

**KENT COUNTY LADIES INDOOR  
BOWLING ASSOCIATION**



**COMPETITION RULES**

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## RULES FOR SINGLES, PAIRS, TRIPLES AND FOURS COMPETITIONS

1. Entries will ONLY be accepted when submitted through the Club Secretary.
2. The entry fee, closing date of entries and the date of the County Finals will be advised at the time of entry.
3. Method of payment of rink fees will be agreed within individual areas. The majority of clubs in the area must agree with the method to be adopted.
4. In all competitions, the challenger shall offer her opponent the choice of TWO dates, one of which must be a weekend or weekday evening." No game shall commence before 9.30am unless by mutual agreement. Other times may be offered but only if agreed by both players/teams. These dates must be offered not less than 14 days before the closing date of the opening round, or within 5 days after the closing date of the previous round to exclude Bank Holidays. In the event of this not happening the 2<sup>nd</sup> named becomes the Challenger and shall offer their opponent the appropriate 2 dates at their own club or in the competition area. When dates are offered, the arrangement must be confirmed within 72 hours and any arrangements made must be adhered to. If the opponent has previously arranged to play a National Championship on one or both of the two dates offered or is on International Duty, the Challenger is required to offer alternative dates. Do not offer dates where there is conflict with either Kent League games or KCLIBA matches. When challenged, being on holiday is not sufficient reason for demanding alternative dates. If a competitor fails to comply with these rules, the Competition Secretary will have authority to disqualify the defaulter.
5. Games at weekends shall not commence before 9.30am unless by mutual agreement. No game should be arranged after 6.00 pm. All games to be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, First Edition (Revised)
6. "There will probably be sufficient entries to divide each competition into two sections, in which case, the winner of Section A will play the winner of Section B in the Final.
7. Semi-Finals will be played as a round of the competition on the challenger's green. The Final will be played on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Officers. Whenever possible this information will be advised at the time of entry.
8. Substitution: As per the relevant Rule in the current EIBA Year Book. No substitutes will be allowed for finals.
9. The length of each game shall be 4 hours duration to exclude trial ends. Play must be continuous. The winner of the toss prior to the start of the match shall have the option to either take the mat or give it to their opponent on the first end only. The delivery of the jack (from a correctly 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 to be agreed by both players/teams from the same timepiece and entered on the scorecard. On completion of the game the Competition Secretary should be notified of the result by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours of the completion of the game. **If e-mailing the results please give all players names and score and retain your score cards. If telephoning, the winning cards signed by both skips, should then be sent as soon as possible.**
10. In a Singles competition the challenger must provide a competent marker.
11. Any disputes shall be referred to the Competition Secretary whose decision shall be final.
12. **Dress** for the early rounds of the competitions shall be greys, and whites for the final as per EIBA Rules.
13. The game shall be 21 ends for Pairs and Fours. 18 ends for Triples.

14. **If you are unable to play on the County Finals Day please withdraw as soon as this becomes apparent.**
15. Stickers will be provided for the Finals.

