



Present: John Mason (President), David Perry (Senior Vice-President), Gordon Roberts (Match Secretary), Tim Stone (Competition Secretary), Simon Elliott, Arthur Mobbs, Michael Howard, Mark Stratton, David Bailey, Mike Kett, David Eastwell.

Apologies: Chris Taylor, Danny Cawthorne, Ed Alcock, John Ottaway, Richard Summers.

The President welcomed all members present and then requested a minute silence in memory of members, friends and colleagues passed since the last meeting.

Minutes of the last Executive meeting: It was proposed by Mike Kett, and seconded by Arthur Mobbs, and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Sunday 8th February 2026 at Wymondham Dell IBC (circulated to all clubs) should be signed as a true and accurate record.

Minutes of the Special General Meeting: It was proposed by Arthur Mobbs, and seconded by Mike Kett, and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Sunday 8th February 2026 at Wymondham Dell IBC (circulated to all clubs) should be signed as a true and accurate record.

Appointment of team managers for 2026/27

a. Liberty Trophy

| Nominee | Proposed | Seconded | Vote |
|------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Richard Summers (Norfolk BC) | Norfolk BC | Gallow IBC | 9 |

b. O60s Inter County: The nominees had been invited to address the meeting prior to any vote. However, the meeting was informed that as there was a potential change in the term of the appointment to be considered at the AGM, Brian Taylor (via John Mason) had withdrawn his nomination as he felt he was only able to commit to a 1 year term.

| Nominee | Proposed | Seconded | Vote |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Brian Taylor (County Arts) | County Arts | N/A | N/A |
| Clive Wright (Acle) | Acle | Diss & District | 9 |

c. U25s: The nominees had been invited to address the meeting prior to any vote. Unfortunately, Josh Finch was unable to attend due to other commitments but a document outlining his background, proposals and outlook if elected was read to the meeting by David Perry.

Tim Stone addressed the meeting to provide his views on the role and plans if elected.

After which the vote was put to the meeting



| Nominee | Proposed | Seconded | Vote |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Josh Finch (Gallow) | Gallow | Shotford | 3 |
| Tim Stone (Acle) | Acle | Lynnsport | 6 |

Tim Stone was duly elected as the U25 Team Manager

Matters arising: No matters arising which are not covered by agenda items.

Correspondence:

EIBA Correspondence

1. Various administrative e-mails and exchanges between the County and EIBA to support the running of the Association.
2. EIBA AGM paperwork for meeting held Saturday 16th May which also went to all clubs.
3. BE / EIBA merger.
 - a) Email from BE forwarded by John Ottaway from the outdoor association sent last week, with an update from the EIBA received end of last week.
 - b) Progress has been made on significant points to proceed with the merger and major steps now anticipated to be early 2027 rather than Q4 2027 as previously advised.
 - c) Name of merged body to be "England Bowls". Not really sure why this was felt necessary given the costs for rebranding etc. when no reason why they could not have gone with Bowls England.
 - d) It is clear in this merger BE are the senior partner driving the agenda and given their maturity of structure and governance this seems to be a sensible and positive approach.
 - e) The impact to grass roots members, clubs and counties is as yet not clear but at this stage it seems there will be no immediate changes which would be necessary. However, during 2027 there is likely to be activity to consider how the outdoor association and indoor county ladies and men's associations operate within the new model and also if there are any changes at clubs with both outdoor and indoor sections.

County Correspondence

1. Various administrative e-mails and exchanges with clubs on the clarification of rules, general questions and changes to club contacts.
2. Various administrative e-mails and exchanges between the county officers to support the running of the Association.



3. Various emails and correspondence from the outdoor association via John Ottaway.
4. Email received from John Mason 28th May confirming to the executors of Ken Ince's estate and instruction in Ken's will the receipt of archive boxes containing Kens memorabilia, documents, diary's and yearbooks regarding Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association and Norfolk Bowls Association.

