

## SIBA RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1. LAWS OF THE SPORT OF INDOOR BOWLS - CURRENT EDITION

All matches played under the control of the SIBA will be governed by the Laws of the Sport – Crystal Mark Third Edition including approved variations as detailed in this publication. Any modifications to the Laws must be approved by the World Governing Body (IIBC) before the SIBA can introduce such modifications.

### 2. TRIAL ENDS

One Trial End shall be played each way in all games under the control of the SIBA. The trial ends must be played within the stipulated duration of the game. Trial Ends may, if agreeable to both sides, be dispensed with in the case of late starts.

### 3. LAST END OF MATCHES

**In all SIBA Competitions (National Championships and Scottish League matches) the last end will be signalled to players five minutes before the end of the specified time period. Any end, when started before the five minute bell, shall be played to a conclusion. An end will be deemed to have started, when the mat has been properly laid, and the jack delivered from the leading player's hand, from a proper stance on the mat.**

### 4. RESPOTTED JACKS

- a) In the event of the jack being hit off the rink it will be replaced at one of two pre-defined points on the rink which are in line with the 2metre T mark 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 pre-defined point and so on. When the pre-defined point is occupied, the jack will be repositioned at the nearest available position along the line between the pre-defined point and the centre line of the rink, but not touching an obstructing bowl.
- b) The jack when hit into the ditch within the rink width will remain in play and not be repositioned.
- c) Any bowl leaving the confines of the rink (except on delivery) and not a live toucher in the ditch will be deemed to be dead and immediately removed.
- d) A live rebounding jack, within the confines of the rink, but is less than a minimum of 20 metres from the mat, will be repositioned at the appropriate pre-defined point.
- e) Should the jack leave the confines of the rink behind the rear ditch it will be repositioned on the 2metre T mark.
- f) In the event of a Dead End being created due to a function of the Laws of the Sport such as Bowl Displacement then the Crystal Mark Laws of the Sport rules should be followed.

### 5. LOCAL CONDITIONS AFFECTING LAW 4 of the LAWS OF THE SPORT – CRYSTAL MARK EDITION

When a player is engaged in an organised club tie on the dame day, and at the same venue, as a SIBA event is to take place the provisions of Law 4 shall not apply. However every effort should be made to avoid a player playing on a rink they have already played on that day.

### 6. UMPIRE – APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES

Each club shall be responsible for the provision, where possible, of a qualified umpire at all home games with the exception of the Semi Finals and Finals of the National Championships, and other games as defined by the SIBA.

### 7. SCORE CARDS

- a) Score Cards, properly completed and giving the names of all players, the time of completion of the game and signed by skip, or player in singles, must be handed to the umpire who, at the end of the game, will be responsible for seeing that the proper action for their disposal is taken. In all cases involving a Team Game the Umpire will ensure that the overall result is agreed and accepted by an Official of both competing Teams and that the appropriate Match Score Sheet reflects the correct result.
- b) The Club hosting the event shall ensure that immediately after the match the appropriate Match Score Sheet is dispatched, within 24 hours, to the appropriate representative of the SIBA Competitions Committee.
- c) Clubs may, if desired, electronically submit the Match Score Sheet but MUST retain possession of the Score Cards until the end of the current season.

## 8. DISPUTE

Any question or dispute which may arise in connection with any game, and which is not settled by the Officiating Umpire must be:

- a) Telephoned to the Secretary of the Competitions Sub-Committee within 24 hours of the completion of the game in which the question or dispute arose.
- b) Confirmed in writing and sent by recorded delivery to the Secretary of the Competitions Sub-Committee within three days of the dispute arising.

In the case of a dispute arising between players, the Secretary of the Competitions Sub-Committee shall call a meeting of the Competitions Sub-Committee, together with the officiating umpire, and in a dispute between clubs, one representative from each club with the officiating umpire, shall be called for the meeting.

