

# Champion of Champions Rules

## The Competition

Each member county/metropolitan district/unitary authority member (hereafter referred to as counties) of the English Carpet Bowls Association will be invited to enter their representatives to the ECBA Champion of Champions.

No county is under any obligation to participate in the event.

## Venue

The venue will be decided by the committee.

Where the venue includes accommodation, and the venue owner stipulates, all competitors must be resident at the venue for the duration of the event.

## Representatives

Each county will put forward 10 players representing the champions in the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rinks disciplines.

Although there is a trophy for the best overall team, this is not a team game. The emphasis is on the individual disciplines, the winner of each being the Champion of Champions.

## Substitutes

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.

## The Format

Each county's representatives will play each of the other counties representatives in their respective discipline.

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

The total points accumulated by each player/team will determine the eventual winners. In the event of points being equal positions will be decided by shots for and finally by shots against.

## The Games

Each game will consist of 9 ends.

The games will not be timed, however competitors should be ready to play a few minutes before the start time stated in the schedule. Each session will start on the whistle.

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.

There will be no trial ends.

## ECBA Rules

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

## Measuring

Competitors will be expected to do their own measuring.

There will be qualified referee available during each session 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 or spectators either during the event or whilst socialising:

- Drunken or loutish behaviour which causes annoyance to other people (eg causing an unnecessary disturbance such as running and shouting through confined areas such as corridors).
- The use of foul or abusive language in such a manner as to cause offence to the person being spoken to or people in the vicinity.
- Under no circumstances will any form of threatening or derogatory remarks directed at individuals, players or spectators be accepted.
- 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 attending a venue which is being used to hold an ECBA event.

### **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 and polo shirts will be allowed if they conform to either club or 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; T-shirts; polo shirts not conforming to club or county regulations.

### **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.

### **Fund Raiser**

One of the competing counties, as determined by the ongoing rota will be expected to run a fund raiser or raffle over the course of the weekend.