

## Inter County Championships (ICC) 2020/21

The ESMBA Management Committee has decided to introduce a new format for both the Premier and A Team ICC. This decision was taken at the ESMBA Committee Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019. It was based on the document for discussion that was circulated and the feedback from County Associations that replied.

The new format will run as a pilot for 12 months with a decision at the ESMBA Committee Meeting in November 2020 whether it will continue. We encourage ICC teams and Associations to provide feedback on the new format to the ICC Secretary. This will help the Committee make an informed decision on how to proceed.

### Format

- Number of players per team – minimum 16 maximum 24 and no reserves
- There will be 4 sessions played in the following order  
Session 1 Four Rinks – 16 players  
Session 2 Two triples and two fours – 14 players  
Session 3 Two singles and two pairs – 6 players  
Session 4 Four Rinks – 16 players
- Each session will be worth 10 points. Therefore, the maximum points available is still 40. It will be 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 2 points for the overall session aggregate e.g. Team A V Team B Session 1

Game 1 – A 10 B 6

Game 2 – A 12 B 14

Game 3 – A 8 B 8

Game 4 – A 12 B 5

Overall Aggregate – A 42 B 33

Points for session – A 7 B 3

- The number of ends will be  
Singles and Pairs 15 ends  
Triples 12 ends  
Fours 10 ends
- A player cannot play on the same mat in consecutive sessions e.g. a player plays mat 1 in session 1 then cannot play mat 1 in session 2 however they can play mat 1 in session 3 or 4 but not both.
- No practice before the game i.e. straight in
- Counties will no longer have to name a top 8
- A revised scoresheet and playing format/order will be devised

All other ICC rules not affected by the above changes will stay in place.

**Steve Bailey**

**ICC Secretary**

**7<sup>th</sup> December 2019**