## 9. DRESS - GENTS

### a) Major Events

Dress for Designated Officials, Players, Umpires and Markers will be predominantly white collared shirts or SIBA approved coloured shirt, white cardigan or pullover (if worn), white flannels, **white shorts**, white socks, white belt and approved bowling shoes. (Any headgear if worn must be white) at:-

(i) Semi Final and Final Stage of the National Singles, National Junior Singles, National Under 18 Singles, National Under 21 Singles, National Two Bowl Pairs, National Four Bowl Pairs, National Triples and National Fours. **(Team coloured trousers or shorts may also be worn)**

(ii) British Isles Indoor International Series (Team coloured trousers **or shorts** may also be worn)

(iii) British Isles Indoor Bowls Championships (Team coloured trousers **or shorts** may also be worn)

### b) Other Events

Dress for Office Bearers, Council Members, Players, Umpires and Markers will be predominantly white collared shirt or SIBA approved coloured shirt, white cardigan or pullover (if worn), grey or black flannels **or shorts** and brown, black, grey or white regulation bowling shoes (Any headgear if worn must be white) at all other games under the direct control of the SIBA.

All Players in the team must wear the same colour of shirt and **trousers or shorts**

## 10. DRESS - LADIES

### a) General Dress Rules

(i) A skirt, where worn, must have two pleats back and front

(ii) Trousers, where worn, must be smart ankle length, parallel legged, high waisted tailored trousers

### b) Major Events

Dress for Designated Officials, Players, Umpires and Markers will be predominantly white collared tailored blouse or poloshirt, or SIBA approved coloured shirt, white cardigan, waistcoat or bowling jacket (zipped or unzipped), white or cream skirt, **shorts, skorts** or white or cream trousers and approved bowling shoes (any headgear if worn must be white) at:-

(ii) Semi Final and Final stage of the National Singles, National Junior singles, National Two Bowl Pairs, National Four Bowl Pairs, National Triples and National Fours. **(Team coloured trousers or shorts may also be worn)**

(iii) British Isles Women's Indoor International Series (Team coloured trousers **or shorts** may also be worn)

(iv) British Isles Women's Indoor Bowls Council Championships – each discipline to be unified in dress. [Internationals classed as one discipline] (Team coloured trousers **or shorts** may also be worn.)

### c) Other Events

Dress for Office Bearers, Council Members, Players, Umpires and Markers will be predominantly white collared tailored blouse or poloshirt, or SIBA approved coloured shirt, white cardigan, waistcoat or bowling jacket (zipped or unzipped), grey or black trousers or skirt **or shorts**, white trousers or skirt or approved team coloured trousers or skirts and approved regulation bowling shoes (Any headgear if worn must be white) at all other games under the direct control of the SIBA.

All Players in the team must wear the same colour of shirt **and skirt, trousers or shorts**.

## 11. DRESS - GENERAL

### a) Rosettes

In all games under the direct control of the SIBA, where both teams are playing in white shirts, coloured rosettes or tabs will be worn. These must be displayed on the left upper segment of the player's shirt, pullover or cardigan.

### b) Umpires

Ladies participating or umpiring in any game under control of the SIBA will, in general, conform to the dress code in the ladies section of the handbook, however should a lady umpire be officiating at a match, or playdown where white trousers are being worn the lady shall wear a white skirt or white trousers.

### c) SIBA Approved Coloured Shirts

SIBA Approved Coloured Shirts can be worn in all National Championship matches, Scottish League Matches, and Scottish Senior League Matches. Clubs may attach / print their own club badge on the left breast. Sponsorship logos may be attached / printed on the right breast, right sleeve or below the collar on the back of the shirt.

