



2022-23 COUNTY FINALS TEAM MANAGER GUIDELINES

Competing teams are only allowed to play players who have been given clearance to play following their participation in the 2022-23 regional season.

The following County dress code must be adhered to in all matches, the top table's decision will be final in all cases.

- Plain black Tailored Trousers
- Plain Black Skirt
- Leggings/Chinos/Pinstripes/Three-Quarter jeans or trousers/Jeggings are not allowed to be worn.
- All Black shoes/Suede Shoes
- Ladies Ankle Boots
- Plain Black Leather Faux Shoes (Trainers, Plimsolls, or canvas or moccasins are not allowed)
- Polo-Collared shirt or Pro-collared shirts but teams must be in same team shirts.
- No Sporting Shirts
- No hats or baseball caps
- No foul language or offensive remarks on any said shirt.
- Logos and nicknames likely to cause offense or have swear words (even with special characters) are not permitted.
- Dispensation for medical reasons can be applied for prior to county finals, if you have already got dispensation which has been approved throughout the current season and agreed with the Regional Director then ensure the top table are informed.

Retrospective action will be taken if players do not adhere to the dress code at our county finals, it's the players responsibility to adhere to the dress code when playing.

Teams are required to be in the arena 15 minutes before the session start time.

All matches are to be scored using the League-app-live app. Each team's passcode will be the same as for the 2022-23 regional season. Before the start of each session the allocated tables will be shown on the app. Teams will only be awarded the victory if they 'finish' the match on the app.

Players and supporters are required to adhere to the spirit of the game including not calling out on a player's shot, deliberately standing in a player's line of sight and keep a suitable distance from the table.

All frames are to commence with a lag for break. Following the completion of a frame the next 2 players have 2 minutes to present themselves at the designated table ready to start their frame. If a player is not ready to play after 2 minutes their opponent will be awarded the frame. It is the captain's responsibility to ensure the players are readily available.

The exception to the above rule is when a player is playing in another match. If this is the case their opponent must stand down and the next possible frame is played.

Official referees will be monitoring the progression of play, in keeping with standard Blackball rules, if you are unsure of a ruling, please stop the frame and request a referee to the table for a decision, also if players or teams are deemed to be taking excessive time to play shots or frames, a stop clock may be imposed on that match, not just the frame.

The top table reserves the right to move matches onto more tables to ensure the event runs to the time schedule. If extra tables need to be used, then the closest available tables to the match will be allocated.

All team matches are played to a result only in the groups stages. All adult team events will be played in two groups with the top 4 teams in each group progressing to the quarter-final round.

The youth team event will consist of 2 groups of round robins matches; the top 4 teams in each group progressing to the quarter-final. The next 4 teams in each group will be entered into the shield tournament.

Frame difference will decide the final group standings should teams be equal on points. Should points and frame difference be equal after the group stage, the result in the group match(es) between the equal teams will decide the final ranking.

The organisers reserve the right to amend the programme to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The arena must be kept clear whilst matches are in progress, only the said players who are playing should be in the arena, referees will monitor and remove players/spectators to keep the playing arena clear, please advise your players that teams will lose frames if you are not adhering to the referee's request.

Racial remarks, Foul and abusive/violent conduct will not be tolerated, it is up to the county manager to get this message across to their teams, sanctions will apply, if the EBPF experience such behaviour. It is down to the county manager and their captains to manages their players.

Finally as with any competition there has to be rules and we all have to adhere to them, but we the EBPF want everyone who attends the National County Finals to have a cracking time and play the game in the right spirit, it is about enjoying yourself on the green baize and encouraging your fellow player, we all want to be winners, but know that is not always possible, do your best and you never know what that might bring.

It is the responsibility of each team captain/manager to ensure that all players in their squad are aware of the above rules and abide by them.

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