Longmeadow Indoor Bowling Club 2026

Rules for the Moreton Cup Competition

1. The competition is open to men and ladies from all outdoor clubs.Teams may be all men,all ladies or a mixture.

2.The competition will be run in groups.Each group shall comprise of 4 or 5 teams depending on entries, with each team playing each other in the group.The groups shall be drawn. If a club enters 2 teams then each team will be drawn in a different group.In the event that there are only 3 groups the 3 group winners and best runner up will go into the semi finals.

3. Entry fees £20/team.Green fees payable on the day by each player to be £5 (Longmeadow IBC Members £4) Prize money will be awarded as specified on the entry form.

4.Clubs to indicate on entry forms the Sundays they cannot play due to other commitments to avoid teams having to re-arrange after the draw has been made.Play on dates will be arranged to avoid clashes wherever possible.The Competition matches will be played between October 2026 and March 2027.

5.A team shall consist of 2 fours,with all players being bona fide members of the club that they represent,no player may play for more than one team in the competition.Teams must turn up with 8 players but in the event that someone cannot play due to falling ill before the game starts then the affected team shall be allowed to play with 3 the lead and 2 bowling 3 woods and the overall score at the end to be reduced by 25%

6.The game shall consist of 18 ends for each team,5 points will be awarded for each match,2 points for each winning four and 1 point for the overall highest shots.In the event of a draw in the group stage each team will be awarded 0.5 point.For quarter finals onwards teams will need to agree prior to commencement of the match which rink plays the extra end in the event of a draw.All games to be played to conclusion in the group stages because shot difference will decide who goes through in the event of a tie on points.In the event that the jack is forced out of play the end shall be replayed.

7.Trial ends will start at 9.45am with the match starting by 10.00 am but in any event no later than 10.15am.There is a 4 hour time limit on the match.

8.Dress code is Club Shirts and Grey/Club Trousers/Shorts except for the final which is played in White/Club Trousers/Shorts.

9. Four teams shall play in the finals of the Competition(Two finals teams plus 3rd place play off).