SIBA RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR 2025/2026 SEASON

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 Fourth 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. Trial ends may, If agreeable to both sides, be dispensed with in the case of late starts.
In matches run by the SIBA the following rules will apply –
Three Hour Time Limit matches – The trial ends will be played outside the allocated time.
Four Hour Time Limit matches – The trial ends will be played within the allocated time.

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 2metrte 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 obstruction 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 20metres 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 (Law 4 of the Laws of the Sport): PRACTICE ON RINK

When a player is engaged in an organised club tie of the same 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 games they host for the SIBA.
The SIBA Competition Secretary will work with a host venue for National Finals; British Isles and World events to appoint appropriately qualified umpires.

7. SCORE CARDS

a) Score Cards, properly completed and giving the names of all players, the time of completion of he game and signed by the skip, or player in the 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 Tam 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 sent online within 24 hours to the SIBA Competitions Secretary.
c) Clubs should retain possession of the Score Cards until the end of the current season.

8. 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 as a minimum width of 4.6metres. NB in the case of FOUR RINK GREEENS, 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.

9. PLAYER RESTRICTIONS

a) Registration

The period of registration will extend from 1st September up to and including the 31st August in the following year. All players must be registered with the Club of their choice before the 1st 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 who 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 in all clubs that they are a member of.

d) Clubs who have lost the use of their Facility

Any club who is deprived of the use of their playing facility can play in the National Championships and Scottish League events for one further season. If a club in this position only remains in the National Championships, then the players who represent that club will be allowed to play for another club in the Scottish League and Team Knockout competitions.

e) Competitions

The SIBA run competitions classified as follows –

(i) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Gents and Ladies Singles	Gents and Ladies Junior Singles
Gents and Ladies 2 Bowl Pairs	Gents and Ladies 4 Bowl Pairs
Gents and Ladies Triples	Gents and Ladies Fours
Senior Gents and Senior Ladies Singles	Senior Gents and Senior Ladies Pairs
Senior Gents Triples	Senior Gents Fours
Under 18 Singles	Under 21 Singles
Mixed Pairs	Mixed Triples
Mixed Fours	

(ii) SCOTTISH LEAGUES

Scottish Gents League	Scottish Ladies League
Scottish Seniors League	

(iii) TEAM KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

Scottish Gents Knockout Cup	Scottish Ladies Knockout Cup
Scottish Senior Knockout Cup	Scottish Team Championship
Scottish Under 35 Cup	

10. AGE RESTRICTIONS

a) National Junior Singles

All players competing in the event must be Under 25 years of age at the 30th September of the playing season.

b) Scottish Under 18 Singles

All players competing in the event must be Under 18 years of age as at the 30th September in the playing season.

c) Scottish Under 21 Singles

All players competing in this event must be Under 21 years of age as at the 30th September in the playing season.

d) Senior Events

Senior Gents National Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours; Senior Ladies National Singles and Pairs; Scottish Seniors League and Scottish Senior Knockout Cup – All players competing in any of these events must have celebrated their 60th birthday.

e) Under 35 Cup

All players competing in the event must be Under 35 years of age as at the 30th September in the playing season.

11. DRESS CODE

a) GENTS

Dress for all SIBA competitions will be as follows:

(i) Predominantly white collared shirt or SIBA approved coloured team shirt
(ii) White or Coloured trousers or shorts
(iii) Approved bowling shoes
(iv) In team events all members of the team should wear the same colour of shirt and trousers/shorts.

b) LADIES

Dress for all SIBA competitions will be as follows:

(i) Predominantly white collared shirt/blouse or SIBA approved coloured team shirt/blouse
(ii) White or Coloured skirt, trousers, shorts or skorts.
(iii) Approved bowling shoes
(iv) In team events all members of the team should wear the same colour of shirt/blouse and skirt/trousers/shorts/skorts.

c) OFFICIALS

Dress for all SIBA competitions will be as follows:

(i) Predominantly white collared shirt/blouse or SIBA poloshirt
(ii) White or Coloured skirt, trousers, shorts or skorts.
(iii) Approved bowling shoes
(iv) SIBA Officials can wear SIBA Blazer to any event.

d) UMPIRES

Dress for all SIBA will be as follows:

(i) Scottish Bowls Umpire approved purple shirt
(ii) Black or Coloured trousers or skirt
(iii) Approved bowling shoes

e) SIBA Approved Coloured Shirts and Trousers/Shorts 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 their clothing. Sponsorship logos may be attached / printed on the clothing also.

