

COMPETITIONS

To all members,

Welcome to another season, hopefully we can continue to push forward after these difficult past few years, we really are a great club, and its important we try to encourage new members to join and we try to push our membership up to pre covid levels. So please encourage friends and family to give this great game a try.

Please remember to enter Club Competitions, with prizemoney being reinstated, we have to bring back the £1 entry fee per comp, but I will also be putting a handicap on extra competitions this season to help level up each game. Men's Pairs & Mixed Pairs will now have a handicap as well as Family Pairs & Men's Fours. The entry forms will be on the main competition board in November.

The Quintet will be played this season, it's a great comp, and it really does not matter what level you play at, give it a try.

Weekend closing times have forced us to make the decision to scrap finals weekend, we will instead have a final week, Mon-Thurs and it is hoped Presentation night will be the Friday night.

Quintet week – starts Mon 15th April

Finals Week – starts Mon 22nd April

Please also remember to enter next seasons County Competitions, the more entries we get the more County places we receive, its competitive, but it's always good to have a crack at our Internationals, everyone is beatable!!!

Let us hope we have continued success and I hope you all enjoy your bowls at whatever level you wish to play.

Good Luck and good bowling.

Graham Smith
Club Captain & Competition Secretary.

Family Pairs & Men's Fours Handicap Information

| | PAIRS, MIXED PAIRS & FAMILY PAIRS | MENS FOURS |
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| INTERNATIONAL | -8 | -6 |
| LIBERTY/ATHERLY PLAYER | -7 | -5 |
| DENNY/YETTON PLAYER | -6 | -4 |

FANCY PLAYING IN A SINGLES WITHOUT THE TOP PLAYERS THEN THE RABBIT SINGLES IS FOR YOU. NO CURRENT OR PAST NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER IS ABLE TO ENTER THIS COMPETITION.



COMPETITION RULES

The following rules will apply to both Mens & Ladies, Club and County competitions organised by the Spalding & District Indoor Bowls Club:-

- All normal Singles will be 21 up, no time limit.
- U25 Singles, will be 2 sets of 9 ends. If scores are level, a 3 end tie break will decide the winner.
- 101 Singles and 101 Pairs will be played to a finish, so please try to start on time.
- All other competitions are 18 ends or 1hr 55mins, whichever comes first until the final which is played to EIBA competition rules.
- The timer must be set at 1hr 55mins. The match should commence and the timer started when the first jack is cast and end where the jack is cast before the timer sounds, must be played.

- Failure to attend as a team within fifteen minutes of the scheduled start time shall result in forfeiture of the game to the opponents. (In competition play, you cannot play 1 short).
- Visiting the head is prohibited in all timed games except singles, where players are allowed to visit the head once, only after their third bowl.
- All competitions will use re-spots. If the jack is hit off the side of the rink, it is replaced on the pre-defined spot on that side. A jack hit into the end ditch is played to in the normal manner.
- No trial ends are allowed.
- In singles, the first drawn player must provide the marker.
- No rotation of playing positions within any competition is allowed.
- Competitions should be played on the dates fixed wherever possible. If a game needs to be rearranged, the player/players who DID NOT CANCEL the game shall, within 3 days, offer the choice of 2 dates over the next 2 weeks, one date per week. If there is less than 2 weeks before end of round, 2 dates must still be offered. One date must be accepted within 48 hours, or the game may have to be conceded. The Competition Secretary will have the final decision if no date can be agreed.
- Any person/team failing to attend on the date of the game will be automatically 'scratched' from the competition and his/her opponents awarded the game. If you qualify for a singles final and are unable to play on finals weekend, you will be disqualified and the losing semi-finalist reinstated. The final will not be moved to accommodate. This also applies in the Family Pairs, if no family substitute is available.
- Substitutes will be allowed as in accordance with E.I.B.A. rules. Please consult Club Rules for the use of stickers and for dress code.
- Finals Weekend matches will be in whites.

Mixed Fours

Must be two men and two ladies and can be played in any order. A team may have a maximum of two International, Liberty, Atherley, Denny, Yetton, Egham or Top Club players in the rink. The Competition Secretary will have the absolute discretion over acceptable entries.

Family Pairs

This will be played according to EIBA Family Pairs, except this comp will be handicapped, please see details on flyer. The possible permutations are:

- Husband / Wife / Married Partners / Partners joined by civil union
- Parents / Children (adopted, half and step are included in this definition)
- Grandparents / Grandchildren (adopted, half and step are included in this definition)
- Siblings (adopted, half and step are included in this definition)
- In-laws (only mother, father, brother, sister, daughter and son are included in this definition)
- Immediate Cousins
- Domestic Partners (a relationship between 2 individuals who live together and share common domestic life but are neither joined in marriage or civil union)
- Aunts / Uncles
- Nephew / Niece

County Competitions

All games to decide who qualifies for the Club will be played to the above rules, including re-spots. Successful players are expected to be available to represent The Club in the latter stages organised by the County on specific fixed dates. Failure to attend without adequate reason may result in entry for the following season not being accepted by the Competition Secretary/Committee.

National Competitions & Latter Stages of County Competitions

In all National Competitions or County Playoffs played at Spalding all rink bookings and where an existing rink booking requires cancellation it must be arranged with the External Fixture Secretary. The External Fixture Secretary will book the rink on the SIBC System and with the Complex, he will also contact the League Secretary should a league game need cancelling. It has been the Clubs' policy since 1973, that National & County Play Off Competitors shall play on their desired rink. Every effort will be made to ensure the same league teams are not always affected.