Treasurers Report:

The Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30th April 2026 have now been audited and copies of these will be sent to the Clubs following tonight's meeting.

The Treasurer is still looking for a suitable bank to move the Associations accounts to but has no luck so far.

Nothing else to report.

League Secretaries Report:

County League Season 2025/2026

The season finished with the following:

Division 1 Champions: Norfolk BC 'A'
Relegated to Division 2: Wymondham 'A'

Division 2 Champions (& promoted to Division 1): Acle 'B'
Relegated to Division 3: Lowestoft Rail 'A'

Division 3 Champions (& promoted to Division 2): Dereham 'A'
Relegated to Division 4: Roundwood 'B'

Division 4 (Champions & promoted to Division 3): Lynnsport 'B'
Runners-Up (& also promoted to Division 3): Hunstanton

County League Season 2026/2027

With Shotford entering a 'B' team next season and in order to accommodate their entry and also balance up the number of teams in each Division, Hunstanton (in addition to Lynnsport 'B') have been promoted to Division 3 for the 2026/2027 Season.

This means that Divisions 1 and 2 will still have 7 teams in each Division (playing 12 games – 6 at home and 6 away) whilst Division 3 and 4 will now have 8 teams in each Division (playing 14 games – 7 at home and 7 away).

At the end of the season 2 teams will be relegated from Division 3 to Division 4 and 2 teams will be promoted from Division 4 to Division 3,

Promotion and relegation for the other Divisions will remain the same.



The fixtures for the 2026/2027 Season are now with the Clubs and they have until October 1st to make any changes.

Over 60 Double Rink Competition 2026/2027

This was won by Wymondham 'A' beating Gallow 'A' in the Final by 50 shots to 35. Thanks once again to Dereham IBC for hosting the Final.

Over 60 Double Rink Competition 2025/2026

It was agreed at the February Executive meeting and following a subsequent vote by the participating clubs that the Over 60 Competition be changed from 3 Regional Groups to 3 Divisions with promotion and relegation between the Divisions.

Since the vote Norfolk BC have decided not to enter a team, however Shotford have decided to enter a team into the competition.

Unfortunately, since then, Roundwood have also decided not to enter their 'B' team, and this has meant that for the 2026/2027 Season Division 1 will only have 5 teams whilst Divisions 2 & 3 will have 6 teams.

One team will be promoted and one team relegated from the 3 Divisions.

The fixtures have been sent the Clubs and they have until October 1st arrange the fixtures.

KO Cup

The League Secretary asked the Executive if they wished to introduce a Knock-Out Cup in Season 2027/2028 based on similar lines to the Denny Cup and / or Bales and Fermoy Cups run by the outside Association.

Clubs were requested to give some thought to the introduction of such a competition and how it could be run – the number of rinks at home and the number of rinks away with the overall score determining the winners, the number of teams Clubs could enter and when it could be played in the season and on what days (either Mid-week or at weekends - Friday evenings, Saturdays or Sundays) but bearing in mind clashes with other competitions at Club, County and National level.

Further discussion and final decision to be made at the February 2027 Executive meeting.

Competition Secretaries Report:

2025/ 26 County Playoffs

With the Playoffs returning to be played at the end of the current season and county champions crowned, I think they were a success and ran relatively well. Feedback from clubs and players to me has been positive. Still a few things



which need to be improved and to help them run more smoothly, but I think it has been a successful year.

We had a few games which were conceded; however, it is acceptable for players within the county rules to not play in the county playoffs (it's at their discretion – the rules are clear and state if you have no intention to play all rounds then you should withdraw from the championship without playing or knocking opponents out).

A total of just 6 withdrawals across the 4 playoffs was pretty good. I'm pleased that some of these happened as meant players understood the rules.

This said I will always try to accommodate situations that arise, but for example, if you are on holiday for 2 weeks or going in hospital or you just have too much bowls, (like one player did) then conceding might be the only option. I would say talk to me to discuss.....

