

Competition rules

The competition is open to all clubs affiliated to HSMBA. All players must come from the same club. Club captains/delegates should confirm entry and register their squads by 1st January of that season.

Competition fees will be set by the committee to cover all costs involved in running the competition.

The competition format will be decided by the competition secretary, and promulgated to clubs by 1st November of that season.

For the 2024/25 season, teams will consist of seven players. One Rink and one Triple. The Triples games will consist of 9 ends 2 bowls, and the rink 7 ends 2 bowls. Substitutes. On the day of the competition, one additional player may be used as a substitute at any time.

If on the day of the competition the team is a player short; they may play with six players. The missing player must be from the rink. Players may change disciplines between matches. Each team are allowed one dead end for playing the jack off the mat in each match, thereafter, incur a penalty of 2 shots and the end replayed.

Three points will be awarded for each game won and two points for a tie, with four bonus points for the team with the highest overall shot difference. Two bonus points each if shot difference is equal.

At the beginning of each game the Team Captains will toss a coin, the winner has the option play first or second on all mats. The Team playing first will be the home team on all scoreboards.

In the knockout stages including the final, should the points and shot difference be the same for both teams, a nominated pair from each team will play a best of three play off, and the winner will go through to the next round or win the competition.

The Competition will be completed in one day. Martin Nash (Competition secretary) (February 2024)