

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
COUNTY COMPETITION RULES
(Amended 2018)

All competitions will be played according to the normal format.

SINGLES, UNDER 25s SINGLES, UNBADGED SINGLES,
PAIRS, TRIPLES, FOURS and TIPLER ROSE BOWL.

The Association will run the above competitions during each season (subject to there being sufficient entries)

a. Rules specific to Singles Competitions.

- a1) All matches will be 4 wood competitions with the winner being the first to obtain 21 shots.
- a2) U/25 singles entrants must not have attained the age of 25 years on 30th April in the year of the Final.
- a3) Unbadged Singles entry is open to all Association members who do not hold a NIBA County badge on 1st October in the year the competition commences.

b Rules specific to Pairs, Triples, Fours, and the Tipler Rose Bowl Competitions.

- b1) The Tipler Rose Bowl will be a Rinks competition for Association members who have attained the age of 60 years on the 1st October in the year the competition commences.
- b2) All matches will consist of 16 ends; or be of 2 hours duration whichever comes first. Semi-finals and Finals will consist of 21ends or 4 hours for the Pairs, Fours, and Tipler Rose Bowl and 18 ends or 4 hours for the Triples.
- b3) Tipler Trophy matches up to and including the Quarter Final shall commence no later than 4:30pm

c. Rules pertaining to all Competitions

All members of a Pairs, Triples Fours or Tipler Rose Bowl team must belong to the same affiliated club. Players may not enter competitions from more than one affiliated club in the same season.

Play by dates will be set by the Competition Committee, and will be strictly adhered to.

The first named player will be challenger who within 3 days of the previous round ending, must provide their opponent with two dates, one of which may be a weekend date.

Each player will pay their own green fees.

Default

Any player in Singles or teams in Pairs, Triples or Fours or the Tipler Rose Bowl failing to turn up on the agreed date or within 30 minutes of the agreed start time will forfeit the game and be liable for all the green fees, these will be collected by the NIBA Competition Committee.

Substitutes

In Pairs, Triples, Fours or Tipler Rose Bowl), 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.

No player may play for another team (Pairs, Triples, Fours or Tipler Rose Bowl) that has been named in the original entry form for another team if that team has lost by default.

Substitutes can play in any position.

All games will be played under the indoor laws of the game with the following exceptions

One trial end may be played if either side request it.

Re-spotting the jack.

Participating clubs will place spots at both ends of each rink level with and 1.5 metres each side of the "T". Should during the course of play, the jack be driven outside the confines of the rink (i.e. a Dead End) the jack will be replaced on the spot at the side of the rink that the jack left the rink. Should the spot be obscured by a bowl or bowls the jack will be replaced as close to the spot as possible without touching the bowl(s), and in line with the "T".

Skips will both change ends together. Singles players and Skips in team games may revisit the head once per end prior to them delivering their last bowl on that end.

Finals.

All finals shall be played on a single weekend and at a venue (normally the President's Club) set by the NIBA Executive. This date will be published on the competition entry form.

Players who know in advance that they are unavailable on the published dates should consider whether to enter. Requests for additional substitutes for the final will be considered for the final by the Competition Committee for players who subsequently become unavailable provided that at least one member of the original team remains. Singles players who are subsequently unavailable will cede their final place to their semi final opponent.

Any dispute will be settled by the Competition Committee. Their decision will be final.