### d) Officials at Internationals and British Isles Championships

(i) Officials on Duty – White or Cream (or Team Coloured) Skirt or Trousers, SIBA Blazer, and white tailored shirt or blouse

(ii) Officials in Attendance – Grey or Black (or Team Coloured) Skirt or Trousers, SIBA Blazer and white tailored shirt or blouse

(iii) Officials on Duty during play – White or Cream (or Team Coloured) Skirt or Trousers, SIBA approved Poloshirt and SIBA approved jacket

## 12. PLAYER RESTRICTIONS

### a) Registration

The period of registration will extend from 1<sup>st</sup> September up to and including the 31<sup>st</sup> August in the following year. All players must be registered with the Club of their choice before the 1<sup>st</sup> October each season and such registration shall be valid for the whole Indoor Season. Players are free to change their registration to another Club of which they are playing members in the following season.

### b) Representation

Players will only be allowed to represent one Club in National Leagues, National Championships and any other Competition under the direct control of the SIBA in any one season and that club will be the club with whom that player has chosen as their Club of Registration.

### c) Qualification

Players who are playing members of more than one club in Full or Restricted membership of the SIBA will be allowed in the same season, to represent one club and play qualifying events for National Championships at either their Club of registration or another Club but not at both clubs.

### d) Competitions

The SIBA Competitions classified as National Championships are:-

Singles, Ladies Singles, Junior Singles, Ladies Junior Singles, Two Bowl Pairs, Ladies Two Bowl Pairs, Four Bowl Pairs, Ladies Four Bowl Pairs, Triples, Ladies Triples, Fours, Ladies Fours, Senior Singles, Senior Pairs, Senior Triples, Senior Fours, Scottish Team Championship, Ladies Senior Singles, Ladies Senior Pairs, Under 18 Singles and Under 21 Singles..

Other SIBA Competitions in which a player can only represent one club during the indoor season are:-

Scottish Gents League, Scottish Ladies League, Scottish Gents Knockout Cup, Scottish Ladies Knockout Cup, Scottish Senior Fours League and Scottish Senior Knockout Cup.

e) Players may play in only one of the following competitions – Senior Singles, Senior Pairs and Senior Triples, Ladies Senior Singles and Ladies Senior Pairs.

## 13. PENALTY CLAUSE

a) If a player or a team fail to play at any time without satisfactory explanation their team may be penalised by any of the following punishments –

i) Financial Penalty which will be used to offset their opponents' expenses.

ii) A Points Penalty incurred as determined suitable by the SIBA Executive Committee.

iii) Relegation or Removal from the League programme.

iv) Failure to be allowed to play in the same competition in future years.

b) In the event of a disqualification the player, or team, immediately beaten by the disqualified player, or team, shall participate in the next round.

- c) If a club field an ineligible player in a Knock Out competition they shall be disqualified and in a League Match they will be deemed to have lost 32 – 0 for the **Gents or Seniors League and 24 – 0 for the Ladies League.**

#### 14. RINKS

- a) In all competitions run by the SIBA, rinks must be set out in such a way that the boundary pegs of all outside rinks MUST be placed at least 46cm from the side edge of the green. Rinks will then be set out at a minimum width of 4.6metres. NB in the case of FOUR RINK GREENS, which cannot meet this standard, the rinks will be set out with the boundary pegs of the outside rinks, set 46cm from the edge of the green. The remainder of the green will be divided into four rinks of equal width.
- b) Competitors should not be charged rink fees when competing on neutral venues. The scale of repayment of rink fees will be determined by Council and payment will be made to relevant clubs.

#### 15. AGE RESTRICTIONS

- a) National Junior Singles  
All players competing in the event must be under 25 years of age at the 30<sup>th</sup> September of the playing season. **For Season 2021/2022 only this will be increase to under 26 years of age at the 30<sup>th</sup> September.**
- b) Scottish Under 18 Singles  
All players competing in the event must be under 18 years of age as at the 30<sup>th</sup> September in the playing season. **For Season 2021/2022 only this will be increase to under 19 years of age at the 30<sup>th</sup> September.**
- c) Scottish Under 21 Singles  
All players competing in the event must be at least 18 years of age and under 21 years of age as at the 30<sup>th</sup> September in the playing season. **For Season 2021/2022 only this will be increase to under 22 years of age at the 30<sup>th</sup> September.**
- d) Senior Events  
National Senior Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Ladies Senior Singles, Pairs, Senior Scottish Knockout Cup and Senior Scottish League Cup – All players competing in any of these events must have celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### 16. LATE START / GAME INTERRUPTIONS / DEFAULTS

