

Swansea Indoor Bowls Ltd

Men's Tournaments 2023/24

The rules and format of the 2023/24 tournaments are set out below.

Under 25 Singles

The Competition Secretary will make every effort to accommodate these matches within the playing schedules on the dates set aside for the Open Tournaments. Games will be first player to 21 shots. There will be **2** qualifiers for the nationals.

Open Singles

Games will be first player to 21 shots. Matches will be scheduled W.I.B. entry dates. There will be **4** qualifiers for the nationals.

Open Pairs

Games will be 21 ends or 4 hours play whichever comes first. Matches will be scheduled to meet W.I.B. entry dates. There will be **4** qualifiers for the nationals.

Open Triples

Arrangements/Play will be as per the Open Pairs except for game duration which will be 18 ends or 4 hours whichever comes first. There will be **4** qualifiers for the nationals.

Open Fours

Arrangements/Play will be as per the Open Pairs. There will be **4** qualifiers for the nationals.

Over 60s Singles, Over 60's Pairs, Over 60's Fours & Over 50's Triples

Arrangements/Play will be as per their Open counterpart. There will be **2** qualifiers in each competition for the nationals.

DRAW/PLAYING SCHEDULE

The Draw & Playing Schedule will be posted on the Stadium Tournament Notice Board and club website at least 5 days before the commencement of the Tournaments. All rounds for all tournaments **MUST** be completed on or before the due date displayed. The Competition Secretary reserves the right to alter dates and times to the Tournament draw, but will in all circumstances do so in plenty of time and will contact the affected competitors.

SUBSTITUTES

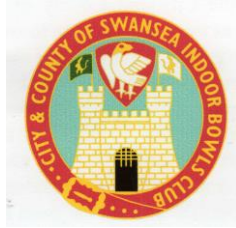
In Pairs, Triples & Fours 1 substitute will be allowed provided he has not already played in the competition. The substitute can play in any position and is available for all rounds.

LATE ARRIVALS

All participating players should be present at the commencement of a match. In the event of a player being absent at the designated start time a period of 15 minutes shall be allowed. If after 15 minutes the player has not arrived a substitute can play. If no substitute is available the match shall be awarded to the opponents. Matches with a delayed start will not have any time extension and will finish at the time designated.

DURATION

All matches to be played 'bell' to 'bell' or the ends specified whichever comes first. No allowance is to be made for a match starting late due to the rink being occupied.



In Pairs, Triples and Fours matches Leads/Seconds/Thirds cannot visit the head until all their bowls have been delivered. Skips may only re-visit the head prior to delivering their final bowl.

DRAWN MATCHES

Any Match played outside the Tournament Schedule i.e. brought forward by the players themselves, which finishes with the scores level at the end of the designated ends/playing time will be decided on count-back to the previous end with NO extra end being played. **This applies to brought forward matches only.** All matches played as per the Tournament Schedule's designated time & date ending with the scores level **will** play an extra end to decide the outcome.

DEAD ENDS

All stadium competition matches will adopt the BIIBC format regarding dead ends. This means that in the case of the jack going off the side of the rink the jack will be placed on the nearest re-spot mark. Any jack driven over the ditch to be replaced on the 'T'.

WITHDRAWING FROM A GAME

If you withdraw your name or names from any competition match that has been drawn **both teams will still have to pay the rink fees.**

DRESS CODE

For matches up to and including the Semi-Finals the dress code shall be bowls tops, grey trousers and appropriate bowling shoes. For all finals the dress code shall be bowling tops, white trousers and appropriate bowling shoes.

ENTRY FEES

Entry fees are

- £7 per singles entry (* includes rink fee for 1st match)
- £10 per pairs entry
- £15 per triples entry
- £20 per fours entry.

No Tournament entries will be accepted without the appropriate fee.

ALL ENTRY FEES TO BE PAID BY CARD.

RINK FEES

Rink Fees payable before commencement of match are:

- **£4 per player per game** for all Singles *
- **£5 per player per game** for all other matches.

ALL RINK FEES TO BE PAID BY CARD.

Closing date for entries is **6:00 p.m. Monday 9th October** after which time the draws will be made. No further entries will be accepted after the draw.

Any queries/disputes should be brought to the Competition Secretary's attention with the relevant details at the earliest opportunity in order for him to make an informed decision.

Men's Competition Secretary, Swansea Indoor Bowls Ltd