

# EASTERN COUNTIES CARPET BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## **Rules relating to Eastern Counties C.B.A. Events**

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### **Registration**

In any one season a player can only represent one county at all Eastern Counties Events, the season commences 1st September.

Once played in a closed competition or county team match for a county, that is the county you have chosen to represent for that season, and is the only county in which you can play in either closed competitions or county team events during that season.

### **Playing Rules**

All matches are played under the English Carpet Bowls Association Rules.

### **Players Names**

Prior to the commencement of a League Match the Team Captain is to issue to the opposing Team Captain the names of their team players. Should a substitute be used after the Team Sheet has been issued, the name of the substitute player must be informed to the opposing team captain before taking part in the match.

At the Eastern Counties Championship and the Teambowl, the Team Sheet is to be handed in at the Control Desk where it will also be notified should a substitute be used.

### **Substitutes**

A maximum of 2 substitutes can be used at League Matches, the Eastern Counties Championship or the Teambowl. Such substitutes may play in any position other than skip. Once a player has been substituted they would not be allowed to take any further part in the match.

Should more than 2 substitutes be played in a League Match, the 2 points for the game where the extra substitute is used will automatically go to the opposing team.

Should more than 2 substitutes be played in the Eastern Counties Championship or the Teambowl, the team will be disqualified from the event the extra substitute is used.

### **When a team arrives with a player short at the Eastern Counties Championship**

Should a team arrive at the Eastern Counties Championship without a full squad, up to a maximum of 6 players short, the team with the three players will play the 8 woods in the following format, with no penalty.

Player 1 plays their 2 bowls as normal, the same for the 2nd player, then player 1 and 2 bowl alternatively against the opposing 3rd player, then the skips bowl as normal.

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### **Champion of Champions**

As this is not a team event, once play has begun no replacements will be allowed.

If a player has to withdraw for any reason, the results of any games that have already been played by that individual/team will be deleted.

### **Deciding the Colour of Woods**

At all events and League Matches, the first named team will play with black woods.

### **Referees**

At all events the host county is to provide Official Referees to carry out measuring if required. An Official Referee will have received training by the English C.B.A. and be qualified to measure.

### **Time Keeping at Tournaments**

At the Eastern Counties Championship and the Teambowl, a whistle will be used to start and finish each session. A whistle will be used only to start games at the Champion of Champions.

### **Completion of Games – Score Cards**

At the completion of a game, the Skips are to ensure the score cards are correct before signing.

Should an error be discovered at any stage prior to the announcement of the final results, the Captains of the teams involved will go to the Control Desk and confirm the correct score, and upon their confirmation the error can be corrected.

The County Captains will also have the opportunity to double check the final results before they are announced.

### **League Matches**

The host county is to advise the visiting county full details of the league match. This to be advised a minimum of 4 weeks prior to the game covering the standard playing format, venue and refreshment details.

The standard playing format is that as devised by the League Secretary and also shown on the score sheets which are issued by the League Secretary.

The host County should choose a venue for league matches bearing in mind the visiting county. If any issues arise then the visiting county must point these out to the host county.

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### **League Match Result Sheets**

On the results sheet, to note the number of players short if not playing with a full squad. The host county team captain is to forward the match results to the League Secretary as soon as possible by e-mail.

### **League Match Postponement**

Should a match need to be cancelled through inclement weather, a final decision could be made on the morning. It would then be left for the counties to re-arrange the match.

Should a match need to be rearranged, every effort should be made for the match to be played before the last set of matches are played.

It would also be left for those counties to sort out any costs relating to hall hire if a match is cancelled. This matter would only be taken to the Eastern Counties Committee for any decision should the counties involved be unable to resolve.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile Phones to be switched off when in the playing area.

### **Dress Code**

Top – team colours as specified by your own county for county team events, matching team colours or county team colours for the Champion of Champions.

Co-ordinated with smart/casual trousers or skirt, or tailored shorts.

What will not be allowed are:

T-shirts

Blue jeans or skirt/trousers made of similar material or style

Track or jogging suits of any type

At county team events, the Officers of the Eastern Counties CBA reserve the right to exclude any player wearing clothing that is considered as being outside the prescribed dress code.

At the Champion of Champions, unless there are exceptional circumstances given, the Officers reserve the right to apply a penalty. The penalty being a one point deduction for each and every player who does not conform to the Dress Code, which will be deducted from overall team score only. The score for the individual disciplines will not be affected.