- a) In the case of two competing teams being present and ready to start at the approved starting time, and not being able to do so, due to circumstances which can in no way be attributed to either of the competing teams, then the game shall be deemed to have a 'late start' and shall consist of the number of ends and length of time as per the rules of that competition.
- b) Where a 'late start' as provided for in paragraph (a) is necessary this should be agreed jointly by the senior officials present from both clubs and the umpire(s). Any such decision shall be made known clearly to Team Managers, or Captains, and players at the start of play, and control of the timing of the game will be the responsibility of the umpire(s). Where a 'late start' is allowed under the above conditions then all rinks should start at the same time.
- c) In the case of National Championship play-downs where a 'late start' may only be required on a single rink, any decision on such a 'late start', as provided for in paragraph (a) will be made by the member of the Competitions Sub-Committee on duty and notified to the host club Officials, Players and Umpire(s) before, or as soon as possible after play has commenced.
- d) In the event of any unforeseen interruption, out with the control of the event organiser after any competition, game or match has started and, subsequently abandoned, the score at the time of the interruption shall stand. This rule will only apply if 11 ends have been completed in a match or 11 ends in all rinks in a team match. If 11 ends have not been completed then the match requires to be restarted.
- e) In the event of any unforeseen default by one specific rink during a team match then the result of that rink will be based as follows –
- i) If the defaulting team is winning or losing by less than 8 shots then the score will be awarded as a 8-0 win to the non-defaulting team.
  - ii) If the defaulting team is losing by 8 shots or more then the result at the time of the default will stand. This rule will only apply if 11 ends have been completed in a match or 11 ends in all rinks in a team match. If 11 ends have not been completed then the match requires to be replayed.

## 17. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) All ties in competitions under direct control of the SIBA must be played at the time and on the date fixed by the Association, unless prior permission for a change of time and/or date has been granted by the SIBA. The SIBA shall place no restriction on clubs relating to the playing of domestic competitions other than requirements on stamping of bowls.
- b) Entries to the National Junior Singles, National Under 18 Singles and National Under 21 Singles, National Senior Singles, National Senior Pairs, National Senior Triples and National Senior Fours, Ladies National Singles and Ladies National Senior Pairs are subject to specific age restrictions.
- c) Clubs will be permitted two entries in the National Junior Singles, National Under 18 Singles and National Under 21 Singles events.
- d) No player may compete in more than two British Isles Championships in the same season.
- e) Players must be fully paid up and be registered members of the club they represent.
- f) Players who participate in the first tie will constitute the official entry.
- g) Substitutes in National Championships, will only be allowed after the Competitions Sub-Committee have been informed of the reason for the substitution request and have approved the request. If substitution is necessary due to family bereavement, medically certificated illness or International Duty, then the original player may play in subsequent rounds, otherwise the substitute must continue throughout the remainder of the competition and the player who was substituted cannot play again in the competition in that season.
- h) When a substitute has been authorised under Sub-Clause (f) then any player may act as the substitute as long as he complies with the Sub-Clauses under the heading "National Championships".
- i) No Substitute will be authorised for Singles Competitions run by the SIBA.
- j) All National Championship ties must be played with the appropriate full complement of players.
- k) Any competitors failing to be ready at the agreed time will be allowed 30 minutes to be on the green ready to play.  
On the expiry of the time period if the competitor(s) is/are not ready to play then the tie is automatically forfeited.
- l) Competitors other than members of the host club who are taking part in normal club competitions are prohibited from practice on the green, or greens, staging play in all events run under the control of the SIBA during the twenty four hours prior to the commencement of any playdowns.
- m) Where a team is scheduled to play in a later session on the day of a playdown and the prospective opponents are playing in the earlier session then practice will be allowed provided that:-
  - (i) There is a rink available that is not the rink scheduled for the later game
  - (ii) Players arrive in sufficient time for such practice to be arranged
  - (iii) Any practice must be completed before the end of the current session.
- n) At the major finals of the SIBA (classified as the National Singles Finals event, the National Finals Event and the National Senior Finals event) rule 16l) will be suspended and all competitors will be allowed a practice session on the evening prior to the competition starting. Clubs hosting these events should allow enough rink space to allow competitors to have at least one hours practice time.

