

# **THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

## **RULES AND OBJECTS**

The Association shall be called The Northamptonshire Indoor Bowling Association and shall be affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd and the Midland Counties Indoor Bowling Association.

## **OBJECTS**

- a) To promote, foster and safeguard the game of indoor bowls for males in Northamptonshire as laid down by the rules of The English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd.
- b) To encourage Clubs to maintain their greens in good condition.
- c) To arrange Inter-County Matches and other Competitions.
- d) To organise Tours.
- e) To enforce the laws of the game as laid down by The English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd.

## **CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

- a) The laws of the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd shall apply to all indoor games. Clubs may make modifications to these laws as may be necessary to meet special local conditions provided that such modifications are reported and approved by the Executive Committee, and are published for the information of members and visiting players.
- b) Special attention is drawn to the requirement that all bowls used in competition or representative games must bear a valid English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd stamp.

## COMPETITIONS AND MATCHES

- a) The Executive Committee shall have entire control of the Inter-County and other matches and competitions, and may draw up rules and regulations as necessary. The teams for matches shall be selected by members of the Executive Committee. All persons selected to play for the County must be affiliated playing or Life Members of an affiliated Club.
- b) A Team Manager (if appointed) will have control and selection, of the teams for the Liberty Trophy, Warwickshire Trophy and teams associated with these competitions.

An U/25 Team Manager (if appointed) will have control and selection of U/25 teams as N.I.B.A. representative sides, and arrange dates etc. for all matches.

The Team Managers (if appointed) shall report to each meeting of the Executive Committee.

- c) If we do not have a Team Manager then such teams will be selected and run by an elected committee. This Committee would be elected at a meeting of the Executive Committee immediately following the A.G.M.
- d) Teams for friendly matches to be selected by the President, Senior Vice-President and Match Secretary.
- e) County Competitions will be open to all affiliated members of the Association and will be under the control of the Competitions Secretary and the Competitions Committee.
- f) Coloured Club shirts are permitted but in the pairs, triples and fours all members must be dressed the same.

**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE  
INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
COUNTY COMPETITIONS**

*All competitions will be played according to the normal format*

**SINGLES, PAIRS, TRIPLES, FOURS  
and TIPLER ROSE BOWL**

- a Singles will be 21 shots.
- b Pairs, Triples and Fours will be 16 ends; or 2 hours whichever comes first.
- c Semi-finals and Finals to be full games. Finals only will be played at the Presidents Club. Singles 21 Shots. Pairs and Fours 21 Ends. Triples 18 Ends.
- d Semi-finals and Finals will be 4 hours duration not including trial ends.
- e First named will be challenger who must give two dates, one of which may be a weekend date.
- f Each player will pay their own green fees.
- g U/25 singles entrants must be under 25 years of age on 30<sup>th</sup> April in the year of the Final.
- h **Default**  
Any player in Singles or teams in Pairs, Triples or Fours failing to turn up on the agreed date and time will be liable for all the green fees, these will be collected by the NIBA Competition Committee.
- i **Substitutes**
  - i No player may play for another team (Pairs, Triples or Fours) that has been named in the original entry form if that team has lost by default.
  - ii In Pairs, Triples and Fours, players taking part in the first game will constitute the original entry, one additional player of the same club may be used as a substitute at any time provided they have not already played in the competition.
  - iii Substitutes can play in any position.
- j All games will be played under the indoor laws of the game.
- k Play by dates for all rounds will be strictly adhered to.
- l Any dispute will be settled by the Competition Committee. Their decision will be final.

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SPECIFIC RULES for TIPLER ROSE BOWL**

- a Rinks will consist of four players who have attained 60 years of age on 1<sup>st</sup> October in the year the competition takes place.
- b Games will be played by dates fixed by the competition committee. Time and rink arranged mutually by the home team with the away team. All games upto and including Quarter Finals to start no later than 4.30pm.
- c Each game will consist of 16 Ends or two hours, whichever comes first.
- d There will be one trial end.
- e Each player will pay their own green fees.
- f **Substitutes**
- i No player named in the original entry may play for another team if that team has lost by default.
- ii Substitutes can play in any position.
- g **Default**
- i Any team who fails to turn up on their date, time or venue will be liable for all green fees. These will be collected by the N.I.B.A. Competition Committee.
- ii All games will be played under the indoor rules of the game.
- iii Any dispute will be settled by the Competitions Committee whose decision will be final.

The Rules of the Association  
are now available  
from all Clubs in the County