We also had the issue with Shotford withdrawing from all county playoffs after the draws had been made which did cause some issues, some players getting 2 byes so straight into the Q Finals. I plan to do the county playoff draws 1st December just to make all clubs aware!

Further to this, we did however have a small number of issues (6 in total);

3 were fine and easily resolved as county finals clashed with national finals and we were able to play county finals for these on an alternative date (earlier – did impact county finals day). I was always aware there could be a clash hence I wanted to play county finals in March, but the green wasn't available. I would like to add to this though please ensure all players inform me (as county comp sec) of any potential issues as soon as they are aware so I can work around them or advise.

Another example was where a sub had been used but then the sub nor the original player was able to play on the next round date (this was partly caused due to the Iran War) and flights being delayed etc. The opposition were accommodating and wanted to play the game and were given home advantage, it did however mean Gallow who had given up their green for Q Finals had 1 rink unused and a loss of rink fees, but this couldn't be helped. Gallows were understanding and informed in advance.

As it turned out the other team would have to concede the game if it had of been played on the fixed date as one of their players was unavailable due to illness and the sub was out of the country so this all worked out amicably in the end for everyone.

The other 2 were more concerning as these games were conceded and they had already knocked opponents out in the last 32 (prelim stage):

Firstly, in the Pairs (Oasis - Bob Hutchinson) had knocked out Diss B (Lee Leggett) 17-12. Bob called me only the day before (Mon 23rd Feb) to ask if could rearrange the game due to be played Tue 24th Feb at Wymondham Dell v County Arts (B – Paul Wilson) as his wife was due to come out of hospital that



day. I said I'm afraid this is not possible given the short notice but did inform him he could get a sub to play and if he wasn't planning to play could he let me know before midday so I could inform his opponent. I genuinely thought he would find a sub but called back to say he would have to concede. I did say I'm sorry and I fully understand the situation but with only 1 week between rounds it wasn't possible to rearrange this game or fair to his opponents and they would have correctly said why didn't they get a substitute.

Second issue was in Singles, which is always harder as can't have a sub. This involved (Lynnsport – Andy Sayer) due to play Acle B Simon Elliott. Andy had previously knocked out Gallow A (Dean Rudling) 21-19 at Lynnsport in the prelim rd.

Andy decided at 2pm the day of the game that because he could not play the following round he would contact both me and his opponent by text message to say he would concede. This left me with no option but to give the game to his opponent, if he had of contacted me first, I would have told him 2 things :

- 1) You do realise you have already knocked someone out and then to concede a later round is a potential ban under the rules.
- 2) My advice would be to play the game and lets try and sort something out for the next round (he never told me the reason why he couldn't play), singles is always a difficult one as you can't have a substitute but if it a genuine reason and something has cropped up, I will try and sort it out. I'm sure his opponent had he won would have been happy to have played the game before and took home advantage.

The fact of the matter is Andy left me no option, and I would like to advise all clubs and players please don't contact your opponent without speaking to me first. I will always try and find a solution. I don't want games to be conceded but sometimes this is the only option but in this case, it could have been avoided.

The rules do state players should be given a ban, and it is up to the exec committee if they wish to take action against both of these players/teams.

I have received a complaint regarding this one which I can forward to the exe committee.

Dates for next seasons playoffs offs have already been confirmed, and key dates are on the website. I have a copy here, but club competitions need to be played by Sunday 24th January (extend to Sunday 31st January – if your players don't have a prelim rd).

Q Finals are on set venues/dates in first week of March.

S Finals dates and venues booked, and these will be played on neutral greens (hopefully we won't have an issues as several clubs (NBC, Dereham, W Dell and Acle) have provided rinks, I will try and sort out any other dates/venues closer to the time but will be between Monday 8th March and Friday 19th March as County Finals Day is Sunday 21st March 2027.



I would like to end by saying a big thank you to Chris and David for your support! To the umpires Roger Jarvis and Marty Ellis who have been very supportive to the county and me.