## 18. LENGTH OF MATCHES FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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| a) | SINGLES and LADIES SINGLES                 | 21 Shots or 4 Hours  |
| b) | JUNIOR SINGLES and LADIES JUNIOR SINGLES   | 21 Shots or 4 Hours  |
| c) | UNDER 18 SINGLES and UNDER 21 SINGLES      | Qualifying – Variable dependant on entries<br>21 Shots or 4 Hours at Semi Final and Finals |
| d) | FOUR BOWL PAIRS and LADIES FOUR BOWL PAIRS | 21 Ends or 4 Hours   |
| e) | TRIPLES and LADIES TRIPLES                 | 18 Ends of 4 Hours   |
| f) | FOURS and LADIES FOURS                     | 21 Ends or 4 Hours   |
| g) | SENIOR SINGLES and LADIES SENIOR SINGLES   | 21 Shots or 3 Hours  |
| h) | SENIOR PAIRS and LADIES SENIOR PAIRS       | 17 Ends or 3 Hours   |
| i) | SENIOR TRIPLES                             | 15 Ends or 3 Hours   |
| j) | SENIOR FOURS                               | 17 Ends or 3 Hours   |

NB – The Semi Final and Final of the Senior Singles and Ladies Senior Singles will be played over 21 Shots or 4 Hours, the Senior Pairs, Ladies Senior Pairs and Senior Fours competition will be played over 17 Ends or 4 Hours and the Senior Triples will be played over 15 Ends or 4 Hours.

- k) TWO BOWL PAIRS and LADIES TWO BOWL PAIRS
  - i) The game will consist of the best of two sets of nine ends per set. The winner of each set will be the team with the most shots at the completion of the 9th end. If at any point it becomes impossible for one

player to draw or win the set given the number of ends remaining then no more bowls will be delivered and the set concluded.

- ii) If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set is drawn. If a match is tied (two drawn sets or one set each) after the two sets have been competed, a best of three ends match tie breaker will be played to determine the winner.
  - iii) In the 3 end Tiebreak only the winner of the end will matter and not the number of shots scored.
  - iv) Should the match Tiebreak still be tied after 3 ends (eg a No Shot has been scored) then a fourth end will be played to determine the outcome of the match. This fourth Tie Break end will be played as a normal end with all bowls being played.
  - v) The winner of the toss will have the choice of delivering the jack or playing the last bowl at the beginning of the first set only. The person who loses the toss will have the choice of delivering the jack or playing the last bowl at the beginning of the second set only.
  - vi) A further toss will take place if the match moves to the 3 end Tiebreaker. The person winning this toss will have the choice of delivering the jack or playing the last bowl in the first and third ends. The person losing the toss will have the choice of delivering the jack or playing the last bowl in the second end.
  - vii) Should a fourth end be required then a further toss will take place with the winner having the choice of delivering the jack or playing the last bowl in that end.
  - viii) In all ends subsequent to the first in each set, the winner of the previous scoring end shall deliver the jack.
- l) **SCOTTISH MASTERS**  
Best of 2 Sets of 9 Ends with a best of three end Tiebreak if required.  
The format of play will be as laid down by the World Bowls Tour without Shot Clock rule and the respotted jack rule will apply to all ends of the match including the tie break.

