

# NORFOLK COUNTY WOMEN'S INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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

1. Home clubs must provide a timer for County League games, this should be set by for 2 hours 25 minutes. Visiting captains can ask to check the timer.
2. The team will consist of 4 triples playing over 16 ends or 2 hours 30 minutes – 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.
10. Apart from National Team 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)
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.
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.
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 hour 30 minutes 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. 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.
17. Because of time limits the skip may only visit the head on the last end.
18. E.W.I.B.A. rules to apply in all other circumstances. Also start time, if a club has in excess of 90 miles to travel, should not be before 11am.
19. Dress: Visitors must adhere to the rules laid down by the home Club. If a sub is required, because a player is taken ill during the game, she must be in acceptable dress.

20. Rink fees to be paid by each player to your own club whether you are playing at home or away.
21. Refreshments: Tea/Coffee and biscuits may 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. RESULTS FORMS and RINKS CARDS must be e mailed or posted to the League Secretary immediately after the match has been played. If sent by e mail the Rink Cards must be kept by the team captain until the end of the season
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. 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.
26. '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 When a club has 3 teams players may cross over between their other two teams under the same conditions. **Players playing for teams other than the team they are registered for must be highlighted on the Rink Cards.**
27. 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 before their first match.
28. A complete fixture list of home and away games to be sent by each club secretary to all the other clubs in the division.
29. 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.  
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.
30. Participating Clubs will be divided into TWO Divisions; Premier Division and Division One. The top 2 teams from Division 1 will be promoted to the Premiership and the two bottom teams in the Premiership will be relegated to Division 1.