To all the clubs who have supported with offering rinks, particularly at short notice to accommodate games. Without the support from you guys and your clubs on offering greens these playoffs would not happen.

I would like to see all clubs hosting games, so please do come forward to me for this season and next season with any dates you might be able to offer particularly in mid-March.

Q Final nights for me were the best, good games on show and hopefully bring in some extra money for clubs in rinks fees, behind the bar but also allow your members to see some good top bowls played.

The singles with u25s first followed by full singles was the highlight for me, closely followed by the triples at Roundwood where 2 games were decided on an Extra End and the other 2 games only 1 and 2 shots in them

Thanks everyone.

Tim Stone Competition Secretary

Match Secretaries Report:

In the current season we had planned to play thirteen fixtures seven of which were Inter County Friendlies and six were Presidents Invitation matches.

Two of the ICF's against Cambridgeshire were cancelled because they could not raise a team, however The Norfolk Bowling Club kindly stepped in and put on two President's Invitation games to cover the corresponding dates.

As it has been three years since Cambridgeshire last visited Norfolk these matches have now been removed from our fixtures.

This meant that in total we played five ICF's and eight PI games. Of the thirteen played we won five and lost eight.

We managed to field full sides for all of this year's ICF fixtures because on two occasions we had some of our ladies step in to kindly help us.

The PI games are always well supported because of the mixed format.

I would at this point like to thank David Perry and Christine Abbott for their help in selecting the teams and Carole Slaughter for finding us several Bowling Club players to allow the Suffolk ICF to go ahead when a lot of the men were not available due to various club commitments.

Looking forward to the 26/27 season we currently have eleven fixtures arranged four of which are ICF's and seven PI's with possibly two more to fit in.

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Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at Wymondham Dell IBC
on Monday 8th June 2026.



Hertfordshire have decided not to play any ICF's in the foreseeable future, that means that the annual trip to Riverain will not take place.

Most of the Inter County Friendly teams that we play are now mixed teams and I think it is time that we followed that trend ourselves. This should enable me to provide full teams for games, particularly those that are away from home.

In closing I would like to say that the 26/27 season will be my last as Match Secretary and I will be standing down in July 2027 and will not be continuing beyond that date.

If these games are to continue past July 2027, then somebody, man or lady will need to come forward to take over the role and to look at what is required to put these matches on.

If anybody is interested in doing that please contact me and I will be able to guide them through what is needed during next season.

Update on Officer nominations for 2026/7:

The following officer nominations for consideration by the Executive Council at the AGM in accordance with Rule 9(f) were received and verified by 29th May.

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| Senior Vice-President | No nominee |
| Junior Vice-President | No nominee |
| Hon. Secretary | No nominee |
| Hon. Assistant Secretary | David Perry (County Arts) |
| Hon. Treasurer | David Perry (County Arts) |
| Hon. Match Secretary | Gordon Roberts (Wymondham Dell) |
| Hon. Competition Secretary | Tim Stone (Acle) |
| Hon. League Secretary | David Perry (County Arts) |

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| Safeguarding Officer | No nominee |
| Webmaster | No nominee |

Proposals received for consideration at AGM:

No motions or proposals were received from Fully Affiliated or Associate member clubs by 29th May for consideration at the AGM.



Motions are proposed by the Executive Officers as part of the annual review of the rules governing the association and changes discussed at the SGM in February 2026.

County Rules and Objects

Amend Rule 5d as follows:

Nominations for the Team Managers may be submitted by affiliated clubs from their own membership to the Hon Secretary by 1st June on the official form provided.

Rationale: nominees must come from their own club and from a fully affiliated club.

Amend Rule 5d as follows and renumber to 5d.ii:

The Liberty Trophy team to be selected by a Team Manager appointed, for a term of three seasons, by the Executive Committee at the June Executive Council meeting. There is no restriction on the Manager playing in the Liberty Trophy team.