## 19. LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

League Competitions include SIBA Scottish Gents League, Scottish Ladies League and Scottish Senior Fours League.

- a) Gents - In all League competitions clubs are expected to field four rinks of four players. Should a team be unable to field 16 players then they will be permitted to play three players against four players on each rink of the match. Each rink that plays as three players against four players will be deducted 25% of their final score. Ladies – In all League competitions clubs are expected to field three rinks of four players. Should a team be unable to field 12 players then they will be permitted on one occasion to play three players against four players on one rink of the match. The rink that plays as three players against four players will be deducted 25% of their final score.
- b) Should a match start as four players against four and finish as three players against four players (eg due to a player leaving the green through illness) then the 25% penalty will be enacted from the first end that the match was contested as a three against a four.
- c) Gents - If at the end of the 30 minute period of grace a team has less than twelve players the non defaulting side will be awarded the match thirty-two shots to nil. Ladies - If at the end of the 30 minute period of grace a team has less than eleven players the non defaulting side will be awarded the match twenty four shots to nil. The Competitions Sub-Committee have powers to make an exception in the case of adverse weather conditions.
- d) The winning team will be awarded two points. One point will be awarded for a draw. All league matches will be played on an overall total shots basis. When fixtures are completed, should two teams top their section on equal points, then shots up will determine the section winner. Should the shots up totals be the same then the aggregate result of the fixture(s) involving the tying clubs shall decide.
- e) In the event of matches during the Knockout stages of the competition ending with the scores tied, then each four will play one extra end. The end will be played in the opposite direction to the last end played of each rink. Should the extra end still leave the scores tied then extra ends will continue to be played until a winner emerges. The Team captains shall toss for the choice of jack at each extra end. Should the extra end, on any rink, be declared dead/burned then the end will be replayed by that rink only, in the same direction. Any additional extra ends will be played from alternate ends.
- f) Should clubs, for any reason, fail to take part in a scheduled league match the Competitions Sub-Committee may, should they deem the circumstances warrant it, apply a further penalty on that club in addition to the points and shots penalty awarded against them in Rule 15(e). Penalties open to the Competitions Sub-Committee are as laid out in Rule 13a). Such penalties will be notified to the SIBA Executive Committee for approval and the Secretary of the club concerned will be informed within 48 hours of any report course of action being agreed by the SIBA Executive Committee. Should any club default for a second time contact should be



made with the offending club to ascertain their circumstances and advise them that any future occurrence in that season would result in them being withdrawn from the league and any results removed from the records. The club concerned may appeal against such penalty to the SIBA Disciplinary and Appeals Committee and such appeal must be lodged, in writing, with SIBA Secretary no later than 72 hours after notification of the penalty is given. The decision of the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee will be final.

- g) Gents - If a club fields less than 16 players on more than one occasion then they will be treated as per rule 18f). Ladies - If a club fields less than 12 players on more than one occasion then they will be treated as per rule 18f).

