

Inter County Playing Rules 2006

1. These rules apply only to counties affiliated to Region Seven take part in the Region Seven inter county league.
2. These playing rules may be changed only if at least two thirds of the total votes cast are in favour of the change, abstentions being ignored.
3. Each county will organise the formation of three official teams, Men's 'A', 'B' & Women's. (An optional 'C' team may run in accordance with EPA format)
4. The inter county youth team championship will be run under the same rules as the senior tournaments, with the following additions.
5. All youth players must be properly registered with the Region Secretary prior to the start of the tournaments. Failure to comply will mean the player is not available for selection. The Secretary will issue a full list of all county youth squad players to other competing county youth team co-ordinators prior to the start of the tournament.
6. All youth players must be under the age of 18 on December the 31st of the year, which the tournament is run.
7. All players must reside within the boundaries covered by this region.
8. All youth team players must show their EPA identification card to the opposing team manager / organiser at every match. Failure to do so will mean the player is not available for selection.
9. All inter county matches will take place on the same day as the senior matches but agreed postponements will be allowed to prevent congestion at the county venues.
10. Any youth player may play for a senior team but having done so may take no further part in the youth team.
11. The agreed affiliation fee shall be paid in full prior to the start of the tournament.
12. Each team should consist of eleven players plus a maximum of four reserves and must have a minimum of nine players present to constitute a match.
13. In the event of the county being short of players, the first blank space (or name of a player who is not present but expected to appear later) will be for the home team 1st number 11, 2nd number 6 and away team 1st number 11, and 2nd number 6.
14. If only a 18 men's A & B players are present, both the A and B teams must player with nine in each side forfeiting 8 frames to their opponents full team over a 44 frame match.
15. Team managers / Captains shall exchange team sheets before the start of the match will all players names clearly printed plus any possible reserves, any substitution in the 2nd, 3rd or 4th legs must be notified and any player who is substituted can take no

further part in the match unless there are a B team or women's team player who is also listed as a C team reserve.

16. No women player is allowed to play in the Men's A or B teams or vice versa. The C team may be mixed men & women.
17. The C team shall no include players for the A team. Note: A C team reserve may substitute for a player in the Men's A, B or women's if applicable but shall take no further part in the C team.
18. No player shall be allowed to transfer between counties during the season.
19. Each county team will play two matches home and away against all other county teams in their divisions.
20. All counties must make their players aware of the Region Seven inter county fixture list. The absence of players on holiday or attending other tournaments irrespective of how many are absent can never be sufficient reason for postponement of a county fixture. The publicised dates in the Region Seven inter county fixture list will be adhered to except under exceptional circumstances as decided by the Region Seven committee.
21. Stating time of the matches shall be 1:30pm, fines and loss of frame points for a late start will be approved by the Region Seven committee.
22. Any county wishing to change the date or starting time of the match must give 14 days notice in writing to their opponents and the Results Secretary. Their will be responsible for (i) providing a good and substantial reason for the postponement; (ii) arrange a new date / time with their opponents agreement; (iii) notifying the Result Secretary of the new date / time.
23. Under extreme circumstances a match may be re-arranged with the committee's approval.
24. No re-arranged may be played after the last date on the Region Seven Fixture list. Failure to comply will incur a £50 fine imposed upon the team who first postponed the match unless the re-arrangement is covered by rule 15.
25. If any match remains unplayed at the close of the season, including unfulfilled postponement or non-attended matches, then the non-offending team will be awarded a score calculated on the average of their total frames won and their would –be opponents average of their total frames lost rounded up plus two points win bonus or nineteen points whichever is the greater.
26. In the event that a county fail to fulfil a fixture with any team they were due to play will be fined £50 in addition to the point's penalty.
27. The HOME County shall be responsible for posting ALL completed result sheets to be received by the Results Secretary within 6 days of the match being played. Failure to comply will incur a £10 fine and a possible deduction of points.
28. Matches to be played on a standard 7ft x 4ft tables, two per team. The home team shall pay table fees.

29. All frames shall be played strictly in accordance with the current E.P.A. playing rules. The home county shall provide referees and a Senior Referee shall be named before the start of the match.
30. The committee will adjudicate on disputes, which must be notified, in writing, within seven days of the match being played. Further appeal may be made to the National Committee.
31. All fines mentioned or involved with these rules must be approved by the Committee and must be paid within twenty-eight days of receipt of notice.
32. Hot meals shall be provided free of charge in exchange for a ticket or voucher valued at £1.74, twelve meals per team and each venue must ensure that there is at least one meal on the menu priced at £1.74.
33. Teams that qualify for National Inter-County Finals must consist of only players who have appeared at least 3 times in the current season.
34. Individual Ranking Points will be awarded for each frame won. Men's 'A' team players three points, Men's 'B' team two points, 'C' team one point and Women's team player will receive three points.
35. The top eight men and women players from the Region Seven Ranking list shall, providing they are not already in the England Squad, be entitled to enter the National Team Trials.