

**KENT COUNTY LADIES INDOOR
BOWLING ASSOCIATION**



COMPETITION RULES

SINGLES, PAIRS, TRIPLES AND FOURS

VALANNDOR TROPHY

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1. Entries will ONLY be accepted when submitted through the Club Secretary, **with the exception of the U25 Singles which should be sent direct to the County U25 Secretary**
2. The entry fee, closing date of entries and the date of the County Finals will be advised at the time of entry.
3. Method of payment of rink fees will be agreed within individual areas. The majority of clubs in the area must agree with the method to be adopted.
4. If a competitor having entered the Championships from one club changes clubs before 1st September prior to the start of the season (written confirmation is required) then that competitor shall be eligible to play in Team Championships for her new club providing that she has not, and does not, play in any Championship for her original club. If this is not adhered to, the club playing an ineligible player in a Team Championship will be disqualified from the Team Championship.
5. In all competitions, the challenger shall offer her opponent the choice of TWO dates, one of which must be a weekend or weekday evening." No game shall commence before 9.30am unless by mutual agreement. Other times may be offered but only if agreed by both players/teams. These dates must be offered not less than 14 days before the closing date of the opening round, or within 5 days after the closing date of the previous round to exclude Bank Holidays. In the event of this not happening the 2nd named becomes the Challenger and shall offer their opponent the appropriate 2 dates at their own club or in the competition area. When dates are offered, the arrangement must be confirmed within 72 hours and any arrangements made must be adhered to. If the opponent has previously arranged to play a National Championship on one or both of the two dates offered or is on International Duty, the Challenger is required to offer alternative dates. Do not offer dates where there is conflict with either Kent League games or KCLIBA matches. When challenged, being on holiday is not sufficient reason for demanding alternative dates. If a competitor fails to comply with these rules, the Competition Secretary will have authority to disqualify the defaulter.
6. Games at weekends shall not commence before 09.30 or after 18.00, unless by mutual agreement. All games to be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls, First Edition (Revised)
7. If there are sufficient entries to divide each competition into two sections, the winner of Section A will play the winner of Section B in the Final.
8. Semi-Finals will be played as a round of the competition on the challenger's green. The Final will be played on a date and at a venue to be determined by the Officers. Whenever possible this information will be advised at the time of entry.
9. Substitution: As per the relevant Rule in the current EIBA Year Book. One additional (and the same) player of the same Club, may however, be used as a substitute at any time provided they have not already played in the Championship. A substitute may play in any position. Competitors who have entered a Championship and are a named entrant cannot afterwards play in another team in the same Championship, irrespective of whether or not they have actually played in their original entry.
10. The length of each game shall be 31/2 hours duration to exclude trial ends. Play must be continuous. The winner of the toss prior to the start of the match shall have the option to either take the mat or give it to their opponent on the first end only. The delivery of the jack (from a correctly positioned mat) shall constitute the start of an end. An end started before the 3 and a half hour time limit has elapsed must be completed. In the event of a tie, an extra end will be played, and replayed to a conclusion. All dead ends must be replayed. The start and finish time to be agreed by both players/teams from the same timepiece and entered on the scorecard. On completion of the game the Competition Secretary should be notified of the result by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours of the completion of the game. **If e-mailing the results please give all players names and score and retain your score cards. If**

telephoning, the winning cards signed by both skips, should then be sent as soon as possible.

11. In a Singles competition the challenger must provide a competent marker.
12. Any disputes shall be referred to the Competition Secretary whose decision shall be final.
13. Dress for the early rounds of the competitions shall be black, and/or registered coloured Shirts and trousers with black or registered coloured shirts and trousers for the final as per EIBA Rules.
14. The game shall be 18 ends for Pairs, Triples and Fours
15. **If you are unable to play on the County Finals Day please withdraw as soon as this becomes apparent.**
16. Stickers will be provided for the Finals.

