



Present: John Mason (President), David Perry (Senior Vice-President), Chris Taylor (Secretary), Gordon Roberts (Match Secretary), Tim Stone (Competition Secretary), Simon Elliott, Arthur Mobbs, Michael Howard, Kevin Baker, Ed Alcock, David Bailey, Mike Kett, Arnie Ingram, David Eastwell, Derek Ashfield & Jean Webb

Apologies: Gallow IBC, Hunstanton IBC, Steve Pope & Ian Wones

Purpose of the Meeting: To consider proposals from the Hon. Competition Secretary for changes to the format of the 2026/27 County Competitions, to allow for formal submissions at the AGM.

Before the meeting commenced Chris Taylor (Hon. County Secretary) absented himself from the top table as he was attending the SGM as the Norfolk BC delegate and did not want a conflict of interest with his role as County Secretary.

The meeting was therefore chaired by John Mason and David Perry (Hon. Assistant County Secretary).

Proposals

1) Submission of Entries in Club and County Competition Entries

All clubs must submit their entries to the County Competition Secretary by 15th September each year.

Clubs are encouraged to set internal deadlines of 10th September to ensure secretaries have sufficient time to collate and submit entries.

Also allow players to enter at start of the indoor season, in case any players decide to move clubs.

Clubs must only allow players to enter Club and County competitions who play County League for this Club.

After discussion several clubs felt that this deadline was impossible to meet as their bowlers would not be returning from playing outside until the middle of September – it was felt that a later deadline of 30th September would be achieved easier.

It was also felt that players could only enter County Competitions at the Club (if applicable) that they played County League for, and for no other Club they may be members of.

Both Chris Taylor (Norfolk BC) and Jean Webb (Wymondham Dell) highlighted that this rule could be misinterpreted – Tim explained that you don't have to play County League in order to play in the Club and County Competitions, but you can only enter the Club and County Competitions and play County League from the same Club.



1.1) 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.

2) Qualification for County Play-Offs

After discussion it was felt that the following should apply:

Option 1 – Qualification Based on Entry Numbers

- Clubs with 8 or more entries in each event receive two qualifiers.
- Clubs with fewer than 8 entries in an event receive just one qualifier.

It was also felt that Clubs should be allowed to run their Club Competitions as they saw fit in order to determine who qualified for the County Play-offs and use their own rules to govern their Club Competitions. 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 nominate a player / team to represent them in the County Play-offs.

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.

3) County Finals Day

Although discussed no decision was reached on when the Finals should be played.

John Mason (County Arts mentioned that the County has always tried to have a reserve date, and it was left that we should still have a Finals day, but ensure we have a reserve date for any duplications but not because someone can't play Finals day – unless competing in a national or international event which takes priority over the County.

4) Removal of Re-spots

Again although discussed no decision was reached on whether re-spots should be removed from the County Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions.

Although it was suggested that if they were removed they should also be removed from the County League and County Over 60 Double Rink Competition which would then be played to 18 ends on a strict time limit.

The League Secretary then mentioned that Clubs would therefore have to make use of a timer in these games which wasn't necessarily the case now.



5) Match Play Singles and Under 25 Singles

It was felt that standardising these competitions was correct with there being 2 sets of 9 ends followed by a 3 end tie-break, with the winner being the first to win two ends.

6) Introduction of a new competition.

With the Ladies Association not playing any County Competitions at all the introduction a mixed competition (either pairs or triples) would be supported subject to the Ladies Association's agreement and any necessary changes to the Men's Associations Rules and Objects being made.

Action to be taken following the Meeting

The Hon. Competition Secretary to prepare a set of County Competition rules clearly showing the amendments / proposals to be put to the County Executive at the Executive Meeting on Monday 8th June for final discussion before going forward to the AGM on Sunday 5th July to be voted on.

These rules to be sent to the Clubs in good time to allow them to talk to their respective committees / players prior to the June Executive meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.03pm.