

National Championships - Playing Short

It is expected that all counties will make best efforts to field a full team and are encouraged to contact one another prior to the event to try and arrange to borrow players.

There will still be the option to pick up additional players on arrival at Potters.

However, in the event that a County is short the following rules will apply:

- Teams must have a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 32 players.
- Teams with less than 24 players available may nominate players from within their squad to fill in.
- Counties playing short will have up to 4 Rinks each with 1 player short. These spots will be filled from the available players in the other half of the draw.

For example, if a county has 22 players. On their team sheet they would register three players for team B and three for team D. That vacant spot is then taken up by players in A-C for D and D-F for B.

- Any county playing short must nominate their 6 skips at the start of the tournament, these six will still be eligible to play extra games, in a position other than skip.
- When playing additional games:
Players may not play more than 3 additional games*
Players may not play more than 3 times in succession*
- All counties are required to submit their teams before play starts on Saturday. In addition, any team with less than 24 players will be required to submit their playing schedule detailing the names of the players for each block in each session.
- A Team may elect to play with 5 rinks and forfeit the games involving the 6th rink in which case a result of 9-0 per game will be awarded to the opposing team. In this case the county's designated absent block will be as follows:
Bedfordshire - Block E
Cambridgeshire - Block A
Durham - Block D
Essex - Block C
Hertfordshire - Block F
Norfolk - Block B
Northumberland - Block A
Suffolk - Block B
Sunderland - Block C
- Any county entering the event with less than 24 players must submit details of their squad and their playing schedule to the Tournament Secretary prior to the event to enable it to be circulated to all the counties.

** Teams must do their best to adhere to this rule although it is acknowledged that in practice there may be circumstances where they cannot and in any case no one should play more than 4 extra games or 4 time in succession. This rule will be subject to review after the 2019 Championships.*