

THE FOLKESTONE TOP TEN

AT FOLKESTONE I.B.C.

2009 / 2010

Details of this tournament have now been finalised.

We at **Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club** are confident that we will have a successful tournament and that the competition will be exciting and challenging, and produce a high standard of bowls.

Based on the entries received for the competition, the 14 finalists competing over the Easter weekend 2010 at Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club will be comprised of some of the finest teams in England from the regional group stages

The information listed below is enclosed for your attention: -

General information re fixtures
Group composition and fixtures / dates sheet
Competition information sheet
Match Points Scoring information sheet
Supply of official results cards
Group contact information sheet

Should you require any further information or need to contact us, please do not hesitate to contact the bowls club or members of the organising team

On behalf of **Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club**, we thank you for your entry and hope that your participation will be enjoyable, rewarding, and successful

Yours sincerely

Eric Peacock Chairman

George Hutton Hon. Secretary & Competition Administrator

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FIXTURES

In compiling the list of dates for group matches, account has been taken of the **Egham Trophy** and no dates have been selected on Sundays, which coincide with this competition

Sundays would seem to be the preferred day to play this competition but as the organising club, what cannot be foreseen is the busy County and domestic programme for individual clubs. With this in mind, total flexibility is afforded to competing clubs to rearrange fixtures within the following parameters :-

Dates can be changed but this must be by **MUTUAL AGREEMENT**

The starting time for all matches, the 'HOME' and 'AWAY' elements are to be established between the competing teams on each occasion. These starting times may vary. Clubs may wish to notify teams within their group of their preferred starting time, when they are hosting a game, in order to fit around their domestic programme.

Clubs should make every reasonable attempt to complete all of their fixtures. Failure to do so may have serious implications for the qualifiers from their own group. Be fair to all. The motto should be '**PLAY ALL YOUR GROUP MATCHES**'.

Bowls has traditionally been one of those sports where the practice of an acceptable level of etiquette features strongly in any match situation. Folkestone I.B.C. hopes that all clubs who have entered this competition will have regard to the statement in the preface to the latest edition of the laws of the Game

THAT THE LAWS HAVE BEEN FRAMED IN THE BELIEF THAT TRUE SPORTSMANSHIP WILL PREVAIL.

ALL GROUP FIXTURES AND PLAY OFFS MUST BE COMPLETED BY SUNDAY 28th FEBRUARY, 2010, AND RESULTS FORWARDED TO THE ORGANISER. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE ALLOWED

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TEAM COMPOSITION

Any 10 full playing male members in each game registered at the club will represent your team providing they have not represented any other team in this competition

Players representing any club with more than one entry will only be allowed to play for one of the teams

You may make as many changes as you wish in personnel, or in which of the four disciplines they play from game to game in the initial stages of the competition

MATCH ORGANISATION

The **Home** team is the first named team in the list of fixtures

In the regional group fixture the **Home Team** host the **Singles and Fours Disciplines**

The **Singles** player competes with 4 bowls and the **Fours** players with 2 bowls

It is the responsibility of the club hosting the **Singles** discipline to provide a marker for each game.

The **Away** team is the second named team in the list of fixtures

In the regional group fixture the **Away Team** hosts the **Pairs and Triples Disciplines**

The **Pairs** players each compete with 4 bowls, and the **Triples** players with 3 bowls

Any variations of the day / date of matches to those set out in the fixture list are to be mutually agreed. When a match is re-arranged from the date set out in the fixture list, both clubs are asked to notify the organising team at Folkestone, in writing of the new date. No further change of the agreed date is acceptable. This committee will then decide to award 9 points to the aggrieved team and 0 points to the offending team.

For each regional fixture each club will need to make 2 rinks available for at least 3 hours

Rinks for the disciplines will be nominated by the teams playing at their home venues. There is no need for a draw i.e. the singles can nominate the rink to be played on at that venue and the pairs can nominate the rink at their home venue etc.

