

JOINT CLUB COMPETITION RULES

1. All competitions shall be played to E.I.B.A. - Laws of the game except where stated. Players on entry must accept that they may be asked to play in multiple matches on either or both days of the Annual Club Semi Finals and Finals Weekends

Failure to be available for both days of the above Weekends will result in the following.

In a Team Event - Subs having to be added or a Walkover given.

In a Singles Event - a Walkover given.

Bowls need not bear a current stamp provided that they are made of composite material.

2. An advertised date on which the competitions will be played shall be given by the Competition Secretary when the individual schedules have been produced.

Entrants can exchange dates by mutual agreement providing this is a date previous to the advertised date, if this cannot be agreed the advertised date shall be the day the game is played. Subject to rule 11

The Competition Secretary must be informed of any such change, but will not otherwise become involved in the alteration of the dates unless adjudication is required.

It is the responsibility of the players involved to re-book rink time for any amended competition date with the Centre Management.

Serious unexpected circumstances will be considered by the Competition Secretary, Serious being defined by the Competition Secretary and not the competitor.

3. A player or team not ready to play within 10 minutes after the session is due to commence shall forfeit the game. The green fees for any game conceded within 48 hours of the advertised date will be paid by the defaulting player(s) unless the rink has been re-let.
4. Any queries or disputes, which arise during the course of play must be resolved by individual players in singles, or, the Skips in Pairs, Triples and Fours.

The Competition Secretary cannot resolve any disputes retrospectively and will take the result as marked and signed for on the score-card.

5. In the Singles Competition, if a competitor has booked a holiday and his dates clash with the advertised date of his next round then he must either, arrange to play the game **EARLY**, before going on holiday, or **CONCEDE** the game to his opponent.

If the above occurs in any Pairs, Triples or Mixed Fours game then the player should arrange a **substitute** to play in his place if the game cannot be played previous to the advertised date, subject to the usual rules regarding substitutions.

Please note that games can only be postponed for reasons of serious unexpected circumstances or the priority of either National & County Games or competitions. Entrants in County or National Matches should try to organise their club comp previous to the advertised date.

In the event that a game is postponed for a serious unexpected circumstance it is the responsibility of the player who requests the postponement to keep his opponent and the Competition Secretary fully informed and re-book a rink if an extension period is granted.

6. The time limit for **all rounds** for Singles, Pairs and Triples played on Wednesday evening will be the **10.30 pm** bell for the last jack to be delivered.

On any other evening a **3 and one half hour** time limit to a last cast time agreed previous to the start of the game.

There is No Time Limit on the Semi Finals or Finals Days

No end will start or re-start after the commencement of the bell.
An end shall be deemed to have started when the jack has been correctly delivered from the mat. Delivery means the jack has left the bowlers hand.

The time limit for the Ladies Competitions and the Mixed Fours games, which are normally played on a Sunday morning will be **Four hours**.

In the event that a Ladies Competition or Mixed Fours game cannot be played on a Sunday, and a request is made by their opponent's for the match to be played on a weekday, the Players involved are asked to bear in mind that they will have to abide by the weekday time limit of **3 and one half hour** as stated above.

7. SUBSTITUTES:

Substitute players may be used in all competitions except for the Singles competition.

Be aware that if a substitute is used in the very first round of any competition such substitutes automatically become **an original team member**.

Substitutes must not have entered, or played for any other team in the same competition.

Teams may use only **ONE substitute** in the Pairs and Triples competitions but **TWO** may be used in the Mixed Fours games, provided the overall male - female composition is maintained.

A substitute may play in any position as per E.I.B.A. Laws of the Game.

8. In Singles the first named player shall be responsible for appointing a Marker up to the **semi-finals**.

9. National and County competitions shall have priority in selection of rinks.

10. **DRESS** : Grey trousers with white above the waist (shirts to have a collar) for all rounds up to the semi-final.

Full whites to be worn for Semi Finals and Finals Day.

11. All rules must be strictly adhered to, in the event of a dispute the decision of the Competition Secretary is final.

A Brief notice outlining the parameters for the changing of club competitions from advertised dates is available on the back of the joint competition entry forms.

HONOURS BOARD

Regarding Substitutes

Substitutes who play in the Club Finals will not be named on the honours board unless they have participated in 50 % or more of the Competition Rounds.

If the above does not apply the name on the board shall read Substitute.

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CLUB TIME LIMITS STILL APPLY TO THE WEEKDAY AND WEEKEND PLAYING OF TIES, FOR ALL COMPETITORS.