Rationale: To extend the term of office to 3 years. Amend Rule 5f as follows and renumber to 5d.iii:

A Manager shall be appointed, for a term of three seasons, by the Executive Committee at the June Executive Council meeting, to select County Under 25 teams. There is no restriction on the Manager playing in the Under 25 teams if eligible.

Rationale: To extend the term of office to 3 years and bring the Under 25 teams Managers role in line with the Liberty Trophy teams.

Amend Rule 5g as follows and renumber to 5d.iv:

A Manager shall be appointed, for a term of three seasons, by the Executive Committee at the June Executive Council meeting to select Over 60 Inter-County teams. There is no restriction on the Manager playing in the Over 60 team if eligible.

Rationale: To extend the term of office to 3 years and bring the Over 60 Inter-County Managers role in line with the Liberty Trophy teams.

Delete Rule 9g and renumber rules 9h to 9j accordingly to 9g to 9i

Officers of the Association shall be awarded a FULL County Badge



Rationale: County badges are no longer awarded in any circumstances with the gradual change in the wearing of blazers.

County Match Rules

Amend Rule 2 to read as follows:

Inter County Friendly and President's Invitation games will be open to female members of fully affiliated clubs at the discretion of the President and Hon. Match Secretary.

Rationale: To enable Inter-County Friendly games to continue by not restricting these to males only.

Remove Rule 6

The Inter-County Friendly pocket badge may be worn by members who have played in five Inter-County matches. The recipient shall pay for the pocket badge. Note: President's Invitation matches do not count.

Rationale: Inter-County Friendly badges have been discontinued due to cost.
County League

Remove Rules 4bi) to 4bv) - Eligibility Rules and re-number Rules 4b vi) and vii) to Rules 4bi and ii) and amending new Rule 4b ii) to read as follows:

No player can play for more than one club in the Men's County League's.

Any team found to have broken the above rule shall have 7 points deducted for each occasion they have defaulted. In addition, for each game in which this rule has been broken the offending team will lose any points won in that game and all points for that game will be awarded to the opposing team.

Rationale: Allow Clubs flexibility to field teams in the County League without restriction.

Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition

Add the following paragraph to Rule 4iii):

Any team found to have broken the above rule shall have 7 points deducted for each occasion they have defaulted. In addition, for each game in which this rule has been broken the offending team will lose any points won in that game and all points for that game will be awarded to the opposing team.

Rationale: To bring Over 60's Competition in line with County League. Amend Rule 4iv) as follows:

Change the number of ends to be played to 18 from 21.



Rationale: To bring Over 60's Competition in line with County League. Amend Rule 4xi) as follows:

Change the number of points for the overall win to three from two. Rationale: To bring Over 60's Competition in line with County League. Amend Rule 4xiii) as follows:

Delete – 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 and may vary from year to year.

And replace with:

The format of the Over 60 Inter Club Double Rink Competition together with the number of Divisions, number of teams within those Divisions and promotion and relegation to / from Divisions will be decided annually and will be presented by the Hon. League Secretary to the County Executive February meeting for formal agreement. This may vary from year to year.

Rationale: To bring Over 60's Competition in line with County League.

Delete - The Final will be held at a venue and date to be set by the Hon. League Secretary.

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.

Rationale: No longer required.

Amend Championship Pennant as follows:

Delete - The Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition Champions and Runners-Up will each receive a pennant.
The overall winners of the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition will receive the Taylor-Trossell Trophy.

And replace with:

The winners of each Division will receive an appropriate trophy and a winner's pennant.

Rationale: To bring Over 60's Competition in line with County League

County Championship Rules (see draft rules below)



1. Submission of Entries in Club and County Competition Entries

Agreed all clubs should submit their entries to the County Competition Secretary by 30th September each year.

Standardising Entry Procedures

After discussion it was felt that Rule 7b) of the current County Competition rules should apply as follows: The competitors playing in the first match of any championship shall constitute the team which must consist of one player in the original entry.

