

ECBA Triples & Rinks

The Competition

Each year teams from the county/metropolitan district/unitary authority members (hereafter referred to as counties) of the English Carpet Bowls Association will be invited to enter the ECBA Triples/Rinks competition. The event will only be open to teams from member counties.

Organisers

The events will be organised by the hosting county. The hosts will be determined by the rota and each event will alternate between the Northern counties and the Eastern counties.

Date of the Event

The events will be held on a Sunday on a date to be determined by the host county. The Rinks will be held around April preferably avoiding any clash with Easter, while the Triples will be held in September.

Entry

The organising county will decide upon the entry fee.

The organising county are at liberty to place an upper limit on the number of teams based on the capacity of the venue/number of mats available.

The organising county will set the opening and closing date for entries.

The Format

The entrants will be placed in groups for the initial stage of the competition, ensuring that they get a minimum of 3 games each.

The highest placed teams in each group will go forward to the Knockout Rounds which will be played down to the final.

The exact format, ie the number of teams in each group and the number of qualifiers for the Knockout Rounds will be decided by the organisers.

The Games

The number of ends to which each game will be played will be at the discretion of the organisers as will the time allotted for each game.

Games will be played to the whistle in the initial stages but the organisers may decide for themselves to play games in the later stages to a set number of ends rather than a set time.

ECBA Rules

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

Measuring

The competitors will be expected to do their own measuring.

Referees will be 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.

Code of Conduct

It is the policy of the Association that all carpet bowlers and spectators show respect and understanding for each other and conduct themselves in a way that reflects the principles of the Association.

All players and supporters of teams are expected to act in a manner which does not prejudice the good name of the English Carpet Bowls Association or their County, and to conduct themselves in a manner that will not have any reproach on the Association or the sport of Carpet Bowls.

The ECBA will not tolerate or condone any of the following from players, supporters or spectators either during an event or arising from an event.

- Drunken or loutish behaviour which causes annoyance to other people (e.g causing an unnecessary disturbance such as running and shouting through confined areas such as corridors).
- The use of foul and abusive language in such a manner as to cause offence to the person or persons to whom it is directed, or people in the vicinity.
- Any form of threats or derogatory remarks directed at associations, individuals, players, spectators or organisations, whether verbal, written or via any form of social media.
- Causing damage to other people's property (wilful or accidental).
- The theft of other people's property.
- Causing an affray.

This is not an exhaustive list but it does give an outline of actions that may result in a complaint being made against an individual or group of people that are attending a venue which is being used to hold an ECBA event.

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 proscribed by the venue owners.

Responsibilities of Organisers

Hall Hire and Equipment

The organisers will be responsible for arranging a suitable venue and the necessary equipment.

Referees

The organisers will ensure that there are referees available to measure if required.

Refreshments

Where possible the organisers will arrange for refreshments. Where this is not possible or where the range of refreshments will be limited this must be communicated to the competitors well in advance of the competition.

Fund Raiser

The organisers will be expected to run a fund raiser or raffle over the course of the day.

Trophies

Trophies will be awarded to the winners, runners-up and losing semi-finalists (in exceptional circumstances, if the entry is very low, only the finalists may receive trophies). The organisers will liaise with the Chief Referee with regard to the purchase of trophies.

Income & Expenditure

The organisers will provide a record of the income and expenditure for the event being the income from the entries and the fund raiser and expenditure being the cost of the hire of the hall and the trophies. Any profit will be passed on to the ECBA who will reimburse any loss, although every effort should be made to ensure that the event at least breaks even.

Any profit from provision of refreshments may be retained.

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