## **20. SCOTTISH GENTS LEAGUE and SCOTTISH LADIES LEAGUE**

- a) All games will consist of 21 ends or 4 Hours duration, whichever is shorter and shall be played on a Saturday commencing at 2pm except the Final, which shall be played at a time nominated by the SIBA.
- b) Any deviations from the normal starting time must be agreed upon by both teams at least five weeks before the date of the game, and the Competition Secretary of the Association must be notified within 48 hours of the change. The Competition Secretary shall thereupon make immediate contact with the members on Selection Duty, if appropriate, and advise them correctly.
- c) The Scottish League Cup will comprise the following Divisions:-  
Premier Division – Two sections of six with no geographical considerations  
First Division – **Three sections of five teams split into Regional Sections**  
Second Division – The remaining clubs will be split into Regional Sections based on best format considered by SIBA Executive Committee
- d) The bottom club from each section in the Premier Division of the Scottish Gents League will be relegated to the First Division. The second bottom club from each section in the Premier Division will play the second placed teams in the First Division with the winners of these games and the winners of each First Division section going into the Premier Division the following season. The bottom club from each section in the First Division of the Scottish Gents League will be relegated to the Second Division. The winners of each Second Division section will be promoted to the First Division. Other Play Offs may be required dependant on the number of Second Division sections.
- e) The Scottish Ladies League will comprise the following Divisions:-  
Premier Division – Four Sections split on a geographical basis based on the best format considered by the SIBA Executive Committee.  
First division – **The remaining clubs will be split into Regional Sections based on best format considered by SIBA Executive Committee**
- f) The bottom club from each section of the Premier Division will be relegated to their geographical Division One section and be replaced by the winner of that section. The winners of the Premier Division Sections will play off to decide the League Champions.

## **21. SCOTTISH KNOCKOUT CUP AND SCOTTISH LADIES KNOCKOUT CUP**

- a) **All games in the Gents KO Cup will consist of 17 ends or 3 Hours duration, whichever is shorter and all games in the Ladies KO cup will consist of 15 ends or 3 Hours duration, whichever is shorter.**
- b) All games shall be played on a Saturday commencing at 2pm except the Final, which shall be played at a time nominated by the SIBA.
- c) **Any deviations from the normal starting time must be agreed upon by both teams at least one week before the date of the game, and the Competition Secretary of the Association must be notified within 48 hours of the change. The Competition Secretary shall thereupon make immediate contact with the members on Selection Duty, if appropriate, and advise them correctly.**
- d) **The Gents KO Cup will be played with 16 players split into 4 rinks of four players. The Ladies KO Cup will be played with 12 players split into 4 rinks of three players.**
- e) Each match in this competition will be played out of 10 points. Scoring shall be 2 points per winning rink with 2 points for the highest overall score. If a rink match ends as a draw then both sides will receive 1 point as will also be the case if the overall score ends as a draw.
- f) Should teams be equal on points at the **completion of the match** then an extra end shall be played on all four rinks. The Extra End will be treated as the start of a new match and will be based on 2 points per winning rink with 2 points for the overall score as per in Rule 21b). Further extra ends will be played if required until a winner is declared and all of these will be treated in the same manner as the first Extra End.

## 22. SCOTTISH SENIOR FOURS LEAGUE AND SCOTTISH SENIOR KNOCKOUT CUP

Matches in these competitions shall consist of 17 ends or three hours duration, whichever is the shorter, with the exception of the final and Senior League Play Offs, which shall be played over 17 ends or four hours, whichever is the shorter. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) under LEAGUE COMPETITIONS and paragraph (b) and (c) under SCOTTISH KNOCKOUT CUP shall apply to the Scottish Seniors Knockout Cup.

**The Scottish Senior Fours League and Scottish Senior Knockout Cup competitions are “Open” events meaning both Gents and Lady players who have reached sixty years of age will be allowed to participate.**

## 23. SCOTTISH TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

a) Each Match in this competition will consist of:-

Singles Player	Either a Lady or a Gent
Mixed Pairs	One Lady and One Gent
Mixed Triples	One Lady and Two Gents or Two Ladies and One Gent
Mixed Fours	Two Ladies and Two Gents

All Clubs MUST be represented by complete teams in all rounds.

b) **The number of ends and time duration for each discipline will be as follows –**

<b>Singles</b>	<b>First to 21 shots or 3 hours time limit, whichever is shorter</b>
<b>Pairs</b>	<b>17 ends or 3 hours time limit, whichever is shorter</b>
<b>Triples</b>	<b>15 ends or 3 hours time limit, whichever is shorter</b>
<b>Fours</b>	<b>17 ends or 3 hours time limit, whichever is shorter</b>

c) Two points will be awarded to the winner(s) of each event within the competition. In the event of the score in any one of the Individual mixed events being level at the end of the allocated time, or number of ends, one point will be awarded to each team. In the eventuality of there being equality in points, shot difference will apply. Should this also prove to be equal then the team, which won the singles event will be declared the winner. In the event of the Singles ending in a draw, after the **three** hour time limit, an extra end, or ends will be played until a winner is decided.

d) In all Team Championship matches a draw will take place, immediately prior to commencement of play, to determine the rinks on which each discipline will play.