This means only 1 name is required for each entry and once the first round has been played in the club competition the names must be submitted to the County Competition Secretary.

2. Qualification for County Play-Offs

In order to qualify for the County Competitions, Clubs must hold a club competition (between 1st October and 31st January of the current season) in the respective disciplines to determine their qualifiers. They cannot just nominate a player / team to represent them in the County Play-offs.

Change from last season where each club received 2 entries for each competition regardless of entries. It was deemed to not be fair, and some teams qualified for county playoffs without playing a game in their club.

The following rule change will mean everyone has to play (win) at least 1 match in their club.

If a club has less than 8 entries in a club competition they will receive a single qualifier for the county playoffs - The club winner/s qualify only.

If a club has more than 8 entries in a club competition they will receive 2 qualifiers for the county playoffs – Both Finalists with Qualifier 'A' being from the top half of the club competition and Qualifier 'B' being from the bottom half of the club competition.

3. Rules for Club Competitions.

Clubs are allowed to run their club competitions with their own rules. The County Rules only come into effect when the County Playoffs start.

Once qualified those playing in the County Competitions would be governed by the County Competition rules (as agreed by the County Executive) in place at the time and which may differ from their Club Competition rules.

4. Matchplay Singles and Under 25 Singles

5.



Change to 2 sets of 9 ends followed by a 3 end tie break (with the winner being the first to win two ends, no shots in tie break only ends won).

Note: Use of respots

Although discussed at the SGM with the intention to remove the use of respots from the play-offs with the EIBA changes to introduce respots to all competitions this proposal is not being pursued and respot rules remain.

PROPOSED COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Governing the Singles, Under-25 Singles, Matchplay Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours County Championships

- 1. The County Competition Championships are open to full male members of affiliated clubs with no age restriction, except for the Under-25 Singles Championship which will be open to both male and female competitors who are under the age of 25 on 1st October.*
- 2. With the exception of the Under-25 Singles Championship and the Matchplay Singles Championship, the current season club competitions will be used to run the County Championships Play-offs.*
- 3. Clubs must hold a club competition (between 1st October and 31st January of the current season) in the respective disciplines to determine their qualifiers which must have at least 2 entries. A club cannot nominate a player / team to represent them in the County Play-offs.*
- 4. Clubs are permitted to run and organise their club competitions applying their own rules on format of matches as they feel appropriate.*
- 5. All play-off games to be played as set out in these rules other than the Under 25 Singles & Matchplay Singles which are defined in Appendix A. Singles 21 up, Pairs, Triples and Fours 18 ends or 3 hours 30 minutes.*
- 6. If a club has more than 2 but less than 8 entries in a club competition, they will receive a single qualifier for the county playoffs with the club winner(s) qualifying only for the play-offs.*
- 7. If a club has 8 or more entries in a club competition they will receive 2 qualifiers for the county playoffs. Both club finalists will qualify for the play-offs with Qualifier 'A' being from the top half of the club competition and Qualifier 'B' being from the bottom half of the club competition.*
- 8. The County Competition Secretary, or Executive, shall have the authority to implement any new rule or amend an existing rule for a situation or scenario that is not covered by these rules and to raise this as a formal change for consideration at the AGM.*



9. *The Laws of the Sport of Bowls Crystal Mark Fourth Edition will apply unless otherwise stated in these rules*

10. *Eligibility*

- a. *A competitor entering a team in the Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships is not permitted to be a member of any other team in the same championship.*
- b. *The competitors playing in the first match of any championship shall constitute the team which must consist of one player in the original entry.*
- c. *A competitor who has entered a championship team in his name cannot afterwards play in another team in the same championship irrespective of whether or not he has actually played in his original entry. One additional (and the same) player may, however, be used as a substitute at any time provided, he has not already played in the championship.*
- d. *A player may only represent one and the same club in any one season in the County Singles, Under 25 Singles, Matchplay Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships.*
- e. *A player competing in the Club Competitions leading to the Norfolk CIBA County Competition play-offs can only play from the same Club that that competitor plays for in the Norfolk CIBA County League.*

