

1. Eligibility

The Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition is open to all affiliated and associate affiliated clubs with four or more rinks. Clubs may enter more than one team if they wish. If a member of a Club which has not entered the Competition wishes to play for another Club in the Competition, they may do so.

Competition entries on the Official Form to be sent to the Hon. League Secretary **by 31st March**.

2. General Playing Conditions

All matches are to be played under regulation 10 CONDITIONS OF PLAY, Rule 3 - Dress and Rule 4 - League Playing Conditions as set out below. All the team's bowls shall be identified by the official club sticker.

3. Dress

- 1.1. Plain white shirt with tailored collar, club necktie or EIBA registered coloured shirt, grey trousers, EIBA registered coloured trousers or EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer shorts and any coloured flat soled regulation bowling shoes **(subject to the rules of the Club where the game is being played, at the start of the season clubs will be provided with details of Club's dress codes)**.
- 1.2. All players should wear the same shirt design and teams can wear a mix of shorts and trousers, but where any EIBA registered shorts and/or trousers are worn all players must wear the same design.
- 1.3. With the exception of registered shirts or trousers no advertising or promotional material may be displayed other than the Bowls Manufacturers' label.
- 1.4. White bowls jackets with coloured piping may be worn or registered coloured jacket.

4. League Playing Conditions

Format

- i. The Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition teams to consist of **two men's rinks**. Only players that have attained the age of 60 years on 1st October in the season of competition are eligible.
- ii. Matches are to be played one rink at home and one rink away on dates and times to be arranged by mutual agreement, not necessarily on the same day, but within the week specified by the Hon. League Secretary. In exceptional circumstances, provided both Clubs agree, the Hon. League Secretary may allow the game to be played the week prior to that specified.
- iii. No player may take part in both legs and if a Club has more than one team than a player can only play for one of those teams. Where Clubs have entered more than

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one team in the competition, they must register the names of the players within each of those teams with the Hon. League Secretary by 1st October.

- iv. All Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition games will be 21 ends or 3 hours maximum whichever is the sooner. An end where the jack has been cast before the 3 hours must be played to a finish – should the cast not be “legal” then the opposition shall place the jack.
 - v. If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the jack shall be re-spotted. If the jack passes outside the side boundary of the rink it should be placed on a pre-arranged spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and a minimum of 1 metre and maximum of 1.5 metres to the left or right of the centre line, being positioned the same distance on both sides of the centre line, on the side that it left the rink of play.
- Note: This rule ONLY applies to an end in play and not in relation to a jack being cast to start an end where the Laws of Sport rules 9 & 10 will apply.
- vi. If a bowl is on the re-spot, the jack will be placed as near as possible to the bowl without touching it, between the spot and the centre of the rink. If any other bowls are in the way the jack will be placed as near to that without touching it and the centre of the rink. In other words, directly between the 2 spots without touching a bowl.
 - vii. Matches to commence between 10.00am and 2.30pm on a weekday.
 - viii. Games may be played at weekends but only by mutual consent and with the prior agreement of the Hon. League Secretary.
 - ix. No Trial Ends.
 - x. The payment of the rink fees is to be the responsibility of the home team.
 - xi. Competition Points: - Two points to be awarded for a winning rink and two points for the overall winning score over the two legs. In the event of equality of score in any part, points awarded shall be shared.
 - xii. League positions will be determined by 1) the highest number of points, 2) the highest shot difference and 3) the highest number of shots scored.
 - xiii. The format of the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition will be decided by the Hon. League Secretary at the start of each season.

The Competition will consist of two Regions (North / Central and South / Central) with the winners of each Region playing off to determine the overall winners. The Final will be held at a venue and date to be set by the Hon. League Secretary.

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If the number of entries so allow a “semi-final” round will be played with the two Regional Group winners hosting both rinks.

In the event of a tie in the Final an extra end will be played to determine the overall winners. Prior to the start of the Final the appointed umpire or an Official nominated by the Norfolk CIBA will designate one rink number to play the extra end before the draw is made for the rinks. The extra end shall be played by the nominated rink after play has been completed on all rinks.

- xiv. Entrance fee per team TBA, payable at the time of entry and sent by 20th November to the Hon. Treasurer.
- xv. No player can play for more than one club in the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition.
- xvi. If, within thirty minutes from the mutually agreed time fixed for the leg of a match to commence two or more players are absent without having given reasonable notice, then that leg of the match shall be forfeited and the non-defaulting team shall be awarded twenty shots and two points for the leg and two points for the overall match regardless of the result of the reverse leg. The result of the reverse leg of that match shall stand.
- xvii. If, within thirty minutes from the mutually agreed time fixed for the leg of a match to commence one player from a team is absent, in the defaulting team the number of bowls shall be made up by the lead and the second player playing three bowls each. One fourth of the total shots scored by the team comprising three players shall be deducted from the score. Fractions shall be taken into account.

Notification of League Results

On completion of each leg of a match the Hon. League Secretary is to be advised of the result **within 24 hours.** This is to be done by e-mailing a completed result form to the Hon. League Secretary or via the County Website “Submit a League Result” option.

Failure to Complete Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition Programme

In the event of any club failing to fulfil their League fixtures or withdrawing from the League their record up to that date and those of the teams already played will be expunged.

The County Executive also has the power to suspend the offending team from the League for up to a period of two years.

In the event of the cessation of the bowls operation of any club the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition the record of their team(s) to date and those of the teams

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already played will be expunged. Those players of a team(s) affected will be eligible to play in the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition for another club from the date of cessation.

Championship Pennant

The Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition Regional Champions will each receive a pennant.

The overall winners of the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition will receive the Taylor-Trossell Trophy.

The engraving of the trophy will be the responsibility of the Association and must be returned to the Hon. League Secretary by 31st January.

5. Breaches of Over 60 Inter- Club Double Rink Competition Rules

Any breaches of the above Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition rules may be referred to the County Executive Committee, who shall be authorised to impose a maximum £20 fine on the offending club or team or any other penalty as deemed appropriate.