In the case of the Final the SIBA Competitions Sub-Committee may carry out the draw in advance.

## 24. SCOTTISH UNDER 35 CUP

a) **Teams will consist of 8 players and will play as 2 rinks in anyone match.**

b) **The competition will be “Open” consisting of Ladies, Gents or Junior Players. There is no restriction on the composition of each team with as many (or as few) ladies being part of each team as the club should wish.**

c) **All players should be Under 35 years of age by the 30th September in the current season. There is no minimum age limit to participate in this competition.**

d) **All games in this competition will consist of 17 ends or 3 Hours duration.**

e) **Each match in this competition will be played out of 6 points. Scoring shall be 2 points per winning rink with 2 points for the highest overall score. If a rink match ends as a draw then both sides will receive 1 point as will also be the case if the overall score ends as a draw.**

f) **Should teams be equal on points at the completion of the match then an extra end shall be played on both rinks. The Extra End will be treated as the start of a new match and will be based on 2 points per winning rink with 2 points for the overall score as per in Rule 21b). Further extra ends will be played if required until a winner is declared and all of these will be treated in the same manner as the first Extra End.**

g) **Teams should ask their players to dress smartly for all matches in this competition.**

## 25. VENUES

For all team events the SIBA reserve the right to alter venues for geographical reasons or to prevent a team from playing on their own green. The only exception to this rule is that the Gents and Ladies League Final will be tied to the green of the respective President or its substitute if the green is not considered suitable to hold such an event.

The SIBA National Singles Finals Event and SIBA National Finals Event will be hosted by the SIBA Gents and Lady Presidents club or geographic area as determined best by the SIBA Executive Committee.



## **26. PRIZES AND PHOTOGRAPHS**

- a) The SIBA will try to have a Photographer in place for all National Finals, and each club will be responsible to order and pay for photographs, directly with the Photographer.
- b) Team Events (Other than the Scottish Ladies League, Scottish Ladies Knockout Cup, Scottish Team Championship and **Scottish Under 35 Cup**): The SIBA will provide a 20 winners badges and 20 runner up badges. The SIBA will also provide a cheque to the club that wins the title and also to the club that finishes as Runner Up. Additional badges can be purchased by clubs. In the Scottish Ladies League and Scottish Ladies Knockout Cup 14 winners badges and 14 runner up badges will be supplied and in the Scottish Team Championship 12 winners badges and 12 runner up badges will be supplied **and in the Scottish Under 35 Cup 10 winner badges and 10 runner up badges will be supplied.**

## **27. COMPETITION WITHDRAWALS**

Any club having entered a National Competition and subsequently withdraws from that competition giving less than four week's notice to the Competitions Sub-Committee, or fails to appear at any event, shall be subject to a 'warning' being issued that a similar withdrawal from the same competition in a future season will result in a refusal to accept entries for that competition for up to two seasons from that club.

## **28. STAMPING OF BOWLS**

Law 9(b) bias of bowls

The approved working reference bowl shall have a bias approved by the World Bowls Ltd, and the World Indoor Bowls Council. All bowls shall have a bias not less than that of the approved working reference bowl, and shall bear the imprint of the stamp of World Bowls Ltd.

For all events which come under the control of the SIBA and all qualifying events at Indoor level, composition bowls will only require to be re-tested and re-stamped if the date stamp is not clearly legible or there is no clearly legible serial number.

(IBB, WBB and WB stamps only) (Not BIBC Stamp)