

INTER-CLUB COUNTY LEAGUE RULES 2023/2024 (Correct as of 6/7/22)

Rule a)

- 1) The County League Championship shall be open to all Affiliated Clubs who shall play a league match against each other on prearranged dates between the 1st October and 15th April each season. These dates once fixed may not be altered except in extreme circumstances and by agreement with the competition secretary.
- 2) For this season each match to be played with 18 ends on 4 rinks at the venue of the first named club as printed in the HIBA handbook and as listed on the web site. Next season venues to be reversed
- 3) Matches to be played in “whites” or EIBA registered club shirts with white trousers or registered / approved Club colours. All players in one side must be similarly dressed
- 4) All games shall start at 10.00 am and will last for a maximum of 3½ hours. If trial ends are to be played then they must start at 9.45 am.
- 5) Players are requested not to visit the head until 8 bowls have been delivered.
- 6) The away teams will pay the required rink fees to the home club
- 7) “Re-spotting the Jack” If the jack passes outside the side boundary of the rink it should be placed on a pre-arranged spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and 1½ metres to the left or right of the centre line on the side of the rink of play. If a bowl is on the re-spot, the jack will be placed as near as possible to the bowl without touching it between the spot and the centre of the rink. If any other bowls are in the way, the jack will be placed as near to that without touching them and the centre of the rink, in other words, directly between the two spots without touching a bowl

Rule b)

Each club will be represented by 4 teams of 4 players all of whom shall be bona fide members of that club. A club represented by a player who has previously played for another club in this competition in the same season shall forfeit any points gained in the match or matches in which any such player takes part.

Rule c)

2 Points will be awarded for each winning team on each rink, and 5 points for the match winner, making a total of 13 points to be awarded.

Rule d)

All games will be played on registered greens and unless specifically indicated otherwise in these Rules shall be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the EIBA

Rule e)

- 1) In the event that a club arrives at a venue with 1 player short, then that Club will play with 3 Rinks and 1 Triple against 4 Rinks. The triple team will bowl 8 woods with the first 2 players bowling 3 woods each. At the end of the game the triple team will have 25% of its match score deducted. In the event that both Clubs arrive with 1 player short then the match will consist of 3 Rinks and 1 triple, with all 4 games being of Eighteen ends. The Triples teams will bowl 8 woods with the first two players bowling 3 woods each. At the end of the game both triples teams will have 25% of its match score deducted
- 2) If a Club(s) arrives with 2 to 4 players short then the match will be played with 3 Rinks against 3 Rinks. The non-defaulting Club will have 2 points plus 5 shots added to its total for this Match and the defaulting Club will have 2 points plus 5 shots deducted from its accumulated total for the season. In the event that both clubs are the defaulters then they will both have 2 points and 5 shots deducted from their accumulated totals for the season. If a Club cannot field 3 full teams then the match will be cancelled and the defaulting Club will be penalised as per rule (E3), except, if the reason for the cancellation was due to extreme circumstances then with the Emergency Committee’s permission the game may be rearranged on a date to suit both Clubs.
- 3) In the event of a match being cancelled without good reason the non-defaulting club will have 8points plus 20 shots added to its accumulated total for the season. The defaulting Club(s) will have 5 points Plus 20 shots deducted from their accumulated total for the Season. Also if 7 days’ notice of cancellation was not given then the defaulting club may be requested to pay the host clubs rink fees for that match

Rule f)

Clubs shall ensure that ALL of their players have the club's own distinguishing markers on their bowls

Rule g)

The result of each game MUST be sent to the Association's Hon. Competition Secretary by both captains at each venue as soon as possible.

Rule h)

In the event that a dispute arises between the two clubs during the competition the matter must be notified to the Association's Hon. Secretary in order that the matter may be resolved.

Rule i)

An umpire or competent person shall be present at all matches and shall be arranged by the home club