

ECBA COMPETITIONS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You may have noticed over the last few weeks that Bowls England and others have been posting on social media and web pages, talking about changes to the playing conditions of certain competitions that lead to qualification for the national championships.

Essex CBA queried the reasoning behind the changes which is to be forced upon all Counties and subsequently it has been confirmed that Essex have been obliged to apply the changes to the our own County Championships. It should be noted that Bowls England has indicated that these changes are experimental and are not at this stage permanent. That said it is anticipated that the same format will be operated in 2022 because of the use of the greens at Leamington for the Commonwealth Games and green space will be limited.

Therefore, the **temporary playing conditions** for the County Championships during the 2021 season will be as follows

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TEAM MEMBERS ARE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING

Singles – no change: 21 up, 4 bowls each player

Pairs – change: 18 ends, 3 bowls each player

Triples – change: 18 ends, 2 bowls each player

Fours – change: 15 ends, 2 bowls each player

Senior Fours – change: 15 ends, 2 bowls each player

Junior Singles – no change: 21 up 4 bowls each player

Junior Pairs – change: 18 ends, 3 bowls each player

Two Bowl Singles – no change: 21 ends 2 bowls each player

Playing conditions of other national competitions such as top club, mixed pairs, senior singles etc can be found on the Bowls England website.

Please note there will be no change to the playing conditions in any of these County Competitions

Double Fours – 21 ends, 2 bowls each player

Shield – 21 ends, 2 bowls each player

North & South Essex Fours (& Hood Cup) – 21 ends, 2 bowls each player

*Inter Group Knock Out – 21 ends, 2 bowls each player

*Wally Ball – 21 ends, 2 bowls each player

*Ashford Cup – 21 ends, 2 bowls each player

Those competitions marked * will go ahead depending upon the Government guidelines and lockdown roadmap.

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