



WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

COMPETITION RULES FOR: CHAMPIONS OF CHAMPIONS; WILKINSON SWORD TROPHY; WARWICK INTER-CLUB TROPHY

Preamble (All Competitions)

Entering any of the above competitions is a clear and unambiguous acceptance of all and any of the rules and conditions both by individuals and club alike. **The draws will be made by the Competition secretary, plus two other members of the County executive, and will be issued to delegates at the November Management meeting and e-mailed to all clubs.**

A record of all winners of the competitions will be maintained by the competition secretary and forwarding to the county secretary for publication and archiving.

Any dispute regarding these rules or any matter not covered or requiring clarification must be referred, in the first instance, to the Competition Secretary who will make a determination. Should any individual or club be dissatisfied with the determination they may appeal to the County Executive, via the County Secretary, enclosing a **deposit of £25.00 (which will be returned if the appeal is upheld)**. The County Executive will then convene an appeals committee of at least 3 members including the competition secretary (none of which must be a member of a club involved). The appellant will be given the opportunity to state his/their case either in writing or in person. The decision of the appeals committee is final.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

- 1. Each competitive member club** shall submit the names of their **men's singles, pairs, triples, and under 25 champions** to the Warwickshire County Indoor Bowls Association Competition secretary **by October 10th** in each year. Only one reminder will be sent out by the competition secretary if entries are not received **by October 28th**. Following that if no entry(s) is received within a further 7 days it will result in the defaulting club not have an entrant in Championship event(s).
- 2. The entry fee** will be £10.00 for singles, £20.00 for pairs, and £30.00 for triples. Each player/team are responsible for their own match fees
- 3. Format: SINGLES** will be played as first to 21 shots; **U25 SINGLES** best of three sets: **PAIRS** 21 ends; **TRIPLES** 18 ends: and; will usually **commence in January** of the current playing year.
- 4. In all competitions the challenger** (first named player) shall, no more than 14 days before the competitions commencement date and subsequently within 7 days of the issue of the draw/round result, offer his opponent the choice of 2 dates, one weekday evening and one weekend. Ties at weekends shall not commence before 9.30am. Ties on weekday evenings shall be arranged to commence at a stipulated time between 6.00pm and 7.00pm other than by mutual agreement. One date offered may be to play during the day with a start time between 10am and 3pm if requested by the opponent. Other times may be offered if agreed by both players/teams. The opponent must accept one date within 3 days (72 hours).



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- 5. If the challenger does not offer dates** within the required time period the opponent becomes the challenger and shall offer dates as above at their own club. When dates are offered, the arrangement must be confirmed within 72 hours and any arrangements made must be adhered to. If the arrangements are not confirmed and/or the match is not played as arranged the new challenger will claim the game and report the fact to the Competitions Secretary within 48 hrs.
- 6. When challenged**, being on holiday, playing a County Representative or Club game is not sufficient reason for demanding an alternative, however, if the opponent has already agreed to play in a national competition or competitive County match (Liberty, Midland Counties Indoor Bowling Association's Inter - County competition, O60 Inter-county etc.) on one of the dates an alternative must be offered.
- 7. Only One substitute**, agreed with the Competition Secretary, may be used in the completion if a player in pairs or triples cannot play. Players taking part in the in the first game constitute the original team and the substitute must have been eligible to play in the club competitions in the relevant year. The substitute may play in any position
- 8. Each match must be played by** an advertised "play by" date and the result communicated to the Competition Secretary by the winner within 72 hours of the game being played (e-mail or phone). Failure to comply with any part of this rule, without reasonable cause, will result in disqualification.
- 9. Any players/teams opting not to play** their games will result in them being disqualified and prevented from representing their club in any champion of champions event for three years.
- 10. The final will be played** at the Presidents club, if available. If not a venue will selected by the Fixtures Secretary.
- 11. Previous year's winners must return their trophies**, in good condition, to the Competition Secretary by 21 days before the advertised date for the finals. Failure to comply with this rule will incur a fine of £20.00, plus any costs of cleaning, repairs or replacement.
- 12. All winners are expected to attend** the presentation event & Buffet as organised by the County Executive. The buffet will be free of charge.



