

## **RULES: INTER CLUB LEAGUE**

- (a) Each competing Club will be represented by four rinks of "Four". Two rinks of "Four" playing at home and two rinks of "Four" playing away at a simultaneous time if possible. Participating players will be full members of their respective Club.
- (b) The draw will be made by the Executive Committee or appointed sub-committee.
- (c) Play will be on a Saturday morning on fixed dates, commencing at 10.00am. However, in exceptional circumstances and with the express permission of the Inter Club Secretary matches may be played at different times and /or on different days. Dress Code is greys.
- (d) The Executive Committee will decide on the number of divisions which will form the League and the number of Clubs in each Division. This may be reviewed annually. Clubs may apply to enter more than one team in the League but must be able to accommodate all their home rinks simultaneously. New teams will initially be placed in the lowest Division.
- (e) Points in each game will be awarded as follows:-
  - 6 points awarded for an overall team win
  - 3 points awarded for a tied game
  - 2 points awarded for each winning rink
  - 1 point for a drawn rink
  - Total maximum points possible is 14
- (f) In the event of two or more Clubs ending the competition on equal points the higher placed Club will be the one with the greater shot difference. Should a number of matches be cancelled for health reasons (eg Covid; eg ventilation deficiencies), league positions will be determined for each club on an average points won per match played basis.
- (g) At the conclusion of each season there will be promotion and relegation between the top and bottom teams in each Division.
- (h) By entering the competition you implicitly agree that your Club **will play all** competition matches prior to the Finals Day as shown in the County fixtures schedule (unless match cancellations are due to genuine significant health issues (eg Covid; eg ventilation deficiencies)).

Fixture dates may be re-arranged by mutual agreement between the Clubs and the Competitions Organiser must be advised in good time by both Clubs of any change.

Should the Clubs mutually agree that a match cannot be played then no points will be awarded to either Club [but Condition 2(m) also applies]. **[see below\*\*]**

All disputes will initially be referred to the Competitions organiser and if required a selected committee will be convened to make a final determination.

Where there is evidence of persistent intent by a Club not to play their fixture(s) the Executive Committee reserves the right to suspend such Club(s) from the competition.

- (i) Clubs with "A" and "B" teams must register a minimum of 16 players for each team. Players registered for the "A" team cannot play for the "B" team. If Clubs have "A" and "B" teams in separate divisions in any season "B" team players may play a maximum of 2 matches for the "A" team without compromising their eligibility to continue playing for the "B" team. Should a "B" team player play 3 matches for the "A" team he automatically becomes an "A" team player and can no longer play for the "B" team.

If a Club has “A” and “B” teams in the same division then players can play for one side only throughout the season.

- (j) In the event that a Club withdraws from the competition during the season then all points earned against the defaulting Club will be rescinded.

(k) Late results Submission (League matches) - Deduction of points gained

Scores (including all detail sufficient to update League tables) must be received by the relevant League Co-ordinator within 72 hours of the conclusion of the match concerned.

The Result Sheet for the current season must be completed and is the prime notification medium for reporting results for League matches.

The preferred method of reporting is email with a copy of the Result Sheet attached.

Where postal services are relied on instead, the result must also be phoned in within the permitted period stating overall match score in terms of shots, and also stating number of rinks won, drawn, lost.

In the absence of a timely submission of a match result by one of the two teams, initial updates to the League Tables may use the Opposition's Result submission for both teams.

However, failure by a team to comply with the time limit stated will result in any points accredited to the Offending Team's record for the match concerned being deducted, and further being recorded as Penalty points. “Shots for” will also be deducted, but “Shots against” will stand.

**\*\*2(m) [DCIBA COMPETITION RULES] (also applies):-**

With the exception of matches being cancelled for significant health issues (eg Covid; eg ventilation deficiencies) the following applies:-

In respect to all Team Competitions if a scheduled game is cancelled then the team cancelling shall within 5 days of cancellation offer to their opponent at least two alternative dates one of which shall be accepted within 72 hours.

If the team cancelling the game does not offer alternative dates within the 5 day period then the opponent shall offer at least two dates one of which shall be accepted within 72 hours.

If an agreement on date cannot be reached then initially this will be referred to the Competitions Administrator and if required a select committee will be convened to make a final determination.

**11. QUESTIONS & DISPUTES [DCIBA COMPETITION RULES] (also applies):-**

All questions and disputes will be referred in the first place to the Officer in charge of the competition concerned but if necessary will be referred to an Emergency Committee in order to provide a resolution.

Any question or dispute arising in respect of a match must be submitted in writing (this can be by email) to the Officer in charge of the competition within 24 hours of the match completion.