

**Indoor Bowls By-laws****1 Competition**

The competition will be held under the relevant International Federation, which in this instance is the World Indoor Bowls Council (WIBC) and licensed by the Scottish Indoor Bowling Association (SIBA).

**2 Island Representation****2.1 MEN**

Singles 1 competitor  
 Pairs 2 competitors  
 Fours 4 competitors

**WOMEN**

Singles 1 competitor  
 Pairs 2 competitors  
 Fours 4 competitors

Dependant on entries an overall team competition and a triples competition may be included.

**2.2 Event restrictions**

Minimum Number of entrants, per island is 1.

The Maximum Number of entrants, per island, is 14 – that is 7 men and 7 women.

(No island will be able to enter the same player in both singles and pairs. However, such players could be included within the fours team

**3. Testing of Bowls**

3.1 No Random testing of bowls. All bowls must bear a World Bowls Board (WBB), or World Bowls (WB), stamp for the current year (05), or later, in accordance with the current law and must bear an individual and distinguishing mark on each side. Each country will be provided with coloured stickers. Bowls may be checked before start of competition.

3.2 Challenges to bowls must be made in accordance with the requirements of the Joint Laws of the Sport.

**4. Reporting**

Competitors will be asked to report 30 minutes before the advertised start time and register at the appropriate table.

**5 Competitions****5.1 Singles - Men's and Women's**

5.1.1 Each competitor shall play four bowls singly and alternately in accordance with WIBC Laws.

5.1.2 The winner of each game shall be the first competitor attaining 21shots up or the leading score within the agreed time limit. (Shots in excess of 21 shall not count) If played in sections all competitors shall play each other in the group. 2 points for a win; 1 point for a draw.

- 5.1.3 The winner of each group in the singles shall play for the Gold and Silver medals. The Runner up in each group shall receive a bronze medal.

**5.2 Pairs - Men's and Women's**

- 5.2.1 Two competitors, a lead and a skip, shall play four bowls each, the lead playing first, and then the skip as defined in the WIBC Laws.
- 5.2.2 It is anticipated matches shall be a maximum of up to 21 ends or agreed time limit, and, depending on the number of entries, each team will play each other team in the group.
- 5.2.3 In each game teams will be awarded two points for a win and one point for a tie and the team gaining the highest number of points in all their games will be the winner of their group in the Pairs competition.
- 5.2.4 The winner of each group in the Pairs Competition will play for the Gold and Silver medals. The Runners-up in each group shall receive a bronze medal.

**5.3 Fours - Men's and Women's**

- 5.3.1 A Fours team shall consist of four competitors, each playing two bowls singly and in turn, commencing with the lead, followed by the second, third and skip, as defined in the WIBC Laws.
- 5.3.2 It is anticipated matches shall be a maximum of up to 21 ends or agreed time limit, and, depending on the number of entries, each team will play each other team in the group.
- 5.3.3 In each game teams will be awarded two points for a win and one point for a tie and the team gaining the highest number of points in all their games will be the winner of their group in the Fours competition.
- 5.3.4 The winner of each group in the Fours Competition will play for the Gold and Silver medals. The Runners-up in each group shall receive a bronze medal.

**6. Competition Procedures**

**6.1 Slow Play**

**6.1.1 Singles**

No player shall visit the head until after their third bowl.

**6.1.2 Pairs**

No player shall visit the head until after the skips second bowl.

**6.1.3 Fours**

Leads and seconds cannot visit the head.

**6.2 Substitutions/Replacements**

A substitute will not be allowed in the Singles competitions; however, substitution will be permitted in the Pairs and Fours competitions, at the discretion of the Jury of

Appeal who must be satisfied that the player to be substituted is genuinely unable to play.

- 6.2.1 A substitute must be a member of the original named seven.
- 6.2.2 If a competitor in a singles game is unable to complete any game already commenced, his/her opponent shall be awarded the point for that game.
- 6.2.3 The opponent shall, at the completion of the Round Robin, be credited with the average shots margin of all matches completed by the competitor defeated by default. The team/player receiving the point(s) for the walkover shall also be awarded the net shots margin of all matches completed in that round of the competition.
- 6.2.4 The substitute competitor shall not be permitted to play in the position of "skip" unless the Jury of Appeal deems the regular competitor unable to return to play; in that case the substitute shall become the regular competitor and may play in any position.

**6.3 Trial Ends**

Two trial ends will be allowed for all games, but only two bowls per competitor, if time permits.

To be confirmed.

**6.4 Bell/Toss**

- 6.4.1 A bell is to be rung five minutes before the time fixed for starting each session.
- 6.4.2 Competitors may use this time to complete their trial ends within a reasonable time frame.
- 6.4.3 The "skips" in the Pairs and Fours, and the competitors in Singles shall toss to decide who shall play first – the winner of the toss to have the option at the first end. In all subsequent ends the procedure will be as per the Laws of the Sport.

**6.5 Lateness**

Any player or team arriving at the green after the official starting time shall forfeit the points for that game. The team/player receiving the point(s) for the walkover shall also be awarded the average net shots margin of all matches completed in that round of competition.

**6.6 Time Limit**

If games are played on a time limit basis there will be a signal at 10 minutes to go **and** 5 minutes to go. An end in progress when the 5-minute bell sounds will be completed but no NEW end shall be started after this bell, only if the end is made 'dead' should the end be replayed.

**6.7 Signing of Final Card**

- 6.7.1 The final scorecard shall be signed by both competitors and the marker in the Singles

matches; for Pairs and Fours, the card will be signed by the skips. It shall then be returned to the Umpire who shall countersign the card.

6.7.2 On completion of their game, players must leave the Rink and retire to the player's seating area.

Only competitors competing in that particular session will be permitted on the Green.

**6.8 Dress**

Competitors to wear white polo shirts with their island's name printed on the back.

White or grey trousers for men; white or grey trousers or skirts for women.

Grey, brown or white flat smooth-soled bowling shoes.

All competitors in a team shall wear same colour/design of clothing for a game.

Lockers will be provided for the storage of players personal effects.

**7. Protests, Appeals and Arbitration Procedures**

A Jury of Appeal shall be approved by the Technical Committee for the purpose of deciding upon any points not provided in the conditions of play, and/or dealing with any appeals from decisions made by umpires and/or the organising committee.

**Note: Additional By-laws for Bowling will be added to the Operational Guidelines as and when a Member Island nominates it as one of their approved sports.**