

# CLUB RULES

1. The Club shall be known as “The City and County of Bristol Indoor Bowls Club Limited”.
2. The object of the Club shall be to promote and foster the game of indoor bowls by:  
Organising leagues, umbrellas, domestic competitions and friendly matches.  
Entering teams in National, County & League Competitions.
3. The Club shall be affiliated to:  
English Indoor Bowling Association.  
Somerset County Indoor Bowling Association.  
Somerset County Women’s Indoor Bowling Association.

## Membership

4. Potential new members may play at the club on three separate occasions before they must decide whether to join the club.
5. Associate Member status may be granted to non-playing friends or family of members who show a keen and continuing interest in the sport of bowls. Two members are required to support each application and subsequent board approval is required prior to this category of membership being authorised.
6. Subscriptions are due on 1 September of each year.

## Administration

7. Disputes must be notified to the Management in writing whose decisions shall be final.
8. The on-duty management has full control of all matters concerning the letting of rinks, the collecting of monies and ensuring compliance with Club Rules.
9. The Bowls and Social Committee shall carry out the administration of all bowling matters including the promotion of bowls and fixture list coordination.
10. The Bowls and Social Committee may recommend alterations and amendments to Rules for ratification by the Board of Directors.
11. Any member may submit requests for changes in writing to the Committee.
12. Subject to rule 14 below, all players playing for a league team must have paid their subscriptions for the current season and be registered to play for that team prior to the start of a game.
13. Subject to rule 14 below, if a team plays an unregistered player or a person who has not paid their annual subscription, the opposition will be awarded 2 points and a 5 shot to 0 win.
14. Rules 12 and 13 are not applied until 30 September after which date the rules will be strictly enforced.
15. The use of “pool players” can be permitted by any league team up to three times per season. These players may be called upon by League Team Secretaries if otherwise they would need to cancel a match due to a temporary lack of registered team players. Pool player use must be notified to reception in advance of the league match. Pool players may not play as skip.

16. No player can be registered as a team member after 31 January in a season.
17. The sessions start times will be 10.00, 12.00, 14.00, 16.00 and 19.00. The end of session bell will sound 7 minutes before the end of each session. The 16.00 session will finish at 18.00. A one-hour break will then be available between 18.00 and 19.00 for coaching, one-hour roll ups or the start of national or county competitions.
18. If evening back-to-back games are required to be played, then these must commence at 18.00 and not 19.00 in order to finish no later than 22.00.
19. Rinks booked for games and roll ups are confined to the stated sessions. No bookings can be taken to play games which run into two sessions except where these are for competitions which will exceed the two-hour duration.

## **20. Rink Allocation Priority.**

National Competitions (club matches)  
National Competitions (club members' matches)  
Wessex League  
Somerset League  
County Competitions  
Fixed Date League Matches  
Club Competitions  
Umbrellas  
Coaching  
Casual Players

## **21. Dress Code**

For league matches, all players should wear the same shirt although a club shirt (old or new) may be worn instead of a team/white shirt.

Any clean, coloured flat soled shoes may be worn on the green.

Sandals are not allowed except for medical reasons when a doctor's exemption letter is required.

Jeans of any colour must not be worn but black tracksuit bottoms similar to the EIBA cashel pants may be worn. The discreet wearing of plain black leggings is permitted. Discreet is defined as "careful not to cause embarrassment or attract too much attention". Wearing leggings with a long shirt, a skirt or shorts are examples that meet this definition.

Please refer to the EIBA's dress code when playing national competitions.

### ***Men's League Matches***

Collared shirt - either team colour, club shirt or white. Black or grey trousers, black or grey EIBA/Bowls Manufacturer or tailored shorts.

### ***Ladies League Matches***

Collared shirt - either team colour, club or white shirt. Black or grey trousers/regulation skirts/cropped trousers, black or grey EIBA/Bowls Manufacturer or tailored shorts.

### ***Club Friendlies***

Club shirt, black trousers/regulation skirts/cropped trousers, black EIBA/Bowls Manufacturer or tailored shorts.

### ***Competition Finals***

Collared shirt - either team colour, club or white shirt. Black trousers/regulation skirts/cropped trousers, black EIBA/Bowls Manufacturer or tailored shorts.

### ***Roll Ups and Umbrellas***

As for men's and ladies league matches.

## **22. Other bowling rules**

For guidance on the use of pushers and rink safety – refer to Bowling Activities, Section 6 in the handbook.

The changing rooms must be used for storage of all bowls bags and for changing. No changing elsewhere is allowed.

The eating of food or consumption of liquids on the green is not permitted.

Consumption of liquids is confined to the lounge area and the rink-side (nearest sitting out area).

Consumption of food is confined to the lounge area and Function Room.

The use of glycerine or rose water is not permitted.

The use of hand warmers is not permitted.

Pen markers are not allowed on the green.

Mobile phones must be set to vibrate or silent on entry to the club. The use of mobile phones for any purpose is not allowed on the bowls carpet. If necessary mobile phones may be used in the lounge area.

Any player not complying with the above may be suspended for one month, forfeit the competition match and their opponents awarded 2 points and a 5 shot to 0 win.