

NORFOLK COUNTY WOMEN'S INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

N.C.W.I.B.A. TRIPLES LEAGUE RULES

1. Home clubs must provide a timer, when playing County League games, which can be pre-set by both captains for 1 hour 55 minutes.
2. The team will consist of 4 triples playing over 16 ends or 2 hours – whichever is the soonest.
3. Captains to toss for possession of the jack before the start of the game, at the same time the opposing captain should match the Home team's score cards with her own, allocating the chosen rink numbers to each set of cards on the reverse side. Each set of score cards is then completed with team names.
4. No trial ends.
5. The first cast shall be made following the whistle/bell which signals all rinks start together and that the automatic timer has been set.
6. A legal cast is determined to have been made as soon as the jack has left the hand of the lead bowler who has taken a proper stance on a correctly placed mat.
7. A jack incorrectly cast by the lead is to be set by the opposing skip once the opposing lead has adjusted the mat if wished.
8. On completion of the time set, no jack may be cast.
9. To save time – any DEAD END must be played from the end where it was killed.
[Passed at AGM 11.6.05]
10. Apart from the Vivienne, Yetton, Atherley Competitions clashing with Triple League dates, matches may not be cancelled or re-arranged for any reason other than inclement weather, **which shall not be more than 24 hours in advance.** The League Secretary must be informed. Should such a cancellation become necessary and the rinks have to be paid for, the cost is to be shared by the 2 clubs concerned.
11. If a club asks if they may re-arrange a game **because matches clash with ladies in National Zone Finals**, their opponents may not refuse. If they are the challengers and their club cannot find the rink space, then they must play at the opponents club. If they refuse, then they must forfeit the points [average of home/away matches as appropriate for the innocent party.][**Amendment passed at AGM2010**]
12. Matches may be re-arranged before the start of the season, but the League Secretary must be advised, in writing, by the club requesting the change.

Please note that County League fixtures should not be arranged on Sundays except by mutual agreement. [AGM 2010]

13. If one club has 2 teams in the same division, then these games must be arranged 1 before Christmas and 1 as soon as possible thereafter. [Passed at AGM 2016]
14. If a team fails to turn up for a match on the date or at the time arranged [subject to the following Rule 15], the offending team shall be responsible for any loss incurred **in respect of all rink fees.**
15. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that her team is on the rink ready to play. MATCHES MUST START ON TIME, but, if the whole team is unavoidably delayed and 1 hours play is still available, the game must proceed. If only 8 [or more] players are available, for whatever reason, the game is to be played. Commence with 2 players on each rink. Order of play – lead, lead, two; lead, lead, two; followed by skips as normal. [New format passed at AGM 2003]. The players arriving late are to fill the gaps in the teams playing short. This means that, once the cards have been completed and the teams have taken their places on the rinks, no changeover of players is allowed.
16. In the event of a player becoming ill or injured during the course of the match and being unable to continue: a) A reserve, if available, and wearing acceptable clothing, is permitted to play at either lead or two. If the skip is the player unable to continue, the number two is allowed to move up and play skip. b) if no reserve is available, then play continues using the system lead, lead, two etc. If it is the skip unable to continue, the number two only will be required to move up and play skip in her place. [Passed at AGM 2017]
17. BECAUSE OF TIME LIMITS, SKIPS CAN ONLY VISIT THE HEAD ON THE LAST END. [Amended Council Meeting 2013]
18. E.W.I.B.A. rules to apply in all other circumstances [including the Non-smoking rule]. Also start time, if a club has in excess of 90 miles to travel, should not be before 11am. [AGM 2012]
19. Dress: Regulation tailored grey skirt/trousers [long, cropped, culottes]. Club blouse. Club cardigan/waistcoat. Brown/grey/white bowling shoes. **If a sub is required because a player is taken ill during the game she must be in regulation dress also.**
20. Rink fees to be paid by each player to your own club whether you are playing at home or away. [AGM June 2002]
21. Refreshments: Tea/Coffee and biscuits to be provided by the Home team and paid for by them.

- 22.**Points: 4 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, 1 point for each winning rink, a half point for each drawn rink. If, at the end of the season, clubs are equal on points, shot difference will determine league placings.
- 23.**RESULTS FORMS to be sent to the League Secretary immediately after the match has been played TOGETHER WITH the Home Team score cards.
- 24.**If a club fails to fulfil their league fixtures, all results relating to the games they have played will be deleted from the league table.
In the event of the cessation of the bowls operation of any club, the County League record of their team[s] already played will be deleted. Those players of a team[s] affected will be eligible to play in the County League at the discretion of another club so joined from the date of cessation.
- 25.**If any winning team refuses promotion to the Premier Division they will not receive any monetary gift or recognition of their achievement and will start the next season with a deficit of 2 games[16 points]. The ensuing vacancy in the Premier Division will be filled by the highest placed team due for relegation. [**Passed at Council Meeting January 2012**]
- 26.**All Club members are eligible for selection for the Triples League, but players may only play for one club and one team only, and must play for the same club in the Club and County competitions.
- 27.**'B' team players may play twice for their club's 'A' team. If they are called on for a third time, they remain in the 'A' team [**Passed at AGM June 2007**]
Amendment: That, when a club has 3 teams, the current rule be amended to allow players to cross over between their other two teams under the same conditions. [**Passed at AGM June 2008**] **Clubs with two or more teams must submit a list of all known players in each team to the County League Secretary at the start of the season.**
- 28.**At the **January 2000 Council Meeting**, delegates voted overwhelmingly in favour of:
- a) A complete fixture list of home and away games to be sent by each club secretary to all the other clubs in the division.
 - b) No games will be re-played during the current season.

28.At the **AGM June 2007:**

When a club cancels their league match for whatever reason, the following system is used to calculate the allocation of points:

The defaulting club gets no points, as at present.

The points allocated to the innocent club will be awarded **at the end of the season**. If it was a home match, they will get the average of the points FOR from all their home matches. If it was an away match, they will receive the average of all their points FOR from all their away matches.

29. At the AGM 2012:

The following proposition by Pinewood Park IBC was passed:

The winner of the Wensum, Thurne and Yare Leagues have a round robin play off at the end of the season. The three winners play each other once and, to make it fair, 2 triples play at home and 2 triples play away. The winners of the round robin are promoted and the team at the bottom of the Premier League is relegated.

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30. At the AGM 2013 Shotford IBC proposed to REVERT BACK to the old system of promotion and relegation. This proposition WAS PASSED.

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31. At a special meeting in March 2015, it was agreed that the Wensum, Thurne and Yare Leagues would revert to two leagues: North and South, so that the County League would now consist of the Premier League, a North League and a South League. The winning teams from the North and South would be promoted to the Premier League and two teams would be relegated from the Premier League, one to the North and one to the South if possible.

League Secretary Kay Carrick

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