

EVENTS COMMITTEE

WI SKITTLES TOURNAMENT 2019 - 2020 RULES & ENTRY DETAILS Event Code 74105/74205

1. One team of 5 players per WI may enter. All players must be fully paid up members of that WI.
2. Entry fee is **£13.25** per team as last year.
3. The Groups will arrange all First Round matches. This Round will be self-financing; ie the Group or WIs taking part must cover all the costs of this Round.
4. The Group Rounds can either be financed by the participating WIs sharing the cost of the Alley between them, or by running a Raffle. To be decided by each Group before playing the Group Round. HCFWI will pay for the Semi-Finals and Finals alley fees.
5. Each WI playing to appoint a Team Captain, who will be responsible for her team.
6. No competitor may play for more than one team during the Tournament.
7. Each match shall consist of three games, (except where Group numbers are excessive and those Groups agree a different formula at their own Group Committee Meetings).
8. These Rules must be read out before commencement of play from the first round onwards
9. Please be aware that all alleys are different so the position of lines varies. The standing position of players should be agreed with Captains before start of play and the ball must touch the alley before passing over an agreed marked line.
10. If a ball hits the side of the alley before hitting the skittles it is out of play, and any skittles knocked down by it must be replaced. The alley must be cleared of fallen skittles between balls. Balls that rebound off the back board do not count.
11. No bouncing is allowed.
12. For the Final and semi-final rounds, individual WIs must pay for food. **Most venues now require food to be ordered for them to cover their costs but a proportion of any inclusive cost is paid by HCFWI to cover the cost of the alley.** Non-slip flat shoes must be worn.
13. It is essential that a referee who knows the rules be provided from the first Group Round onwards. Ideally there should be 2 umpires/scorers. One will keep the score on the board. She may also watch for bouncing balls, and indicate to the ball boys the need to replace skittles after a no-ball. The other will watch the line behind which the players must stand. She may also keep the score on paper, which will act as a record after leaving the venue.
14. **Group Chairmen or Secretaries are asked to confirm that all the WIs in their Group have returned their Entry forms to WI House before playing the Group Round, and also to ensure that any WI which has not done so will not be able to play in the Group Round.**
15. In the event that a WI is unable to field a full team of 5 playing members at the time of a Group Round, only the scores of those who play will be counted. Each player can only bowl once in each round of the match
16. For subsequent Rounds only a full team of 5 will be able to play
17. In the event of a draw for first place, the teams must have a play-off, to get a result. Each member of the team will bowl one ball, and the total number of skittles down will be added up for the result.
18. **Please ensure that the Captain of the Skittles Team has a copy of these rules.**
19. The Events Committee's decision is final.

Closing date for application forms to be returned to WI House by **Friday 28 June 2019**. Your WI will be **invoiced** for the **£13.25** entry fee – pay on the monthly statement.

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

- ❖ **GROUP ROUNDS** can be played from **April 2019** but must be completed, and WI House notified, by post, of the results **by Group Secretaries as soon as possible after the completion of the round and at the latest by 2 November 2018.** Late notification of results will mean that those WIs will play on the date selected for their next round, regardless of inconvenience to the WI
- ❖ **The event manager will inform those WIs in the Semi Finals of the date and venue for these matches. This information should be sent out in the December 2019 posting**
- ❖ SEMI-FINAL rounds to be played during **Feb/March 2020**
- ❖ FINAL to be played in **April 2020**

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If required, score sheets are available on the Hampshire WI Website (www.hampshirewi.org.uk)

Entry form on separate sheet, please complete both sections. Return the top section to WI House and the bottom part to your Group Chairman or Secretary who will arrange your Group Round