

# County Competitions 2007/8

Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours entrants in the County Competitions will not have their qualifying rounds played at club level this year. The aim is to make the competition fairer by eliminating the home draw advantage of previous years. Instead, all entrants will play a qualifying round at Isca Centre, Exeter.

All entrants will be put into a County-wide random draw to form groups of four teams. A round robin will then be played so that players will get three games unless we have to balance a few teams into groups of three to even out the entries. In this case those teams will play extra ends. The group winners will qualify for Finals day with numbers made up from the highest runners-up. Finals Days will then be played down to and including the semi-final as usual. This will leave the last two teams in each discipline to play off on AGM day as at present.

If entry figures are similar to previous years the Triples and Fours will have a qualifying day each divided into a morning and an afternoon session. Singles and Pairs which usually have a much larger entry will each have a morning and an afternoon session on each of two dates thus giving four sessions per discipline. After the draw has been made all clubs will be advised of the date and time for each team in each discipline for their entrants. So members will usually play three games in half a day per discipline making the trip worthwhile.

The County team event will have the qualifying rounds (one or two) played at club level but on a Home and Away basis with the scores added together.

The draw will be made in Areas to minimise the necessary travelling but will be governed by the number and location of the entries. It will be as random as possible.

All other information is on the entry forms which can be obtained in one of the following ways:

1. Collect at the County AGM
2. Arrange for another club to collect on your behalf.
3. Download from the County website at [dcsmba.co.uk](http://dcsmba.co.uk)
4. Send a self-addressed A4 envelope with £1.00 postage affixed to  
John Smith, 40 Winslade Park Avenue, Clyst St Mary Devon EX5 1DA  
Tel No. 01392 874416 or e-mail [jandismith@tinyonline.co.uk](mailto:jandismith@tinyonline.co.uk)

**Note.** In the unlikely event of a massive increase in entries for any one discipline some initial games would still have to be played at club level but these would be on a home and away basis with the scores added together.