

CLUB LEAGUE RULES

- 1 Every player must be a registered member of Swindon Manor Indoor Bowls Club.
- 1a The full names of team members must be included on the score card before it is signed by the skips. If a team fails to record the names on the scorecard then that team will be advised, and if this occurs on any subsequent occasions then 1 point will be deducted.
- 2 Other than in exceptional circumstances all games are to be played on the day, at the time and on the rink specified.
- 3 The front end of the mat shall be at least 2 metres from the rear ditch and at least 25 metres from the front ditch.
- 4 The jack to be rolled.
- 5 If the delivered jack goes into the ditch or out of bounds of the rink, the jack is to be placed by the opposing skip, also the mat may be moved at the discretion of the opposing skip.
- 6 Games to consist of 18 ends for Rinks and 16 ends for Triples, or to finish on the end in play when the bell rings. The end shall be deemed to have started when the jack has been rolled and centered. No trial ends.
- 7 Any team making a "No End" will forfeit 2 shots, the end to count.
- 8 All matches to start within 10 minutes after the hour without any penalty being incurred. If a match starts between 10 - 15 minutes after the hour then the team responsible for the delay will lose 4 shots. If more than 15 minutes have elapsed after the starting time, the offending team must concede the game and pay their own and their opponents rink fees. For the purpose of this rule, match start times will be on the hour and the bell will sound at 5 minutes to the hour to signal the end of the session.

- 9 Should only 3 players of a rink team be present then numbers 1 & 2 will play 3 woods each and the team forfeit 25% of the total score. On a second occasion 25% of the score will be forfeited and 1 point deducted in the event of a win. On subsequent occasions 25% will be forfeited and NO points awarded.
- 9a In the event of a match being stopped for any unforeseen reason and 8 or more ends have been played the result will stand. If 8 ends have not been played then the match will be rearranged as if it were a postponed game (see Rule 20) and no additional rink fees will be payable.
- 9b All disputes to be notified to the Secretary in writing within 7 days of the date of the relevant match. Once the scorecard has been signed by both skips then, at the discretion of the committee, the signed for result will stand.
- 10 A player can only play for one team in each section.
- 11 Skips will collect rink fees and place in the packet provided for each team.
- 12 SINGLE RINK LEAGUES. Two points for a win, one point for a draw. Teams must register a minimum of 5 players.
- 13 TRIPLES LEAGUE. Two points for a win, one point for a draw. Teams must register a minimum of 4 players.
- 14 MIXED RINK LEAGUE. Two points for a win, one point for a draw. Teams must register a minimum of 2 men and 3 ladies, but a team may play any combination provided it is mixed.
- 15 Skips must not remain at or visit the head after the threes have bowled.
- 16 In all games only the skip to be at the head until it is their turn to bowl.
- 17 In league matches LADIES must wear grey skirts or trousers and white tops and plain green waistcoats. Tights are optional. Footwear to be approved bowling shoes. In league matches MEN must wear white tops, grey trousers and if required, white pullover or cardigan. Footwear to be approved bowling shoes. Failure to conform in either case will result in suspension after due warning.

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18 Breaking of league rules could mean loss of points at the discretion of the committee.

19 All subscriptions to be paid by 31st March.

20 Postponed, cancelled and rearranged games :-

a) In the event that the circumstances under Rule 2 apply it is mandatory that all games shall be rearranged.

b) Rearranged games, wherever possible, shall be played within six weeks or during programme breaks subject to opponents agreement.

c) Any team not fulfilling a fixture, including non compliance as detailed under Rule 2, shall pay for their own and the opponents rink fees for the match. Provided that the non offending team submits a scorecard to the effect their opponents could not play the match, they shall be awarded the match points and a shot aggregate of 7 - 0, if both teams are at fault for the match not being played they shall pay their own rink fees and no points awarded. No league games may be conceded, all games are to be played.

d) Cancelled / rearranged games procedure :- The game is formally cancelled by completing the appropriate notification slip and depositing in the specially provided post box (adjacent to the league tables board) not less than 10 days prior to the event. A further notification slip detailing the date for the rearranged game shall be deposited in the post box within 21 days of the original game. The skip / team initiating the proposed change will be responsible for completing the slip and also for obtaining their opponents prior agreement. Confirmation of cancelled / replay dates will be displayed on the league tables notice board. Skip / Team contacts for all teams are listed in the Handbook.

Alteration of Rules :- Alteration or addition to any foregoing rules shall be made only at the AGM or Special Meeting convened for that purpose, and 1 months notice of the terms of such alteration must be given to the Secretary.