#### RULES FOR SENIOR/JUNIOR PAIRS COMPETITION

1. Entries will ONLY be accepted when submitted through the Club Secretary.
2. Costs, closing date of entries and the date of County Finals will be advised at the time of entry.
3. All competitors are expected to pay their own rink fees. Method of payment of rink fees will be agreed within individual areas. The majority of clubs in the area must agree with the method to be adopted.
4. Qualification for Entry
  - (i) Entries may be all female or mixed, provided that one member of the pairing is over the age of 8 and under the age of 18 by the 31 December following the date of entry.
  - (ii) Both competitors in the pairing must be members of the same club affiliated to KCLIBA.
  - (iii) Family related pairings are permitted, but are not essential.
  - (iv) The female of the pairing must submit the entry by a mixed pair.
  - (v) In order to conform to the KCLIBA's Child Protection Policy, consent of parents/guardians must be obtained for entry into this competition by those over the age of 8 and under the age of 18. The consent form is part of the official entry form, which should be submitted to the KCLIBA Competition Secretary.
  - (vi) **Entries by all male pairings are NOT permitted**
5. Each round of the competition shall have a closing date. The Challenger shall offer their opponent a choice of two dates, one of which must be an evening or weekend, if requested by her opponent. Other times may be offered but only if agreed by both players/teams. These dates must be not less than 14 days before the closing date of the opening round of the competition, or within 5 days, after the closing date of the previous round, to exclude Bank Holidays. In the event of this not happening the 2<sup>nd</sup> named becomes the Challenger and shall offer their opponent the appropriate 2 dates at their own club or in their area. When dates are offered, the arrangement must be confirmed within 72 hours and any arrangements made must be adhered to. If the opponent has previously arranged to play a National Championship on one or both of the two dates offered or is on International Duty, the Challenger is required to offer alternative dates. If a competitor fails to comply with these rules, the Competition Secretary will have authority to disqualify the defaulter. No game shall start before 9.30 am (unless by mutual agreement) or after 6.00pm pm. All games to be played under the current "Laws of the Sport of Bowls, English Version" Indoor Bowls – First Edition (Revised)."
6. If there are sufficient entries to divide the competition into two sections, the winner of Section A will play the winner of Section B in the Final. If there are only a small number of entries, then the competition will be played countywide up to the Final.
7. Semi-Finals will be played as a round of the competition on the challengers green. The Final

will be played on County Finals Day, and this information will be advised at the time of entry.

8. The length of each game shall be 21 ends or 4 hours duration to exclude trial ends. Play must be continuous. The winner of the toss prior to the start of the match shall have the option to either to take the mat or give it to his opponent on the first end only. The delivery of the Jack (from a correctly 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 scorecard. On completion of the game the Competition Secretary should be notified of the result by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours of the completion of the game. If e-mailing please give all players names and score, and retain your score cards. If telephoning, the winning cards signed by both skips, should then be sent as soon as possible.
9. Any disputes shall be referred to the KCLIBA Competition Secretary whose decision shall be final.
10. Dress for the early rounds of this competition shall be greys, and whites for the final as per EIBA Rules.
11. Stickers will be provided for the Final.

#### RULES FOR VALANNDOR SHIELD COMPETITION

1. Any Club affiliated to the KCLIBA may submit one entry. Players taking part must be full playing members of that Club. Clubs may change their teams between rounds but players may only play for one Club in any one season.
2. Entries will **ONLY** be accepted when submitted through the Club Secretary.
3. The closing date for entries and the date of the Valannor Final will be advised at the time of entry.
4. The entry fee shall be as recommended by the Executive Committee at the preceding AGM.
5. The competition shall be played on a knockout basis comprising of four rinks from each Club – two rinks playing at home and two away, on the same day, and whenever possible, at the same time. No game shall commence before 10.00am or after 4.00pm unless mutually agreed.
6. Clubs shall arrange all rounds up to and including the semi-finals. The organising Committee shall arrange the final.
7. Each round shall have a closing date. The challenging Club shall offer two dates (not in the same week) within not less than 21 days before the closing date of the opening round, and thereafter within 48 hours after the closing date of the previous round, unless already arranged. In the event of a date not being agreed, the challenging Club shall decide the playing date. **A CHALLENGE MUST BE ACCEPTED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF ITS RECEIPT.**
8. Games shall be 4 hours duration to exclude trial ends. Play must be continuous. The delivery of the Jack (from a correctly 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 scorecard.
9. If within a period of 30 minutes from the time fixed for the game a single player is absent from one or more teams in a side game of four players in each rink, in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls, the game shall proceed but,
  - (i) in the defaulting team, the number of bowls shall be made up by the lead and second players playing three bowls each
  - (ii) one fourth of the total shots scored by each team comprising three players shall be deducted from their score at the conclusion of the game. Fractions will be taken into account.

