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EIBA PARA OPEN WINTER NATIONAL COMPETITIONS 2025-2026

Conditions of Play

These competitions will be played under the EIBA Winter- National-Championship Rules-2025/6

1. To enter EIBA Para/Disabled competitions you must be a member of a club affiliated to the EIBA.
2. To participate in these events, you must have a disability that meets the EIBA Criteria.
3. The competitions are mixed and open to all genders.

Singles: - To be played in four regions, on a knockout basis. The winner is the first person to reach 21 shots. The winner of each region will compete in the semifinals and finals at Nottingham IBC during the EIBA National Championships.

Pairs: - Entry is open to players from any affiliated club, and they do not have to be members of the same club.

The competition is to be played over the weekend in groups with a minimum of three games for each partnership. The games will consist of two sets of 7 ends with a 1 end tie break or a 2-hour 15 minutes time limit (including trial ends). Each player will have 3 bowls.

The winners of each group will play the runners up in different group will compete in a playoff to determine the four teams to play in the semi final stages at Nottingham IBC during the EIBA National Championships.

EIBA Para Competition Criteria

To take part in para or disabled competitions organized by the EIBA , a players must have a **permanent** disability.

This can be -

Physical

Visual

Learning

Physical Conditions that would enable a player to compete

Impaired Muscle Power – whereby a person is a condition that reduces or stops their ability to voluntarily contract their muscles to move or generate force

Limb Deficiency – loss of part or all of a limb or joint.

Short Stature – for example dwarfism

Hypertonia – an increase in muscle tension and a reduction in the ability of a muscle to stretch caused by damage to the central nervous system

Ataxia – Uncoordinated movement caused by damage to the central nervous system

Athetosis – players with continual slow involuntary movement.

Impaired Passive Range of Movement – a restriction or lack of passive movement in a joint.

Visual Impairment

Any player who has a condition which has caused reduced vision or no vision caused by damage to the eye structure, optic nerves etc.

These conditions would all make a player eligible for classification and the opportunity to play in International events.

Learning Difficulties

Someone who has been identified as having a Learning (Intellectual) Disability: defined as ‘a condition of arrested or incomplete development of mind, which is characterized by impairment of skills manifested during the developmental period, which contribute to the overall level of intelligence, i.e. cognitive, language, motor and social abilities’

In common with other national and international sports organisations, a person is deemed to have a Learning (Intellectual) Disability, if they have a full-scale IQ score of 75 or lower. IQ tests are acknowledged to be limited therefore it is important to gather additional information, to assist in understanding an individual’s abilities. In addition, the individual is usually expected to have significant difficulties with self-care, adaptive behaviour and self-organisational skills. This definition covers adults with autism who also have intellectual Impairment.

There are other conditions which are not covered by the above which would enable a person to participate in EIBA competitions, but these do not include conditions due to old age, joint instability, muscle tone, obesity, tics, eating disorders or general pain.

For further information please contact Judy Plater via email disability@eiba.co.uk