



Northern Ireland Bowling Association



10 Player Team Competition Rules

NIBA 10 player team Competition

1. 3 separate competitions for Divisions 1 and 2 combined, Divisions 3 and 4 combined, and Division 5 on its own.
2. Competitions to commence midweek as soon as possible after NIBA Championships.
3. Date announced for each round will be a Wednesday, but play on another day that same week is permissible if mutually suitable to both sides.

Playing Format:

All games to be timed for a duration of 2 hours play, after the completion of 2 trial ends.

1. Singles – 4 bowls. 21 shots or 2 hours, whichever comes first.
2. Pairs – 3 bowls. 18 ends or 2 hours, whichever comes first.
3. Triples – 2 bowls. 18 ends or 2 hours, whichever comes first.
4. Fours – 2 bowls. 15 ends or 2 hours, whichever comes first.

After the 2 trial ends, a nominated captain from each team will agree on the start time, and proposed finishing time, for all 4 games. There will be a 5 minute warning bell/alarm to indicate that the end in progress will be the last one to be played. Normal games rules apply during play.

The overall result for each match works on a points system. A win in any discipline will be worth 2 points. A draw in any discipline is worth 1 point to each side. A defeat in any discipline is worth 0 points. A bonus point can be gained for either side in any of the 4 disciplines if a win by 10 shots or more is recorded.

If the final points total for each side is equal, then the first tie-breaker is shot difference. If shot difference is also level, then the team winning the Singles discipline is victorious. If the Singles discipline is drawn, then the team winning the Pairs discipline is victorious. This process will follow on through the Triples and then Fours, if necessary. If no winner emerges after this process is exhausted, there will be a 1 bowl Singles shootout contested by a member of each team to be nominated by each of their respective team captains. The captains will toss a coin, and the winner of the toss shall discuss (solely) with their nominated player whether to throw the jack and the first bowl, or to throw the second bowl. If the captain is the nominated player, then he alone shall make the decision on behalf of his team.

Entry Rules (in no particular order):

1. Entry fee to be agreed no later than by that particular year's March Management meeting.
2. Clubs may make multiple entries in each of the 1 or 2 divisions in which they have a team.
3. All entries must be submitted by 5pm on 31st July, naming their initial 10 man squad. Unlimited use of substitutions is allowed from match to match.
4. If a club has both an "A" and "B" team, all 8 of their "starred" players must play in the higher division cup of the two divisions in which they will compete.
5. If such a club enters 2 or more teams in the higher division cup, then such "starred" players are allowed to split between these 2 teams.
6. Any player (from a club with an "A" and "B" team) who has played 2 or more games in that season's NIBA Senior Cup is not permitted to play in the lower divisional cup which contains what is, effectively, a "B" team from their club.