Annex 'A' County Competitions

A1. Aims

A1.1. The draw is intended to be fair to all competitors with no bias towards any individuals or groups.

A1.2. All attempts shall be made to avoid conflicting short mat bowling fixtures that are organised by the K.C.S.M.B.A. i.e. County Competitions, Inter County Competitions, National Qualifying and England Trials.

A2. Competition Structure

A2.1. The number of dates for the competition shall be determined based upon previous year's level of entries. For example 3 dates for the initial stages of the competition, and 1 finals day.

A2.2. The structure of the competition shall be announced along with the entry forms sent to clubs. This shall indicate the dates used to complete the initial stages of the competition and the date for the finals, including the number of competitors that will be taken for the finals day e.g. 32 finalists. The number of finalists may subsequently be amended should the number of entries received be significantly different to those expected.

A2.3. The groups shall play on a round robin basis primarily in groups of four players/ teams with groups of three players/teams used where the number of entries makes this necessary. In the groups of three the games shall be played over $1^1/_2$ the number of ends being played by the groups of four so that all players play the same number of ends. Group winners and sufficient best group losers will be taken forward into the knockout stages.

A2.4. Best round losers will be identified from the combined round robins of each competition and shall be determined by shots difference and ends won during the round robin stages.

A2.5. If, prior to the date of the knockout stage, the competition secretary is notified that a player/team is unable to attend then the next highest loser from the round robin stages shall be invited to attend the knockout stage.

A3. Draws

A3.1. All entries shall be received in advance of the draw taking place. Entries received after the initial draw has taken place will only be accepted in exceptional circumstances.

A3.2. The initial draw, for which entries play in a specific round robin session, shall be made in the presence of at least two Committee members. After consideration of any requests to play in a particular session, the draw shall be made at random and the sessions filled so that all sessions for a particular discipline contain a similar number of entries. The draw will then be published with dates and times to all clubs involved.

A3.3. The specific draws for which teams are in which group, and their position of play within the group, shall be made at the time of registration for each round robin session.

A3.4. Individuals will be permitted to swap competition dates / times with other

competitors, providing notice is given to the competition secretary in advance of the dates concerned. No swaps will be allowed on the day of the competition except under exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Competition Secretary.

A3.5. The draw for the first round of the knockout finals shall be carried out at the time of registration on the finals day and will be completely random. There will be no redraw of position for subsequent rounds which will follow in a straight knockout sequence i.e. the winners of games 1 and 2 of round one play against each other in round two as do the winners of games 3 and 4 in round 1. Mat selections shall be such that no player/team will play two games on the same mat location.

A3.6. On the days of the competitions the competition secretary will maintain records of absence and the K.C.S.M.B.A. will be notified at their next meeting. Continued non- attendance may result in the Association Committee suspending individuals concerned. Individuals will be asked to account for their absence in advance of any decisions.

A3.7. On the day of a competition where players (teams) are absent those present, and effected by the absentees, will be awarded a walk over win by 10 shots to nil. For those teams present they will compete over a longer game such that they play a similar number of ends to those whose groups are full.

A3.8. Best round losers will be identified from the combined round robins of each competition.

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