

APPENDIX 4

RULES FOR THE RUNNING OF CLUB COMPETITIONS

1. All competitions will be played in accordance with the Laws of the E.I.B.A., H.I.B.A. and H.C.W.I.B.A. except where amended below:-
2. All competitors must be Full Members of Palmerston Indoor Bowls Club.
3. Members wishing to enter Club Competitions must make sure that they are available to play in the Semi-Finals and Finals **of that Competition**. Any withdrawals must be made before the Quarter-Final Stage.
4. Rink fees shall be paid by all the competitors before the commencement of any game. Such fees to be paid to the Steward who will issue the appropriate score cards. For Semi Finals and Finals rink fees will be waived.
5. The entry fees will be determined by the Joint Management Committee.
6. The draw will be made as soon as possible following the closing date for entries. The dates on which the rounds are to be played, or by which they are to be played will be decided by the Competition Secretaries, and published on the Club Notice Board.
7. The Challenger(s) in any Competition shall offer their opponent(s) TWO (2) dates to play, within seven days of the completion of the previous round, or within fourteen days of the posting of the draw. This should normally be done following direct dialogue with the opposition to ascertain general availability. The two dates should be reasonable and within the general availability as discussed. These dates shall be entered into the schedule IN PENCIL and marked as PROVISIONAL. The opponent is either duty bound to accept one of these dates or concede a walk-over to the challenger. When a date has been accepted, the other dates MUST BE ERASED from the schedule and the agreed date written as "CONFIRMED", IN INK. Having accepted a date, the game must be played, or a walk-over conceded to the opponents.
8. Rounds should be played as soon as possible before the allocated date, or by arrangement with the Competition Secretary.
9. The players taking part in the first game shall constitute the Pair, Triple or Four, and they should normally play together throughout the competition.
10. Score cards must indicate the relevant competition, be duly signed by the players in Singles, and by both skips in the Pairs, Triples and Fours, and placed in the appropriate box on the day the game is played.
11. Whites and a Club Tie (male competitors only) will be worn for all Finals (Ties may be discarded during play at the discretion of the senior official present).
12. Visits to "the head" are permitted in games with a time limit of 4 hours .
13. Format and timing of games:-
 - 13.1. Men/ Ladies:
 - 13.1.1. Singles - 21 shots.
 - 13.1.2. Pairs - 21 ends.
 - 13.1.3. Triples - 18 ends.
 - 13.1.4. Fours - 21 ends.
 - 13.1.5. 2-wood Triples - 21 ends.
 - 13.2. Mixed Pairs - 21 ends.
 - 13.3. Open 2-wood singles – 21 shots.
 - 13.4. Ladies Drawn Pairs - 21 ends
 - 13.5. Australian Open Pairs - Games will be played over a 2-hour session up to and including the quarter finals. For semi-finals and finals the duration of games will be 18 ends.
 - 13.6. First Winners Competitions:-
 - 13.6.1. Competitors who have won a Club Competition in the previous 5 years or been a runner up in the previous 2 years will not be eligible to enter these competitions:
 - 13.6.2. Games will be played over a 2-hour session up to and including the quarter finals. For semi-finals and finals the duration of games will be:-

Open Singles – 21 shots
Open Pairs (2 men or 2 ladies) – 21 ends
Mixed Pairs – 21 ends

- 13.7. Novices Competitions
- 13.7.1. Competitions are restricted to new players who have only been bowling for a maximum of three years prior to the start of these competitions.
- 13.7.2. Games will be played over a 2-hour session up to and including the quarter finals. For semi-finals and finals the duration of games will be 18 or 21 ends as appropriate.
- 13.8. All games, including finals, will be limited either to 4 hours, or to 2 hours where specified. The bell will ring five minutes before the end of the playing session. If the jack has been correctly cast and centred before the bell sounds the end must be completed. If an end has been killed by the jack being driven off the rink, it will not be replayed if the bell has rung. In the event of the scores being level when an end finishes after the bell has rung, an extra end will not be played, but instead ends won will determine the winner. If ends won are the same, the team who scored last will be the winner.
- 13.9. If the jack is improperly delivered it will be returned to the opponent to be re-cast.
- 13.10. Two trial ends are permitted, but come within the time allowed for the game.
14. If play is stopped because of an emergency (e.g. power outage, fire, etc.), then the match will be continued at a later time or date. Incomplete ends will be disregarded for scoring purposes and the scores will be as they were when the game was stopped.
15. In the case of Singles, the first player listed will be the challenger, and is responsible for providing a Marker for the game, except for the Finals when Markers will be appointed by the Competition Secretaries. Umpires will be appointed for the Finals only.
16. Disputes during the competition when an Umpire is not appointed, which are not covered by these rules or the Joint Laws of the Game for the current season will be referred to the Competition Secretaries, whose decision shall be final.
17. **BOOKING RINKS**
- Members must always book a rink by their Name and Membership Number.
- 17.1. Failure to take up a booked Rink will incur the cost to the Booking Member (s) of a Full Rink for two hours.
- 17.2. Priority for Rink Bookings on Spare Rinks will be as follows:-
National, County, Club Competitions, Re-arranged League Games, Roll-Ups.
- 17.3. When a National or a County Competition is required to be played on a specific date and time, and the only available rink has been previously booked for a Roll-Up, the National or County Competition shall have priority, **THE MEMBER CLAIMING THE RULE MUST INFORM ALL MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE ROLL-UP.** Four days' notice of this Rink requirement **MUST BE GIVEN** if it is overruling a previously booked Roll-Up.
- 17.4. Members must enter their **PROVISIONAL** booking dates in **PENCIL** for National, County, Club and re-arranged League Games. The Provisional date must be confirmed within four days, the accepted date **INKED** in and the word **CONFIRMED** added. The other provisional entry(ies) **MUST BE ERASED SO THAT OTHERS CAN USE THE RINK.**
18. **SUBSTITUTES**
- 18.1. A substitute may be used in any competition except Singles competitions. A substitute can only be of the appropriate gender relative to that competition and must be a person who has not previously played in that competition that year. Players who find they are unable to play in the semi-final and final stages should withdraw from the competition **BEFORE** the quarter-final stage.
- 18.2. No substitutions will be allowed at the semi-final and final stage of a competition unless there are exceptional circumstances. A final decision will be made by the Competition Secretary.
- 18.3. Any player/team who defaults at the final stage will be removed from the competition. Their place will be taken by the player/team they beat in the previous round.