



COUNTY COMPETITION BYE – LAWS

1. The competition draw shall be made by the Honorary Competition Secretary assisted by members of the Executive Council.
2. The first named player is the **Challenger**. The competition draw sheets will include a “Challenge By Date”. Challengers must offer opponents 2 dates, one of which must be a weekday evening and one a weekend. Weekday dates offered must be between 6.00pm and 7.00pm, but may be changed by mutual agreement. Challengers who fail to make contact by the “Challenge By Date” forfeit the right to challenge and the challenged become the challengers, and therefore the game will be played at their club. In the first game of any County Competition players **MUST NOT** be asked to play before the “challenge by Date unless by Mutual agreement.

Should either dates clash with any of the following in which the challenge is playing he/she is entitled to ask for a further date:- Liberty Trophy, Eastern Counties league fixture, also any other Suffolk County, EIBA Competition, EIBA National competitions including Denny Cup, Denny Plate, Yetton Trophy, Yetton Plate, Egham Trophy, and Mens/Mixed County league if any International Bowling Duties.

3. a. All matches must be completed by the date shown on the draw sheet and the result communicated by the winner by either Telephone, Email or Text Message to the Honorary Competition Secretary not later than 24 hours after the match.
b. The score card fully completed, including all players and club names and signed by both competitors, or skips, and must be sent by **First Class Post** to the Honorary Competition Secretary within 24 hours of the game being played. Failure to do so will result in **DISQUALIFICATION** from the competition.
4. The draw for the knockout competitions shall be an open draw when the last 8 (eight) stage of each competition is reached.
5. a. All players, male and Female, will be expected to pay their own rink fees.
b. Competition entry fees shall be decided by the Executive Council each year.
6. a. Any dispute over the interpretation of these by-laws over matters not covered by these by-laws shall be dealt with by the Honorary Competition Secretary.
b. Appeals against his decision may be made to the Executive Council provided they are lodged with the Honorary Secretary, in writing within 24 hours and accompanied by a £5 deposit, which will be refunded only if the appeal is considered justified by the Executive Council.
7. a. Dress for all matches will be:- Men- White shirts, grey trousers with club tie.
Ladies – White top, tailored grey trousers, culottes, or skirt and club waist coats.
Players will be permitted to wear at any stage coloured tops, registered with the EIBA Ltd and subject to the permission of the home club (no ties), brown, white or grey bowling shoes. All team members must be dressed the same.
b. Semi finals and Finals, men Whites, ladies, White tops, white skirt, culottes or

trousers and club waist coats. Coloured tops registered with the EIBA Ltd can be worn. Brown, white or grey bowling shoes. All team members must be dressed the same.

8. RULES OF PLAY (Match Format)

- SINGLES 21 Shots
- U/25 SINGLES 21 Shots
- PAIRS 21 Ends or 4 hours
- TRIPLES 18 Ends or 4 hours
- FOURS 21 Ends or 4 hours
- MIXED PAIRS 21 Ends or 4 hours

All matches excluding singles will be a maximum of 4 hours duration excluding trial ends and extra ends, play must be continuous. The delivery of the jack (from a correct positioned mat) shall constitute the start of an end. An end started before the 4 hour time limit has elapsed must be completed. In the event of a tie, an extra end will be played, and replayed to a conclusion. All dead ends must be replayed. The start and finish time must be agreed by both players/teams from the same timepiece and entered on the score card. If a game is unable to continue due to unforeseen circumstances competitors' must return to complete the game as soon as possible.

Under 25 County Mixed Singles Competition shall be open to BOTH male and Female competitors who have not attained the age of 25 on the 30th of April of the year the final is played.

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