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WILKINSON SWORD TROPHY (additional rules to above)

- 1. The Wilkinson Sword competition is open** to the first 32 entries received from teams of four male players from the same club. The entrance fee is £25.00 per team. The winning team will receive £80 and the runners up £40
- 2. All games will be played** over 21 ends and will usually commence in January of the current playing year.
- 3. All rules except 1, 2 & 7,** of the Champion of Champions rules will apply.
- 4. Only One substitute,** agreed with the Competition Secretary, may be used in the competition, providing they have not played in the competition in that year for another team. Players taking part in the in the first game constitute the original team. The substitute may play in any position,



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WARWICK INTER CLUB TROPHY (specific rules)

- 1. The competition is open** to any indoor bowling club affiliated to as the Warwickshire County Indoor Bowls Association (hereinafter referred to as WCIBA). The entry fee shall be £100 per team entered. (£50 of which will be returned providing there is no breach of the rules below-see also preamble). Match fees shall be paid by the team playing at home.
- 2. The purpose of this competition** is to provide a competitive format to prepare less experienced bowlers who aspire to play at the top level. Therefore the following will apply:
 - **Any player who has been awarded a county flash** (see Annex B of the WCIBA constitution) for playing for the County in either the English Indoor Bowling Association's (hereinafter referred to as EIBA) **Liberty Trophy** competition or in the **Midland Counties** Indoor Bowling Association's (hereinafter referred to as MCIBA) **Inter - County** competition shall not be eligible to play in this competition.
 - **Each participating club will be responsible for** submitting the names of current members who have been awarded the above flashes, either by Warwickshire, or any other County, to the competition secretary before the commencement of the competition. The Competition Secretary will circulate those names to all clubs and the Warwickshire Team manager
- 3. Each team shall consist** of two rinks of four players, all of whom shall be members of the same indoor bowling club. Each club shall play all other clubs once per season. If a club does not field a full side, three players may play with lead and number two bowling three bowls each and the skip having two bowls. The team will forfeit 25% of their shots, (rounded up to the next number) for each rink that contains only three players
- 4. Any player who has played** in any National Competition, including any Club Championship competition, at any indoor bowling club, may not play for any other club during the current season.
- 5. Any club not arriving** to play a scheduled match shall be disqualified from the competition for the remainder of the year and any results prior to that point will be null and void. The Completion Secretary will amend the results sheet accordingly and inform all other clubs.
- 6. Dress for all rounds** players is either white or club shirts above the waist and white trousers and approved bowling shoes below. Any club shirt must be a "Registered Coloured Shirt". All players in the same rink must be dressed the same
- 7. Each match is to be played** on the designated fixed date (usually a Sunday morning) promulgated by the Competition Secretary or, in exceptional circumstances, on any mutually agreed date prior to the designated date, commencing at 10.00 am. The competition shall be played in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls and the current EIBA rules for National Competitions. NOTE: Other than sentences one and two EIBA Rule 5 Paragraph 1 does not apply.
- 8. Format:** Two bowls each player – 21 ends or four hours, whichever is the sooner. Draw usually commences in the second week of December of the current playing year.



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- 9. The match result** shall be decided by the aggregate score of the two rinks with points being awarded as follows:
- 2 points for each rink win.
 - 2 points for the match win.
 - 1 point each for any drawn rink or match.
- 10. If two or more teams have equal points** at the end of the competition the following procedure shall be applied in order until a winner is determined
- 1) Shots difference.
 - 2) The result of the match between equal clubs.
 - 3) Total shots scored.
- 11. The winning team shall be responsible for** posting (or e-mailing) all of the completed score-cards, signed by the relevant skips, to the Competition Secretary within 72 hours of the match being played. Failure to do so may result in the match being declared null and void with points or shots deducted from one or both teams, depending on the circumstances.