RULES FOR VALANNOR TROPHY COMPETITION

1. Any Club affiliated to the KCLIBA may submit one entry. Players taking part must be full playing members of that Club. Clubs may change their teams between rounds but players may only play for one Club in any one season.
2. Entries will **ONLY** be accepted when submitted through the Club Secretary.
3. The closing date for entries and the date of the Valannor Final will be advised at the time of entry.
agreed.
4. Clubs shall arrange all rounds up to and including the semi-finals. The organising Committee shall arrange the final.
5. Each round shall have a closing date. The challenging Club shall offer two dates (not in the same week) within not less than 21 days before the closing date of the opening round, and thereafter within 48 hours after the closing date of the previous round, unless already arranged. In the event of a date not being agreed, the challenging Club shall decide the playing date. **A CHALLENGE MUST BE ACCEPTED WITHIN 72 HOURS OF ITS RECEIPT.**
6. Games shall be 18 ends and 3 and a half hours duration to exclude trial ends This includes the final. Play must be continuous. The delivery of the Jack (from a correctly positioned mat) shall constitute the start of an end. An end started before the 3 and a half hour time limit has elapsed must be completed. In the event of a tie, an extra end will be played, and replayed to a conclusion. All dead ends must be replayed. The start and finish time must be agreed by both players/teams from the same timepiece and entered on the scorecard.
9. If within a period of 30 minutes from the time fixed for the game a single player is absent from one or more teams in a side game of four players in each rink, in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls, the game shall proceed but,
 - (i) in the defaulting team, the number of bowls shall be made up by the lead and second players playing three bowls each
 - (ii) one fourth of the total shots scored by each team comprising three players shall be deducted from their score at the conclusion of the game. Fractions will be taken into account.
10. The rinks to be used shall be allocated by the home Club and the draw to decide who plays on which rink shall be made by the visiting skips or their representatives in the presence of an umpire or competent person.
11. The captains at each venue shall toss for the right to decide whether to play first or give the

mat away on the first end only. They should also toss for the right to decide whether to play first or give the mat away for the extra end.

12. One extra end shall be played by a designated rink on the challenging Clubs green immediately after 18 ends have been completed. The result of this end shall determine the final result in the event of a draw. The captain/representative of the challenging team shall choose which rink shall play the extra end. The relevant card must be marked before the draw takes place. If the rink selected to play the extra end does not complete its eighteen ends within the three and a half hour time limit and the result after this time is a draw, the same rink will play the extra end to reach the final score.
13. Dress for all rounds shall be black or club colours and shirt, and regulation shoes. Sandals are not allowed except for medical reasons, when a doctor's exemption letter will be required together with permission from the KCLIBA.
14. Players should use their club stickers. Clubs to use their own stickers for finals day.
15. The home Club shall pay green fees, offer hospitality and provide a competent person to officiate. An umpire will be provided for the final.
16. On completion of the game, the Competition Secretary **MUST** be notified of the result by telephone or e-mail within 24 hours of the completion of the game. The winning cards, signed by both skips, must then be sent as soon as possible.
17. The winning Club shall hold the Valandor Trophy until 1st April of the following year. The trophy must then be returned to the KCLIBA Competition Secretary.
18. The Competition shall be played under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls 4th Edition (Revised)

All bowls must bear a legible stamp for 1985 or later.

RULES FOR UNDER 25 SINGLES COMPETITION

1. Entries will ONLY be accepted when submitted directly through the **COUNTY** Under 25's Secretary.
2. In order to qualify for entry, a competitor must be under the age of 25 on 31st December following the date of entry.
3. Rules 2-16 of EIBA apply.

RULES FOR UNDER -18 SINGLES COMPETITION

1. Entries will ONLY be accepted when submitted directly through the **County** Under 25's Secretary.
2. In order to qualify for entry, a competitor must be under the age of 18 on 31st December following the date of entry.
3. Dress will be greys and/or registered colours trousers, with club shirts if appropriate.
4. The format for play will be determined once the number of entries is known.
5. Losing players will mark one game.

6. Each match will be 21 shots or a maximum of 1¼ hours.
7. The games on the day will be up to and including Semi Final stage.
8. Stickers will be provided for the Final.
9. The final will be played on County Finals Day.

ATHERLEY TROPHY

County shirts must be worn for all Atherley and County matches.

It is no longer a requirement to have played in KCLIBA matches in the previous season to be eligible for Atherley selection.