

British Isles Women's Indoor Bowls Council Championship Rules
Amended 14th March 2016

- A. The Council shall fix the dates for this event which will be in accordance with an agreed rota.
- B. For these Championships, the green must not be less than 38 yards in length and 32 yards wide. No rink shall be less than 15 feet wide and the boundary line shall be at least 18 inches from the side ditch. In the event of Spectator Flooring being used, a minimum distance of 18 inches must be allowed for, at the boundary of both ends Rinks.
Provision must be made by the Home Country for the use of a periscope or a mirror, in the event of a dispute over a line bowl or jack.
- C. The Council shall lay down the rules for these Championships and will deal with any disputes that may arise, which have been submitted to the B.I.W.I.B.C. SECRETARY IN WRITING.
On site COUNCIL MEMBERS in attendance, shall deal with emergency disputes.
- D. DRESS FOR PLAYERS
British Isles Championships
Each discipline to be similarly dressed in choice of cream /white skirt with two inverted pleats back and front, or white smart, straight leg, tailored trousers. Shirts in country colours and white bowling shoes.
During play tights or stockings are optional.
Advertising is permissible on left sleeve of regulation shirt (not bigger than 7.6 cm x 5 cm)
Senior and Junior Internationals
Teams to be similarly dressed; choice of either cream/white skirt with two inverted pleats back and front or white smart, straight leg tailored trousers.
Shirts: in country colours and white bowling shoes.
Officials: Country blazers, white skirts or white smart straight leg tailored trousers, white reversed collared tops.
During play tights or stockings are optional: if sockettes are worn they must be not be seen
Advertising is permissible.
- E. Championships shall be held for Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and U/25 Singles.
The Current Champions of each Country for these events will take part.
SUBSTITUTION: Substitution in SINGLES will be allowed for a close family Bereavement or on the submission of a medical certificate - in which case the RUNNER-UP at NATIONAL LEVEL will be accepted.
If a player wins both Senior and Junior Singles must play both.
With regard to the PAIRS, TRIPLES and FOURS, any substitute required must be from the same Club as the Qualifiers and MUST NOT HAVE PLAYED IN ANY PREVIOUS ROUNDS AT NATIONAL LEVEL IN THAT PARTICULAR CHAMPIONSHIP. (SUBSTITUTION-- as per Laws of the Game)
- D. In case of an EMERGENCY ON SITE any one of the Officers of the National Body affected could act as a Reserve in the British Isles Championships.
- F. The afore-mentioned Substitution in Semi- Finals and Finals in SINGLES, PAIRS TRIPLES and FOURS are permitted with the approval of a quorum of the Council.
- G. Dual Qualification is permitted. Should the same person win the senior singles and under 25 singles, they must contest both singles.
- H. In games for PAIRS and FOURS, the length of each game shall be 21 ends or four hours, whichever is the shorter. In games for TRIPLES, the length of each game shall be 18 ends or four hours, whichever is the shorter. Trial ends are not included in the time limit. SINGLES--21 shots.
An end started before the termination of the four--hour limit must be completed and in the event of a tie, an extra end will be played.
The delivery of the jack shall constitute the start of an end.
Senior Internationals: The bell shall be rung at four hours to signify the last end; unless the end is burnt and then that end has to be replayed.
Junior Internationals: The bell shall be rung at three and a half hours to signify the last end being played unless the end is burnt and then that end has to be replayed.
- I. No lower age limit. Junior Internationals: if U/25 before September 30th can play in same season.
- J. The Council is authorised, to take whatever steps it thinks fit, if in the Council's opinion, the Green or Venue submitted for consideration is considered unsuitable.
- L. Stamping of bowls: all bowls must carry the new WB oval stamp. Distinguishing marks on each side of bowl (as per rule 9a Laws of the Game) is interpreted by this Council as International Bowls stickers. Coloured bowls will be accepted.