10. The rinks to be used shall be allocated by the home Club and the draw to decide who plays on which rink shall be made by the visiting skips or their representatives in the presence of an umpire or competent person.
11. The captains at each venue shall toss for the right to decide whether to play first or give the mat away on the first end only. They should also toss for the right to decide whether to play first or give the mat away for the extra end.
12. One extra end shall be played by a designated rink on the challenging Clubs green immediately after 21 ends have been completed. The result of this end shall determine the final result in the event of a draw. The captain/representative of the challenging team shall choose which rink shall play the extra end. The relevant card must be marked before the draw takes place. If the rink selected to play the extra end does not complete its twenty-one ends within the four-hour time limit and the result after this time is a draw, the same rink will play the extra end to reach the final score.
13. Dress for all rounds shall be whites with white/club coloured shirt, plus white/coloured waistcoat or cardigan and white regulation shoes. Sandals are not allowed except for medical reasons, when a doctor's exemption letter will be required together with permission from the KCLIBA.
14. Players should use their club stickers. Clubs to use their own stickers for finals day.
15. The home Club shall pay green fees, offer hospitality and provide a competent person to officiate. An umpire will be provided for the final.
16. On completion of the game, the Competition Secretary **MUST** be notified of the result by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours of the completion of the game. The winning cards, signed by both skips, must then be sent as soon as possible.
17. The winning Club shall hold the Valandor Shield until 1<sup>st</sup> April of the following year. The shield must then be returned to the KCLIBA Competition Secretary.
18. The Competition shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls First Edition (Revised)  
All bowls must bear a legible stamp for 1985 or later.

#### RULES FOR TWO-WOOD ROUND-ROBIN PAIRS and TRIPLES COMPETITIONS

1. Entries will ONLY be accepted when submitted through the Club Secretary.
2. If an entrant belongs to more than one Club she may only enter any County Competition from one and the same Club.
3. Cost of entry, which includes green fees, and the closing date for entries, will be advised at the time of entry.
4. The venue, date and time of the Competition will be advised at the time of entry.
5. Groups will be dependent on the number of entries. Each team will play three games. Each session will consist of 55 minutes or 10 ends. The winners of each group will go on to play on a knockout basis down to the last two pairs/ triples, who will then go on to play on County Finals Day in the Final.
6. Points will be awarded to determine the highest scores in each group.

2 points for a win  
1 points for a draw

In the event of a tie, the team with the highest shot difference will go through.

7. There will be no trial ends. One shot will be awarded on the first two ends of the first game only.
8. If a jack is improperly delivered, it will not be returned. Instead the opposing skip will place the jack where she wishes and the mat may be moved.
9. There will be no visits to the head. Both skips must leave the head together when it is their turn to bowl
10. "No ends" will be counted as an end played without penalty.
11. A bell will be rung 5 minutes before the end of each session. The jack must be delivered and centred before the bell is sounded.
12. Dress: Whites, with white or coloured club shirts/waistcoats/ cardigans, and white, grey or brown regulation shoes. The Semi-Finals and Final will be Whites with white or coloured club shirts/waistcoats/cardigans and white regulation shoes (no sandals).
13. Stickers will be provided for the Final.
14. The Final will be played on County Finals Day – Trial ends and 15 ends with the time limit in line with other competitions. .

#### RULES FOR UNDER-18 and UNDER -25 SINGLES COMPETITIONS

1. Entries will ONLY be accepted when submitted directly through the Under 25's Secretary.
2. In order to qualify for entry, a competitor must be under the age of 18/25 on 31<sup>st</sup> December following the date of entry.
3. Dress will be greys, with club shirts if appropriate.
4. The format for play will be determined once the number of entries is known.
5. Losing players will mark one game.
6. Each match will be 21 shots or a maximum of 1¼ hours.
7. The games on the day will be up to and including Semi Final stage.
8. Stickers will be provided for the Final.
9. The final will be played on County Finals Day.

#### ATHERLEY TROPHY

County shirts must be worn for all Atherley and County matches.

It is no longer a requirement to have played in KCLIBA matches in the previous season to be eligible for Atherley selection.