11. *Respots*

- a. *In all competitions 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. 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.*
- b. *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.*



12. *DRESS. Plain white shirt with tailored collar, club necktie/registered coloured shirt, grey, black or white trousers, registered coloured trousers or EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer shorts of any colour and any coloured flat soled regulation bowling shoes for matches up to and including the Finals*

13. *Club Representatives*

- a. *The Hon Competition Secretary will before the start of the season confirm to all clubs a schedule of deadlines and match dates.*
- b. *Club secretaries must notify the Hon Competition Secretary & Hon Treasurer the number of entries, and the name under which the entry has been made, from their club in each of the County Championship not later than 30th September.*
- c. *The entry fee to each County Competition, determined by the Executive Council, is payable at the time of entry and to be sent to the Hon Treasurer by 20th November.*
- d. *First round club competition results with names of the players to be sent to the Hon Competition Secretary immediately after the first round has been completed which defines who constitutes the team.*
- e. *Club secretaries must notify the Hon Competition Secretary who the entries are from their club in each of the County Championship play-offs not later than 31st January.*
- f. *Any competition entrant qualifying for the 'County' Championships who does not wish to participate in the 'County' Championships must notify the Competition Secretary by 31st January that they are withdrawing.*
- g. *Any competitor who has not notified the Competition Secretary by 31st January that they do not wish to participate in the 'County' Championships and later concedes the Preliminary Round or any subsequent Round, unless due to illness or extenuating circumstances, shall be banned from participation in the 'County' Championships for up to three years. Competitors will also be liable for any rink fees should they concede at any time during any of the Competitions they have qualified for.*

14. *Competition play-off games must be played on the date(s) specified by the Hon. Competition Secretary unless prior agreement to play on a different date has been given.*

15. *The finals will be played on a green at the choice of the County President or the County Executive Council. With the exception of National events under the auspices of the EIBA Ltd, no event staged by any other organisation shall take precedence over the dates determined for the Norfolk County I.B.A. Championships.*



16. *Singles Champion will receive the R G Moore Cup and pennant Under 25 Singles Champion will receive the Frank Edge Cup and pennant Under 25 Singles Runner Up will receive the George Lingwood Plate Pairs Champions will receive the Bob Savage Cup and pennant Triples*

Champions will receive the John Bakewell Cup and pennant Fours Champions will receive the Ken Gooch Bowl and pennant. All trophies to be returned to the Competition Secretary by 1st March. Engraving will be the responsibility of the Association.

Appendix A - Under-25 Singles & Matchplay Singles

1. *The Under 25 Singles Championships and Matchplay Singles Championship will be played in sets. Each match will consist of two sets, each set being played over 9 ends. A set will be decided if at any point it becomes impossible for one player to draw, or win, the set given the number of ends remaining.*
2. *If the game is tied after 2 sets, by either player having won 1 set or both sets being drawn, a 3 end "tie breaker" will be played to determine the winner.*
3. *In the "tie breaker" the winner will be determined by the player being the first to win 2 ends as during the "tie breaker" the number of shots are not taken into account, only who wins the end.*
4. *The winner of the toss prior to the start of the match shall have the option to either take the mat or give it to the opponent on the first end only. The loser of the toss shall have the option of taking the mat or giving it away on the first end only of the second set.*
5. *In a match tie breaker, the player winning the toss shall have the choice of starting or giving away the jack.*
6. *After the first end of any set or during the "tie breaker", the player who wins an end will start the next end.*
7. *If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play or rebounds to 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*
8. *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. 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.

9. *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.*

Any other business/open forum: Nothing raised.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Next meeting

- Annual General Meeting: Sunday 5th July 2026, Wymondham Dell IBC starting 10:00am