12. 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 SIBA, unless prior permission for a change of time and/or date has been granted by the SIBA.

b) Clubs will be permitted two entries in the Gents and Ladies Singles; Gents and Ladies Junior Singles; Under 18 Singles and Under 21 Singles.

c) Players who participate in the first tie will constitute the official entry.

d) Substitutes in National Championships will only be allowed after the Competitions Secretary has been informed of the reason for the substitution request and that the request has been approved. 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.

e) No substitute will be authorised for Singles Competitions run by the SIBA.

f) All National Championship ties must be played with the appropriate full complement of players.

g) Any competitors failing to be ready at the agreed time will be allowed 30 minutes to be on the green ready for play. On the expiry of the time period if the competitor(s) is/are not ready to play then the tie is automatically forfeited.

h) 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.

i) 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
(iv) Any practice must be completed before the end of the current session.

13. LENGTH OF MATCHES FOR NATIONAL COMPETITIONS

a)	GENTS and LADIES SINGLES	21 Shots or 4 Hours
b)	GENTS and LADIES JUNIOR SINGLES	21 Shots or 4 Hours
c)	UNDER 18 and UNDER 21 SINGLES	Qualifying – Variable dependant on entries Semi Final & Final: 21 Shots or 4 Hours
d)	GENTS and LADIES 4 BOWL PAIRS	21 Ends or 4 Hours
e)	GENTS and LAIDES TRIPLES	18 Ends or 4 Hours
f)	GENTS and LADIES FOURS	21 Ends or 4 Hours
g)	SENIOR GENTS and SENIOR LADIES SINGLES	Qualifying – 21 Shots or 3 Hours Semi Final & Final: 21 Shots or 4 Hours
h)	SENIOR GENTS and SENIOR LADIES PAIRS	Qualifying – 17 Ends or 3 Hours Semi Final & Final: 17 Ends or 4 Hours
i)	SENIOR GENTS TRIPLES	15 Ends or 3 Hours Semi Final & Final: 15 Ends or 4 Hours
j)	SENIOR GENTS FOURS	17 Ends or 3 Hours Semi Final & Final: 17 Ends or 4 Hours

k) GENTS AND LADIES 2 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 completed, 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.

(v) 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 Tiebreak end will be played as a normal end with all bowls being played.

(vi) 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.

(vii) 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.

(viii) 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.

(ix) In all ends subsequent to the first in each set, the winner of the previous scoring end shall deliver the jack.

(x) It is permissible for teams to change the order of their playing positions at the end of each set and before the commencement of the start of the second set. Teams who make positional changes after the 1st set are also permitted to make positional changes after the second set should a Tiebreak be required.

j) 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 Bowl Tour without Shot Clock rule and the respotted jack rule will apply to all ends of the match including the Tie Break.

k) MIXED NATIONAL EVENTS

i) Mixed Pairs
One Male Player and One Female Player.
Best of 2 sets of 9 ends with a best of Three End Tiebreak if required.
Each player will play 3 bowl per end.

ii) Mixed Triples
One Male Player and Two Female Players or Two Male Players and One Female Player.
Best of 2 sets of 9 ends with a best of Three End Tiebreak if required.
Each player will play 2 bowls per end.

iii) Mixed Fours
Two Male Players and Two Female Players.
Best of 2 sets of 7 ends with a best of Three End Tiebreak if required.
Each player will play 2 bowl per end.

iv) The format of play will be as laid down by the World Bowl Tour without Shot Clock rule and the respotted jack rule will apply to all ends of the match including the Tie Break.

v) As the Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours playdown events are held on the same day, players will only be eligible to play in one of the Mixed National Competitions in any season.

vi) It is permissible for teams to change the order of their playing positions at the end of each set and before the commencement of the start of the second set. Teams who make positional changes after the 1st set are also permitted to make positional changes after the second set should a Tiebreak be required.