Two trial ends are permitted before the commencement of any game. After the trial ends, matches are to be of **3 hours** duration or Singles **21 shots up**, Pairs and Fours **21 ends**, Triples **18 ends**, whichever is **the sooner**.

An end started **within** the three-hour period of time is to be completed. An end 'killed' **after** the three-hour time limit has elapsed **shall not be replayed**

Clubs should endeavour to arrange for officially registered and qualified umpires to be in attendance for each match. Clubs are responsible for notifying umpires of the rules of the competition or making a copy available at their club. The Laws of the E.I.B.A **shall apply in all situations beyond those covered in the competition rules**

Completed **scorecards** (or copies thereof) for each of the **Four disciplines**, and a completed **Result Card** should be forwarded to the **Competition Administrator (GeorgeHutton)** at **his home address as shown** within **48 hours** of the completion of each match. An e mail to george@folkestoneibc.freeserve.co.uk will be acceptable.

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MATCH REVENUES AND DETAILS

Each individual club is to be responsible for any match fees charged to their players. From any match fee, **£1 per player, (£10 per team)** shall be forwarded to the **Competition Administrator (George Hutton) at his home address as shown below** within 48 hours of the completion of each match.

For ease of administration and to ensure that there is not a capital shortfall, clubs are asked to send the total payment for all scheduled group matches at the conclusion of the first match

All cheques should be made payable Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club.

COMPETITION FINALS : EASTER 2010

The qualifiers for the grand finals weekend at Folkestone I.B.C will be the **WINNERS IN ALL GROUPS AND THE RUNNERS-UP IN GROUPS 3, 4, AND 5. The winners of group 1A and 1B will play off, with the winner qualifying for the finals. Last year's winner and the home club receive automatic qualification.**

The Finals will take place at Folkestone Indoor Bowls Club over the 4 days of the Easter Weekend : **2nd April-5th April**

In the Easter Finals, each of the 4 disciplines will play a total of **6** games of **2 hours duration**. The **Singles and the Fours disciplines** will alternate playing **3** games on each of **2 days (Friday and Sunday)**. The **Pairs and the Triples disciplines** will alternate, playing **3** games on each of the other **2 days (Saturday and Monday)**

Rules for the Finals will be forwarded when the finalists are known although it should be pointed out that a maximum of six substitutes are allowed in the Finals and no person may play in more than one discipline

The **Prize Money** will be paid from the accumulated match fee revenues, entry fee revenues, and sponsorship. The players representing teams who achieve first, second, third ,fourth and fifth place in each of the four individual disciplines will receive prize monies. In addition to cash prizes for the first five teams the outright team winner will receive the George Athey Trophy. The teams finishing in 6th – 14th place at the Finals will each receive £100.

Although Folkestone are guaranteeing the prize money, it must be stressed that failure by teams to complete their fixtures and forward their match fees will put a strain on the finances of the prize fund.

DRESS CODE

The dress code for matches at all stages of the competition is **WHITES. CLUB SHIRTS** officially registered with the E.I.B.A. can be worn. Teams are asked to check with their opponents that the wearing of coloured shirts does not infringe any local or county rules

CONTACT DETAILS

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Fixtures

There are a total of **15 points** at stake for each competitive match

The **4** individual disciplines carry a total of **8 points** as outlined below

SINGLES **2 Points**

PAIRS **2 Points**

TRIPLES **2 Points**

FOURS **2 Points**

Two points are awarded for each **win** as indicated above. Any tied score results in a sharing of the **Two** points i.e. **one** point to each team. No points are awarded for a loss

A further **7 points** are available to be allocated in the following ways

Winner of the **SINGLES / FOURS** total shots aggregate **2 Points**

Winner of the **PAIRS / TRIPLES** total shot aggregate **2 Points**

Winner of the **OVERALL** total shots aggregate **3 Points**

In each category above – full points for a win, no points for a loss, and shared points for a tie