

OXFORDSHIRE Mens INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

COMPETITION GENERAL RULES 2018-19

Rink fees are to be shared between the competitors

In Pairs, Triples and Fours, notwithstanding any names shown in the draw, the competitors taking part in their initial round in that competition constitute the original team. Only **one** additional (and the same) competitor of the same Club may be used as a substitute for **any** other competitor in the team at **any** other time afterwards provided the substitute has not already played in that competition for another team and providing they are eligible competitors. A substitute or the substituted competitor can therefore play in more than one round and plays as a substitute for the team rather than for an individual competitor & may also play in any position. When the result of a match is reported to the County Competition Secretary, **all** competitors (winners & losers) **must** be named. PLEASE ABIDE BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS LAST SENTENCE, THANK YOU

The initial draw will be random and will determine which Competitors are "challengers" and which Competitors are "challenged" in their initial round. The Competitors whose names appear above those of their opponents in the initial round will be the "challengers". In subsequent rounds, "challengers" shall be determined in the following order:

1. Competitors who have won matches playing "away" from their "home" rinks
2. Competitors whose previous round result is reported earliest (preferably by e-mail please to jrcoxb@tiscali.co.uk or by phone to 01608-730127 (leave a voice message))

If the "challenger" has not made contact 3 weeks prior to the play by date, then the "challenged" should then contact the "challenger". Best attempts must be made to play the match. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, all Semi-Finals & Finals must be played.

Competitors who have drawn "byes" into a subsequent Round will be either "challengers" or "challenged" dependent upon firstly, if their opponents won their match "away" from their "home" rink and secondly, their position above or below their opponents in the initial draw. All matches should, whenever possible, be played to a proper conclusion. Concessions or more specifically, "walkovers" will be given **no precedence** in determining the "challenger" in a subsequent round.

Singles will be decided on the first to 21 shots, Pairs & Fours over 21 ends (with an extra end if necessary) & Triples over 18 ends (with an extra end if necessary). Any "Dead" ends during a match shall be replayed

Competitors will be advised of their next round opponents as soon as possible and it is hoped to regularly update the Competitions section of the County Website (www.oxfordshireciba.co.uk). The Final Rounds will be organised by the County Competition Secretary on neutral or mutually acceptable rinks after discussion with the Finalists. Dress Code for the Finals is "Whites"

Any disputes will be resolved by the County Competition Secretary or on appeal by the County Secretary & County President or their delegates. Signed & Countersigned Scorecards should be retained and presented on request to the County Competition Secretary