14. PLAYING RULES FOR SCOTTISH LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

a) GENTS LEAGUE

Number of Players	16 – Playing as Four Rinks of Four Players
Gender	This competition is open to Male Players
Ends	21 Ends
Time Limit	Four Hours
Scoring	2 points to Overall Score winner; 1 point each if an Overall Score draw
Date and Time	Matches to be played on a Saturday from 2pm to 6pm

The League will comprise the following Divisions –

- Premier Division – Two sections of six with no geographical considerations
- First Division – Two sections of six split into Regional Sections
- Second Division – The remaining clubs will be split into Regional Sections based on best format considered by the SIBA Executive Committee

Promotion and Relegation will be as follows –

Premier Division

- Top team in each section will compete for the League Championship
- Bottom team in each section will be relegated to Division One
- The second bottom team in each section will play each other with the loser being relegated to Division One

First Division

- Top team in each section will be promoted to the Premier Division
- The second placed team in each section will play a Playoff match with the winner being promoted to the Premier Division.
- Bottom team in each section will be relegated to Division Two

Second Division

- Top team in each section will be promoted to Division One

b) LADIES LEAGUE

Number of Players	12 – Playing as Three Rinks of Four Players
Gender	This competition is open to Female Players
Ends	17 Ends
Time Limit	Three Hours [The Semi Final and Final will change to a 4 Hour Time Limit]
Scoring	2 points to Overall Score winner; 1 point each if an Overall Score draw
Date and Time	Matches to be played on a Saturday from 2pm to 6pm

The League will comprise the following Divisions –

- Premier Division – Four sections of 6 split into Regional Sections
- First Division – The remaining clubs will be split into Regional Sections based on best format considered by the SIBA Executive Committee

Promotion and Relegation will be as follows –

Premier Division

- Top team in each section will compete for the League Championship
- Bottom team in each section will be relegated to Division One

First Division

- Top team in each section will be promoted to the Premier Division

c) SENIOR LEAGUE

Number of Players	16 – Playing as Four Rinks of Four Players
Gender	This competition is open to Male or Female Players
Ends	17 Ends
Time Limit	Three Hours [The Final will change to a Four Hour Time Limit]
Scoring	2 points to Overall Score winner; 1 point each if an Overall Score draw
Date and Time	North & East Section – Matches played on a Wednesday from 10.45am South/West Section – Matches played on a Saturday from 10.45am

The League will comprise the following Divisions –

- All clubs will be divided into geographically appropriate sections.

Promotion and Relegation will be as follows –

- The top two teams of each section will move into an open draw knockout competition to decide the Scottish League winners.

d) In all League competitions clubs are expected to field a full complement of players. Should a team be unable to field the maximum number of players they are 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.

e) 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 of the match that was contested as a three against a four.

f) If at the end of the 30 minute period of grace a team has less than the minimum players to play (Gents & Seniors – 12; Ladies 9) the non-defaulting side will be awarded the match with Gents and Seniors being awarded a 32-0 victory and Ladies being awarded a 24-0 victory. The Competitions Sub-Committee have powers to make an exception in the case of adverse weather conditions.

g) All League tables will be ranked as follows –
   a) Teams with the Highest Number of Points
   b) Teams with the Best Shot Difference
   c) The Aggregate Result of the fixture(s) involving tying clubs
   d) Teams with the Highest number of Shots scored
   e) A playoff match between any sides still tied

h) In the event of matches during the Knockout stages of the competitions ending with the score 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.

i) Should clubs, for any reason fail to take part in a scheduled league match the Competitions Sub-Committee may, should the 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 14f). Penalties open to the Competitions Sub-Committee are as laid out in the Dispute / Disciplinary section of the Rules. 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 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 using the Disciplinary procedures as laid out in these Rules and Regulations.

j) If a club field less that the full requisite number of players in a League match then this will also be considered in the same way as rule 14i)

k) Any deviations from the normal starting time must be agreed upon by both teams before the date of the game and the SIBA Competition Secretary must be notified within 48 hours of the change. The Competition Secretary shall thereupon make immediate contact with the members of Selection Duty, if appropriate and advise them correctly.

15. TEAM KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS

a) GENTS KNOCKOUT CUP

Number of Players	16 – Playing as Four Rinks of Four Players
Gender	This competition is open to Male Players
Ends	17 Ends
Time Limit	Three Hours
Scoring	2 points per winning Rink; 1 point to each team for a Rink Draw 2 points for the Overall Score; 1 point to each team for an Overall Draw [Each match played out of a total of 10 points]
Date and Time	Matches to be played on a Saturday from 2pm to 5pm

