

HERTS IBA COUNTY MIXED TOP CLUB RULES 2026/2027

1. The Competition shall be called "THE HERTS IBA COUNTY MIXED TOPCLUB" and shall be open to all clubs affiliated to Hertfordshire Indoor Bowls Association.

2. The Competition shall be played under WB Laws of the Sport (Crystal Mark 4), and shall be under the management of the Hon. Competition Secretary whose decisions shall be final and binding.

3. The competition shall be free to enter.

4. Each Club competing shall be represented by a team of nine players, changes of personnel permitted from round to round as desired. Clubs may enter up to two teams; however, no player may represent more than one team in any year.

The ten players will represent their club in three disciplines:

Mixed Pairs (1 Male 1 Female) – 4 bowls each 18 ends (max time limit 3.5 hrs)

Mixed Triples (either 2 Male 1 Female or 1 Male 2 Female) 3 bowls each 18 ends (max time limit 3.5 hrs)

Mixed Fours (2 Male 2 Female) 2 bowls each 18 ends (max time limit 3.5 hrs)

Respos to be used in all instances.

5. If a player is taken ill or is injured during the match, they may be replaced by a substitute. The substitute must conform to the team arrangements as per rule 4.

6. The failure of a team to appear after a maximum waiting period of 30 minutes (except in exceptional circumstances) from the time fixed for the start of the game, shall cause the team to forfeit the game to their opponent.

7. The draw shall be made by the Hon. Competition Secretary and will be made available on the association's website.

The rounds up to the final shall be played on a day and time stipulated by the Hon. Competition Secretary. Matches up to the final may be played early by mutual agreement.

The final shall be played on the County finals day at a day and time stipulated by the Hon. Competition Secretary.

8. The home team shall arrange an umpire. In the event of an umpire being unavailable a competent person should be appointed to act as umpire.

9. The winner shall be determined by the total number of shots scored across the three disciplines.

10. If the number of shots scored are equal, an extra end shall be played by the Pairs, Triples and Fours. Irrespective of the number of shots scored, the team winning two or three of the extra ends shall be declared the winner.

11. Results must be submitted to the Hon Competition Secretary as soon as possible following the match.