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Regional Playing Rules 2012

Any team contravening the rules may be liable to penalties up to and including disqualification.

Playing Committee

The organiser on the day (normally the playing officer) will be in charge of all aspects of the tournament other than rules decisions made by the umpire. Any conflicts will be resolved by a playing committee made up of the organiser, the umpire on the day and the regional president. In the absence of any of these they will be replaced by another executive officer chosen by the executive officers present.

Eligibility

All Northern tournaments are for Northern members only. They must produce their licence / membership card at each event. Any member of Northern unable to produce a membership card will only be allowed to play if they purchase a £5 one event licence before registration.

Entries

Completed entry forms and applicable entry fees should be received by the playing officer (or advertised replacement) by the closing date.

The entry fee will be £3 per player for singles, £6 per team for pairs, £9 per team for triples (teams of 4 may enter but there will only be trophies / prizes for 3)

Entry on the day will be allowed for events other than the qualifiers subject to space / facilities being available. The fee will be £5 per player for singles, £10 per team for pairs, £15 per team for triples.

For the qualifiers the entry fee will be £10 per player (covering all qualifier events). A substitute during the qualifiers who does not become part of the team (see next page) does not have to pay a further fee but also will not be entitled to kit provided by the region.

Teams entering the qualifiers should make every effort to play at all the qualifying events so that all teams play against all other teams. Teams should not enter the qualifiers if they have no intention of representing the region in the Inter Regional events.

Registration

Registration will open as soon after 9.15 am as possible and will close at 9.45 am.

Financial

For singles, pairs and triples at least 80% of the entry fees will be used for trophies / prizes.

There will be no prizes (other than qualification) at the qualifiers but players will be entitled to free regional kit. Kit is provided on the 2nd occasion of playing in the qualifiers then again on the 5th, 9th etc. Kit will also be provided to new players in their 1st year if they qualify to represent the region.

Competition organisation

The qualifiers will be a round robin. The format for the other events will depend on the number of entries. Placings in leagues and in the qualifiers will be decided on games won followed by points difference.

If the tie is from leagues which did not involve a head to head then points scored will be the deciding factor. If there is still a tie the tied teams will play a 3 end decider followed by sudden death if required.

If a knockout system is not used and 2 teams finish on the same number of wins the head to head result of the tied teams will take priority over points difference. If more than 2 teams finish on the same number of wins then head to head results will not be considered.

If a team has a bye during a league they will receive a win providing they have won at least as many as they have lost in their other games otherwise they will receive a loss. The organiser should announce in advance if byes will be an average based on the other games played or 13-7.

If a team misses 2 of the qualifiers their entry to the series will be removed and any games they have played will be discounted.

Byes during the qualifiers will count as a win if the team receiving the bye finish above the missing team at the end of the qualifiers or a loss if the team receiving the bye finish below the missing team. In either case the score of the team receiving the bye will be an average of all their other scores.

The missing team will receive no scores for that day, e.g. if they are on 8 wins +42 after the first 2 qualifiers that would be their final score if they missed the third qualifier.

If the qualifiers clash with a GB event then any team unable to field a valid team due to their members playing for GB will receive a 13-7 win for each game they miss. This does not affect their opponents who will receive scores as above.

Standard of dress

Teams must wear matching tops (waterproofs excluded). Matching refers to colour not to logos.

The visible tops of the team should match at all times e.g. removing a blue sweatshirt to reveal a red polo shirt is not acceptable unless all the team do the same. A mixture of types of top e.g. sweatshirt or t-shirt is allowed if the colours match.

Representation

The winners and runners up in the regional pairs and the regional triples will be invited to represent the region in the respective Champion of Champions events.

The top 8 teams from the qualifiers will be invited to form the squad for the inter regional championship and teams finishing in 9th to 12th places will be invited to form the squad for the inter regional challenge.

Team composition

Substitutes are allowed at any time up to registration for any team event.

Teams of 4 players may enter and participate in the triples. A team may change no more than one player in a game and then only between two ends after notifying the umpire or by agreement with the opponents.

For the qualifiers.

A team entered as a team of 3 may use a substitute and / or add a 4th player at any time other than during an end. A team entered as a team of 4 may use a substitute at any time other than during an end. The substitute cannot then be replaced by one of the original players during that qualifier.

If a substitute / extra player is added during a qualifier the organiser / umpire must approve the registration of the player before they take part.

It is the team's decision whether the substitute is for the one qualifier only or if the substitute becomes part of the team and completely replaces an original team member.

No player may play or register for more than 1 team throughout the series. (A player being included on an entry form does not constitute registration).

A team may not use 2 different substitutes during the qualifier series.

After the qualifiers, a team which qualified as a triple may add a fourth player.

At the Inter Regionals a team of 4 may use one substitute.

This additional player or substitute may have played for a team which failed to qualify but does not have to have played in the qualifiers.

A team playing at the Inter Regionals must contain at least 2 players who played for that team during the qualifiers. If a qualified team is unavailable the team will be replaced by the next highest team from the qualifiers.