

CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

STADIUM RULES FOR ALL INDOOR AUTUMN/WINTER LEAGUE MATCHES

1. Individuals who participate in the Autumn/Winter leagues must be a member of the City & County of Swansea Indoor Bowls Club (herein after referred to as 'the Club') and have paid the relevant membership subscription fee for the season in question AND the (non-refundable) £1 per person per team league registration fee.
2. Each team participating in any league will be required to provide the Club with the names and membership numbers of those individuals they wish to register to their team. Failure to do so will result in the team being withdrawn from the League. Should a team subsequently wish to add an eligible player for registration purposes they must notify the Duty Officer BEFORE the player participates in a match and the league registration fee should be paid at the same time
3. A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 14 individuals must be registered in respect of each team.
4. Players may only transfer to another team ONCE during a playing season. The exception being a team withdrawing from the league. ALL transfers to be notified to the relevant League Secretary in writing – and only then subject to Club rules.
5. No individual may register to play for more than one team participating in the same League (i.e. Division 1 and Division 2) on the same day and same session. Point 6 will be invoked should this situation arise.
6. Teams fielding an un-registered player will forfeit 2 points and 10 shots in respect of each breach
7. The scoring points will be awarded accordingly: 2 points for a win; 1 point for a draw.
8. Where an odd number of teams are participating in a league, teams will be given a bye for which they may be awarded 2 points and 10 shots – depending on the given league format.
9. Team positions within the Leagues shall be determined by the overall points and thereafter shot difference then shots scored. In the event of all three being equal, positions shall be determined on the league match result(s) between the teams involved on the same basis
10. Based on the above scoring system, promotion and relegation will take place at the end of each half of the season where applicable. Ordinarily, this will be 2 up/2 down – depending on the number of teams in each division.
11. A team having three players at the commencement of a game must start play at the scheduled times. A fourth player may be admitted up to 30 minutes after the game's commencement. The players must have reported to the Duty Officer within this time. 25% of the score at the time the fourth player joins will be deducted or, if only three players see through the game, 25% of the total score must be deducted and clearly marked on the scorecard
12. A team will be allowed 15 minutes grace in order to raise a team (i.e. a minimum of three players), after which, they will have been deemed to have lost the game (0 points and 10 shots against) with the opposing team being awarded a win (2 points and 10 shots in their favour).
13. In the event of teams withdrawing completely from any league after the commencement of the season all recorded scores for the team withdrawing will be removed from the league table.
14. Matches will commence on the hour between 10am – 8pm in keeping with the Club's published start times – and be of two hours' duration. It is the responsibility of each team member to familiarise themselves with the start times of their given matches in keeping with the details posted on the relevant notice board and the Club website.
15. A member of each team must report to the Duty Officer before the scheduled start time and pay by card, the relevant advertised green fees. Teams who cannot attend, for whatever reason, must

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notify the Stadium Manager\Duty Officer **AND** their Opponents and will still be required to pay the relevant green fees within 7 days of the date of the scheduled match (see point 18 below)

16. All matches must take place on the day/time designated as per the details posted on the relevant notice boards and Club website. The re-arrangement of matches other than by the relevant League Secretary is not permissible.
17. Prior to each match, teams will be provided with a scorecard detailing: the name of their opposition; rink number and date. Teams **MUST** ensure that the names of the individuals representing their team are clearly noted on the scorecards
18. If a match is conceded in advance, the opposing team will automatically be declared the winner and will be awarded the relevant points together with 10 shots. It is not a requirement for the opposition team to attend in such circumstances. However, it is the duty of the team conceding the fixture to notify the opposing team AND the Duty Officer as soon as possible (at least 24 hours' notice). **THE DEFAULTING TEAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY THEIR RELEVANT GREEN FEES PRIOR TO THEIR NEXT SCHEDULED MATCH.**
19. Teams on a 'rota match off' will be awarded 2 points and 10 shots.
20. At the conclusion of the match, both teams must check each other's scorecards and agree the final score. Where anomalies occur, the Duty Office will determine the result based on his/her best endeavours. His/Her decision will be final
21. Scorecards should be placed in the relevant box in the green (to the rear of rink 2) upon conclusion of the match. Cards which are not returned at the conclusion of the match will see the score on the opposition card being entered into the result table.
22. A bell will ring 5 minutes before the end of each game. An end in progress shall be completed. If the jack has been delivered before the bell has been rung, the end is deemed to have started. If the jack is miscast it shall be recast as per the laws of the game
23. In the event of the jack being hit off the rink, it will be replaced at one of two predefined points on the rink which are level with the 2m "T" and half-way between the centre line of the rink and the edge of the rink, before the next bowl is delivered or the end decided. If the jack is hit off the rink to the right, it will be repositioned on the right predefined point and so on. When the predefined point is occupied, the jack will be repositioned at the nearest available position along the line between the predefined points and the centre line of the rink, but not touching an obstructing bowl. If the jack when driven passes outside the confines of the green (over the back of the rink) it shall be re-spotted on the centre "T"
24. There shall be no trial ends
25. Repeatedly running on the green or using foul and offensive language will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Offenders will be reported immediately to the relevant League Secretary who will in turn put the matter before the Board for a decision to be made.
26. Players participating in the Leagues must be suitably attired at all times; i.e. coloured or predominantly white bowls shirts above the waist (shirts to have sleeves) and regulation bowls trousers, skirts or shorts below the waist. No crops, jeans or cutdowns; regulation flat smooth soled bowling shoes to be changed into on arrival. Any other form of attire/footwear is prohibited.
27. Disputes should be put in writing to the relevant League Secretary who will in turn put the matter before the Stadium Board for a decision to be made.