



**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
COUNTY COMPETITION RULES**
(Amended 2023)

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. Re-spots to be used on killed ends.
- a2) U/30 singles entrants must not have attained the age of 30 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 18 ends with re-spots.
- b3) Tipler Trophy matches up to and including the Quarter Final can commence no later than 4:30pm if mutually agreed.

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 the challenger who must provide their opponent with the minimum of two dates, one of which may be a weekend date.

Each player will pay their own green fees.

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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. Substitutes can play in any position.



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

Two trial ends may be played if mutually agreed.

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 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".

Finals.

All finals shall be played on a single weekend and at a venue 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 semifinal opponent.

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