

CIVIL SERVICE BOWLING ASSOCIATION (NORTHERN IRELAND)
RULES GOVERNING THE CONDUCT OF N.I. CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITIONS

1. Entry to the Championship Competitions shall be by application which, together with the appropriate fees, must be submitted to the Treasurer by the closing date specified annually. Each member entering must complete their own entry form and enclose the appropriate fees
2. The draws for the respective competitions will be made at the Annual General Meeting of members to be held not later than the Last Sunday in February in each year.
3. The first named single or team in each game has choice of venue and is responsible for arranging the appropriate ties in each round.
4. Both opponents have equal responsibility for advising the other of any problems (e.g. holidays) likely to affect the playing of the tie and endeavouring to agree a suitable date – a date which must be prior to the closing date for that round. The first named single or skip must offer the opposing single or skip a choice of three dates. The first date offered must give the opponent at least 4 days notice.
- 5 (a) Where a date cannot be mutually agreed (as in 4 above), and a period of 16 days remains to the closing date; the second named single or skip shall assume the responsibility for arranging the game and also be awarded the Home venue. He/she shall offer two dates; which fall within the period remaining before the closing date specified for the round. The first date offered must give the opponent at least 2 days notice. The opposing single or skip must inform his opponent immediately of acceptance of a date.

(b) Where a first named single or skip does not make an offer in accordance with (4) above, he shall be deemed to have forfeited the arrangements for this tie to his opponent and be required to accept the revised arrangements; venue and date offered, by his opponent. Failure to accept any of the dates offered by the now assumed first named single or skip, in accordance with (a) above, he (the opponent), will be deemed to have forfeited the tie.

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Note. Where this is applicable, the Competition Secretary should be notified by: -

(1) the first named single or skip, when he has made an offer to his opponent and it has not been accepted, and

(2) an opponent, when he has not received an offer 16 days before the closing date. He will confirm with the Competitions Secretary that he wishes to enact the rule at (5) above

(c) In exceptional circumstances only, the Competition Secretary may, after consultation with at least one other Office Bearer of the Association, grant an extension to the closing Date of a round. Such extensions will not be granted for the Pairs, Triples and Rinks Competitions if the service of a substitute has not first been sought, as permitted by Rule 6 below.

6. (a) Substitutes shall be allowed as follows: -

(1) Pairs and Triples – one substitute only throughout the competition, and

(2) Rinks – two substitutes only throughout the competition.

(b) Substitutes should be drawn from the list of members circulated with the details of the draws. A substitute **must** be sought using the priority list at (c) below.

(c) Substitutes should be a member: - (i) who has paid for, but not taken part in that competition;

(ii) who has not taken part in that competition

or, (iii) if reasonable attempts to find a substitute via (i) and then (ii) are unsuccessful then the Competition Secretary, at his discretion, may allow a member of the team, defeated by the team requiring the substitute in the immediate preceding round, to act as substitute.

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Exceptionally a new member, joining after the closing date specified annually, will be permitted to be a substitute provided the consent of the Competition Secretary has been obtained.

(d)(1) Before the commencement of a tie a substitute may play in any position.

(2) After commencement of a tie an eligible replacement may **not** play as skip.

(e) Where a substitute is used both the Competition Secretary and the opposing skip must be notified before play commences.

(f) Where a substitute plays in at least a simple majority of the games possible in any competition he becomes a substantive member of the team. In other cases the original player must be re-instated for subsequent games if he so desires.

(g) A member may not play as substitute for more than one team in a competition.

7. All winners should notify their success to the Competition Secretary not later than the day following the completion of the tie (excluding weekends). Score cards must be kept for semi-finals and finals, and it is the responsibility of the successful single or skip to ensure the score card is in the possession of the Competition Secretary within 7 days of the completion of the tie.

8. (a) Any dispute arising should in the first instance be reported to the Competition Secretary. Where he cannot resolve the problem, the matter should be referred, in writing, to the General Purposes Committee, at least 10 days, where practicable, before the closing date for the round.

(b) The General Purposes Committee will meet at least 7 days, where practicable, before the

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closing date for the round to consider any disputes referred to it, and will call for such oral or written evidence from the parties involved, as it deems necessary, for the settlement of the dispute.

(c) The General Purposes Committee's decision in all disputes referred to it will be final.

9. Grey trousers/skirt and white tops or the Green CSBANI shirt must be worn by all players taking part in CSBA (NI) competitions.