**RULES FOR COUNTY COMPETITIONS 2022-23**

1. The Competitions shall be confined to those Clubs affiliated to the Association.

2. Competitors may only represent one Club in County Competitions in any one season.

3. All Competitions shall be played under the Management of the Sussex County Women’s

 Indoor Bowling Association. In the event of any disputes the Competition Secretary’s

 decision will be final.

4. Entries will only be accepted when submitted by the Ladies Club Secretary on the form

 provided on the understanding that facilities will be provided by the Challenger’s Club.

 All entry fees to be paid with the entry form. Cheques to be made payable to S.C.W.I.B.A.

5. A competent person to be in attendance at Quarter and Semi-Finals. Qualified Umpires

 and Markers at Finals.

6. S.C.W.I.B.A. shall make the draw. No extensions beyond the date fixed will be allowed

 except for extenuating circumstances. Any team giving a walkover after winning a

 round(s) should be barred from entering that competition the following year.

7. Substitutes- one additional and the same player may be used at any one time provided

 she has not already played in the competition concerned. If a substitute is required prior

 to the start of the game, she may play in any position. If during the game a substitute is

 required, she may play in any position except Skip. The first round constitutes the team,

 including the named entrant.

8. The first name drawn shall be the Challenger. The Challenger shall have the choice of

 Green, except in the Final. Competitors unable to play on their home Green may play

 away on their Opponent’s Green or on a neutral Green.

9. The Challenger shall offer the Opponent two dates, (not consecutive unless by mutual

 consent) one of which may be a weekend. (Please be considerate when arranging

 matches with players who are working). The Opponent must accept one of the two

 dates given unless the Opponent is playing in a National/County Match or competition

 or concede a walkover.

 A challenge must be made no later than 14 days before the final date of the preliminary

 round only. All other rounds thereafter the challenge must be made within 5 days of the

 closing date of the previous round. When dates are offered the arrangement must be

 confirmed within 72 hours and any arrangement must be adhered to. If no challenge is

 made then it may go to the opposition to challenge. If the original challenger is unable to

 accept dates then she has to concede the game. In the event of no challenge from either

 player then the Competition Secretary will intervene and if no agreement can be made

 then the original Challenger shall concede the game.

10. Competitors travelling less than 50 miles may not be asked to commence a game before

 10.0 am or after 6.30 pm unless by mutual consent. Competitors should not be asked to

 play before 12 noon, nor commence after 2 pm if the distance between Clubs is more than

 50 miles, except by mutual agreement. Consideration to be given in the event of extreme

 weather conditions, e.g., snow, flooding, making travelling dangerous.

11. If any competitor is not ready to play within 30 minutes after the fixed time, the opposing

 competitor may claim a walkover. Such claims shall be made to the Competition

 Secretary within 24 hours of the fixed date. If a game cannot be completed due to

 exceptional circumstances the Competition Secretary should be informed immediately

 and competitors should return to complete the game within 7 days.

12. Games shall consist as follows:

 Pairs 4 bowls each player 18 ends or 3hrs 30 mins

 Fours 2 bowls each player 18 ends or 3hrs 30 mins

 Triples 3 bowls each player 18 ends or 3hrs 30 mins

 Singles 4 bowls each player 21 shots

 **The 3 hrs. 30 mins does not include trial ends or extra ends.**  An end where the jack has

 been cast before 3 hrs. 30 mins must be played to a finish. All dead ends must be

 replayed. Start time must be agreed by both skips/players from the same timepiece

 and marked on the score card.

13. The results of the match to be sent to the Competition Secretary by phone, text or email

 **IMMEDIATELY** after the game and the scorecard showing the names of all players and

 signed by both Skips, sent to the Competition Secretary **WITHIN** 24 hrs. of the

 completion of the game.

14. All competitors are to pay their own green fees.

15. All Bowls MUST bear a legible Bowls Stamp for 1985 or later.

16. Uniform - Grey Skirts/tailored or approved grey trousers with Club Shirts. Finals - White

 skirts/trousers or regulation cropped trousers with Club Shirts.

 **QUALIFICATIONS FOR COUNTY BADGE**

 A County Badge can be obtained by success in County Competitions.

 Points will be awarded to competitors on the following basis:

 **County Pairs**  **County Fours**

 Last Sixteen 1 point

 Quarter Finalists 2 points

 Semi-Finalists 3 points Semi-Finalists 2 points

 Losing Finalists 4 points Losing Finalists 3 points

 **Unbadged Singles**

 Semi-Finalists 1 point

 Losing Finalists 2 points

**Winners will be awarded their County Badge**

**Unbadged Triples**

 Due to lack of entries (Season 2021-22)— points to be awarded as follows:

 Losing Finalists 2 points

 Winner 3 points

**A County Badge will be awarded when six points have been earned over a period not exceeding eight years. No points will be awarded to a substitute unless she plays at least 3 games continuously, not including the Final.**

County Badged Players, including Juniors, will be eligible for consideration in County Matches and Unbadged Players who have attained six points will be given their County Badges on Finals Day (in uniform) or may wait for a County Match during the following year.

**All Competitors in County Competitions must be current members of an Affiliated Club.**

**ALL BADGED AND UNBADGED PLAYERS SHOULD SUPPORT PATRONS’ MATCHES**.