

Inter-County Championship Rules

The Competition

The winning teams from previous season of the Northern and Eastern Leagues will meet over the weekend of the National Championships in a match to decide the Inter-County Champions.

Teams

Each team will consist of 6 Rinks of 4 players.

Playing With a Team of Fewer Than 24

It is expected that all counties will make best efforts to field a full team. However, in the event that a county is short, the following rules will apply:

Teams must have a minimum of 20 players. Up to 4 blocks will be allowed to play short, i.e. as teams of 3 players, instead of 4.

As a block, the 3 players will bowl 8 woods, with no penalty, as follows:

No.1 plays their 2 woods as normal.

No.2 plays their 2 woods as normal.

No.1 and No.2 will then share the woods which would normally be played by the No.3, the No.1 bowling the first one, with the No.2 bowling the second.

The Skip then bowls their 2 woods as usual.

The short blocks must be designated as follows:

1 player short - Block A

2 players short - Blocks A & D

3 players short - Blocks A, B & D

4 players short - Blocks A, B, D & E

The Format

Each team's Rinks will be designated A, B, C, D, E & F and each will play a single game against a rink from the opposing team. To avoid matches being repeated in the National Championships the teams will not play their opponent's corresponding rink, i.e. the two Rinks A will not play one another.

Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw.

The total points accumulated by each county's six rinks will be used to determine the eventual winners.

In the event of points being equal positions will be decided by shots for and finally shots against.

If the teams are still tied each county to nominate one of their existing rinks to compete in a single end play-off. That end to be played on a mat randomly drawn, a mat having not been played on by either team involved. In the event of a tied/dead end(s), a further end(s) to be played.

The Games

Each game will consist of 9 ends and will not be timed. There will be no trial ends. The team named first on each scorecard will bowl with the black woods. The skips at each mat will toss to decide which team will bowl first.

ECBA Rules

This competition's rules will take precedent over ECBA Rules, which will apply in all other circumstances.

Measuring

Skips will be expected to do their own measuring or defer the responsibility to another player in the rink.

There will be a designated referee available to measure in the event of difficulty or dispute. Having called a Referee, the players must stand clear of the mat while the measuring is taking place and must accept the decision without question or comment. The Referee's decision is final. Any lack of respect displayed towards Referees will be regarded as a breach of the Code of Conduct.

Dress Code

The Officers of the ECBA reserve the right to exclude any player wearing clothing that is considered as being outside the prescribed dress code, which is smart casual trousers with a shirt/polo shirt for men and either skirt or trousers with blouse/polo shirt for ladies. Sweatshirts will be allowed if they conform to county regulation.

What will not be allowed are: Jeans or skirt/trousers made of similar material or style; shorts; track or jogging suits of any type; polo shirts not conforming to county regulations.

This Dress Code will be strictly enforced and a one point deduction will be made for each infringement.

Equipment

Players must treat all the equipment with respect and must not stand or walk on the mats.

Smoking, eating or drinking near to the mats is not allowed.

Players must also respect any guidelines on acceptable footwear as prescribed by the venue owners.

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