The opponents will be awarded 2 pts. The rink leader of the defaulting team will be responsible for all unrecovered rink fees in respect of the match.

17. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 17.1 (a) In the Daytime leagues, the top two teams in the 'B' and 'C' Divisions will be promoted provided they comply with the conditions of Rule 17.3. The teams finishing in the bottom two places in the 'A' and 'B' Divisions will be relegated. If teams in the 'A' and 'B' divisions do not re-enter the Division such places shall be filled firstly by the highest placed team of those to be relegated, secondly by the team finishing lowest of those to be relegated, and thirdly by the team(s) gaining the highest position(s) in the next Division.

(b) If there are 2 Divisions in any Evening league, the top team in the 'B' Division will be promoted provided it complies with the conditions of Rule 17.3. The team finishing in the bottom place in the 'A' Division will be relegated. If teams in the 'A' division do not re-enter the Division, such places shall be filled firstly by the team gaining the second highest position in the 'B' Division, secondly by the team to be relegated and thereafter at the discretion of the League Co-ordinator.

- 17.2 In the event of teams refusing promotion or placement in the higher division, they will forfeit their prize money and their league entry fee. Furthermore, they shall only be allowed back into the lowest Division of the league if space permits, will forfeit their place in the league if entries are oversubscribed. When all League matches have been completed, should a tie occur on points, the team with the best shot difference will be deemed the winner. If shot difference were equal, then the team with the best average of shots will be deemed the winner.

- 17.3 A team playing in the 'A' division of any league must contain at least three of the regular members of the team playing the immediately preceding season. Regular member shall mean any player who has played in 50% or more of the games played in the season immediately preceding the entry. The rink entry may be made in a different name provided the above conditions are met. This Rule also applies to promoted teams and will be applied in all but very exceptional circumstances.

18. CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 18.1 Club Competitions are open to Full members of the club. They are the same format as the EIBA National Competitions in the Championship singles. Club rules apply to all other competition matches, as per the notice board.
Dress for Club competitions - white top or IWIBC club shirts above the waist and grey below the waist, as per 9.1

Dress for the Club Finals/Friendly's - Club shirts to be worn with white below the waist, as per 9.1.

Dress for National competitions- Club shirts to be worn with white below the waist, as per 9.1.

- 18.2 Entry fees for all club competitions will be as fixed by the Executive Committee and will be payable at the time of entry. No Fee No Entry.
- 18.3 Normal green fees will be paid when playing in all club competitions, except in the finals, where no green fee will be charged.
- 18.4 The format of all the club competitions shall be as laid down by the Officers. Except for the Semi-Finals and Finals, the games will consist of the following: Singles – 21 shots; Pairs – 18 ends; Triples – 16 ends; Fours – 18 ends, in each competition or two and a half hours, whichever is the earlier. Rule 12.3 applies, and no trial ends will be allowed, except for the Semi-Final and the Final. "Re spotting" will be throughout all games, except for the championship games of Singles and the semi-final and final. No player shall visit the head in any timed game except for the last end, which is in play following the last jack being cast, in accordance with 12.3, except for the semi-final and final.
- 18.5 All games shall be played in accordance with World Bowls Laws of the sport, current edition.
- 18.6 All Competitions must have at least 8 entries for the event to start, failing that a round robin basis maybe adopted or even cancelled.
- 18.7 Substitutes will only be allowed in accordance with EIBA National Competition Rules, i.e.
- (a) Substitutes are permitted if eligible as competitors, but if a competitor has entered a Championship himself, he cannot afterwards play in another team in the same Championship irrespective of whether he has played or not, in his original entry. (He/his etc., shall be read as she/her or they/their where appropriate).
- (b) Only the player who has already acted as a substitute in a team game may play for that team as a substitute in any subsequent tie. Only one substitute will be allowed in any competition, they may substitute in any position.
- 18.8 The player(s) first drawn in any pairing **shall be the challenger(s) and must, no later than 7 days after the closing date of the previous round, offer the opponent(s) the choice of two dates. Both Team Captains share equal responsibility for rearranging the date. If a mutually convenient date cannot be found, the Competition Secretary will set it.** One such date must be on a weekday evening or at a weekend, unless mutually agreed otherwise. For all first-round games, the challenger shall offer the same two defined dates no later than 14 days before the closing date of that round. The opponent(s) shall within three days of the receipt of the challenge, accept one of the dates offered. If the Challenger fails to offer dates in the prescribed time limit i.e. 7 days, the opponent then challenges the challenger with their own preferred dates during the next 7 days. If the opponent fails to offer or agree a date, then the matter is referred to the Competition Secretary who will set a date once they have spoken to all players in the next 7-day period. Therefore, all competitions should have a minimum rolling programme of 3 weeks per round.
- 18.9 Any questions or disputes shall be referred in the first place to the Competition Secretary who will make an Executive decision for the Club.

If due to mitigating circumstances a decision cannot be made, the matter, when appropriate, will be referred to an Emergency Committee i.e. whose decision will then be final. (No Appeal procedure)

The Challenger and the Opponent will put in writing their reasons why the prescribed time limits have not been adhered to within 7 days of the closing date as evidence for the Committee.

The Emergency Committee shall consist of the Competition Secretary, Chairman and any two other Officers or Executive Committee members.

- 18.10 The Umpire appointed for a final shall decide the allocation of rinks and stickers. Failure to comply with the Umpire's decision may result in disqualification.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO AMEND, ALTER, OR
ADJUST THESE BYELAWS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CLUB

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