



## **YBA Marshall Shield Competition 2024**

### **Rules & Playing arrangements**

The YBA Marshall Shield Competition is a men's rink inter club competition, open to all YBA affiliated clubs. Clubs may have an unlimited number of team entries. All players will be members of the same club and play their county/national competitions from that club. If a club enters more than one team, players can only play for the team that they represent in the first match. They may not play for any other team.

A team shall consist of three rinks of four male players, and the game shall be played over 18 ends, with an additional two trial ends. It will not be permissible to play with less than twelve players.

The draw for the Marshall Shield will be an open draw with matches up to and including the quarter finals being played on the green of the home club (the 'challenger') on the YBA published fixed dates. Where the mileage exceeds 160 miles round trip, club post code to club post code, matches will be played on a neutral green midway between the clubs. Any disputes will be resolved between the relevant Zone Competition Secretaries with any final decision beyond that falling to YBA Marshall Shield organiser, Steve Wilson. Matches taking place on a week day shall not start before 18.30hrs, unless by mutual agreement. Matches taking place at the weekend or on a bank holiday shall not start earlier than 10.30hrs.

The semis and finals will be played at a single location on a fixed date as directed by the YBA Marshall Shield organiser, Steve Wilson details to be confirmed.

If rink fees are payable these will be paid for by the challenger, unless it is a neutral venue when the fees will be shared evenly between the two teams.

The challenger is responsible for providing either an umpire (or competent person to act as an umpire).

Each game will start with a toss of the coin to establish the control of the jack on the first end and a further toss of the coin for the choice of which rink will play the extra end in the event of a tie at the end of the match. The winner of each match will be decided based upon the total aggregate score of all three rinks. If the aggregate score is tied at the end of the match an extra end will be played by the elected rink. Extra ends will be played until a result is achieved.

Results of each match to be forwarded to Steve Wilson ([steve.wilson1629@gmail.com](mailto:steve.wilson1629@gmail.com) or 07908 050912) within 24hrs of the conclusion of the event..

Dress code will be greys and club shirts until the semi-finals and final, where white will be worn below the waist. All entries must be made to the YBA Marshall Shield organiser by noon on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.