b) LADIES KNOCKOUT CUP

Number of Players	12 – Playing as Four Rinks of Three Players
Gender	This competition is open to Female Players
Ends	15 Ends
Time Limit	Three Hours
Scoring	2 points per winning Rink; 1 point to each team for a Rink Draw 2 points for the Overall Score; 1 point to each team for an Overall Draw [Each match played out of a total of 10 points]
Date and Time	Matches to be played on a Saturday from 2pm to 5pm

c) SENIOR KNOCKOUT CUP

Number of Players	16 – Playing as Four Rinks of Four Players
Gender	This competition is open to Male or Female Players
Ends	17 Ends
Time Limit	Three Hours
Scoring	2 points per winning Rink; 1 point to each team for a Rink Draw 2 points for the Overall Score; 1 point to each team for an Overall Draw [Each match played out of a total of 10 points]
Date and Time	Matches to be played on a Wednesday from 10.45am to 2pm

d) UNDER 35 CUP

Number of Players	8 – Playing as Two Rinks of Four Players
Gender	This competition is open to Male or Female Players
Ends	17 Ends
Time Limit	Three Hours
Scoring	2 points per winning Rink; 1 point to each team for a Rink Draw 2 points for the Overall Score; 1 point to each team for an Overall Draw [Each match played out of a total of 6 points]
Date and Time	Matches to be played on a Sunday at various times

e) TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Number of Players	10 – Playing as in the following formation Singles Player – Male or Female Player Mixed Pairs – 1 x Male and 1 x Female Player Mixed Triples – 1 x Male & 2 x Females; or 2 x Male & 1 x Female Mixed Fours – 2 x Male & 2 x Female Players All Clubs MUST be represented by complete teams in all rounds	
Ends	Singles	First to 21 Shots
	Mixed Pairs & Fours	17 Ends
	Mixed Triples	15 Ends
Time Limit	Three Hours	
Scoring	2 points per winning event; 1 point to each team for an event draw [Each match played out of a total of 8 points] If 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.	
Date and Time	Matches to be played on a Sunday at various times	

f) Any deviations from the normal starting time must be agreed upon by both teams before the date of the game and the SIBA Competition Secretary must be notified within 48 hours of the change. The Competition Secretary shall thereupon make immediate contact with the members of Selection Duty, if appropriate and advise them correctly.

g) In the circumstances where there is a differential of three players between teams competing in a specific match as a result of players on International Duty then the SIBA will be obliged to change the date of the match.

h) Should teams be equal on points at the completion of the match then an extra end shall be played on all 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. 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.

i) In all Team knockout competitions clubs are expected to field a full complement of players. Should a team be unable to field the maximum number of players they are 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.

j) 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 of the match that was contested as a three against a four.

k) In the Team Championship, teams will only be permitted to play one player short and this will be from the fours discipline with rule 15i) or 15j) being used as applicable. A team falling below nine players will default the overall contest.

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

17. 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 Championships play-downs where a 'late start' may only be required on a single rink and 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.

18. COMPETITION WITHDRAWALS

Any club having entered a National Competition and subsequently withdraws from that competition giving less than four weeks' notice to the Competitions Sub-Committee, or fails to appear at any event, shall be subject to a 'warning' being issues 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.

19. 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 stage of the competition.

c) If a club fiend 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 and Seniors League and 24-0 for the Ladies League.

20. DISPUTE / DISCIPLINARY

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 Competitions Secretary within 24 hours of the completion of the game in which the question or dispute arose.
b) Confirmed in writing and sent by electronic format to the Competitions Secretary within 48 hours of the dispute arising.

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

Once a ruling on any dispute is given by the Competitions Sub-Committee the player or club will have the option to use the Disciplinary and Appeals Committee to seek further discussion and any such timeline will be indicated by the Competitions Sub-Committee in their verdict.

21. PRIZES AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a) The SIBA will try to have a Photographer in place for all National Finals events and these will be posted online and can be used by clubs involved.

b) Team Events – The SIBA will provide Winners and Runner Up badges for team events as follows –
   Gents League & Cup: 20 Winners & 20 Runner Up badges
   Ladies League & Cup: 16 Winners & 16 Runner Up badges
   Senior League & Cup: 20 Winners & 20 Runner Up badges
   Team Championship: 12 Winners & 12 Runner Up badges
   Under 35 Cup: 10 Winners & 10 Runner Up badges.

c) The SIBA will also provide prize money to the club that wins the title and also to the club that finishes as Runner Up.

22. STAMPING OF BOWLS

Law 9(b) bias of bowls

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

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-rested 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)

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