

HANDY CROSS SHIELD – RULES for 2018-19

(Unless otherwise stated EIBA match rules apply)

Club Teams - Players in Club Teams do **not** need to be members of Handy Cross, but must be **playing** members of their Club.

Handy Cross Team - Handy Cross members who were not **playing** members of any of the Club Teams during the 2018 outdoor season.

High Wycombe (HW) - A player cannot represent both of the HW teams during the competition.

NB – ‘playing members’ excludes inactive life members.

1. 3 x Triples in a team, in any combination of gender.
2. In **all** matches, a team gets 2 points for each winning rink.
3. Matches prior to the semi-finals are 2-hour matches played as per HXIBC league rules. Semi-finals and final are 16 ends with trial ends and played under EIBA match rules.
4. There are 3 Groups, each team playing the other 2 teams once:
 - Group 1: Chalfont, Flackwell Heath, Handy Cross**
 - Group 2: Hazlemere, HW Swans, Loudwater**
 - Group 3: Bassetsbury, HW Chestnuts, Marlow**
5. After the group matches, the 9 teams are sorted into overall position, first by points, and then if points are equal by shot difference.
6. The 9th team is eliminated and the other 8 teams play a knockout starting with quarter finals in which 1st v 8th, 2nd v 7th, etc, **adjusted if necessary so that teams from the same original group do not meet in the quarter finals**. In the semi-finals, the winner of the QF involving the 1st team from the group stage plays the winner of the QF involving the 4th team from the group stage.
7. After the group matches, if a match is tied on points, the tied rink(s) are decided on ends won. If still tied, tied rink(s) then play an extra end.
8. The match fee = £2 per player.
9. If a team cancels a match, it loses the match by 6 points to nil with a shot difference of 15 and a cancellation fee of £20. Matches cannot be rearranged.
10. Dress is greys (no ties required) in **all** matches. White tops or club shirts can be worn. Any colour of footwear is allowed.
11. A team can play provided it has at least 2 players in each triple. In a rink with 3 players v 2 players, HXIBC league rules apply and the **full** match fee is payable.