

CONSTITUTION
NEW EARSWICK & DISTRICT
BOWLING CLUB

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Chairman

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Treasurer

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CONSTITUTION

a. Name.

The name of the Club shall be:

New Earswick & District Bowling Club.

b. Objectives.

The Club is formed to permit, foster and encourage the game of bowls, other games and social activities and to afford Members interested in bowling and meeting one another.

The property and funds of the Club shall not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits will be re-invested in the club.

All statutory requirements of the Child Protection Act will be adhered to.

c. Affiliation.

The Club shall be a Member Club affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Association, the English Women's Indoor Bowling Association and other organisations to further the involvement of all Members with various forms of disability.

RULES

1. Qualification for Membership.

Persons aged 10 years and over (bowling) and persons aged 16 years and over (social) who are in sympathy with aims and objectives of the Club will qualify for membership.

Exceptions by agreement of the Executive Committee, for bowling members under 10 years (provided they are accompanied by an adult).

2. Membership.

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. The Club have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal will be made available to members or applicants.

The Club shall consist of gentlemen and lady members as follows:

- a) Full Bowling Members, with gentlemen and ladies designated as Veterans when over 55 years of age provided they are not in full-time employment.
- b) Life Members (elected in accordance with Rule 3).
- c) Honorary Members (elected in accordance with Rule 4).
- d) Junior Bowling Members (10 – 18 years of age). Statutory requirements of the Child Protection Act will be adhered to.
- e) Social Members.

3. Life Membership.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee (hereinafter in these Rules and Byelaws to be called “the Committee”), a Full Bowling Member may in special circumstances be elected a Life Member at any Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall thereafter be entitled to all the privileges of Full Bowling Membership without paying the annual subscription or any special payment for such Life Membership.

A resolution on any such proposal shall be declared carried only if voted for by not less than two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

There shall not be more than 10 Life Members at any one time.

4. Honorary Member.

Honorary Members may on the recommendation of the Committee be elected to the Club over and above the compliment as per Rule 2.

A resolution on any such proposal shall be declared carried only if voted for by not less than two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at a general meeting. Honorary Members may be elected for such periods, as the Committee may deem expedient. They shall be entitled to all the privileges of social membership.

5. Social Member.

Social Members are not entitled to vote at any meeting of the Club.

Social and Non-Members who have no previous experience of indoor bowling and show an interest in learning may use the green from 9.00 am to the commencement of league matches or other designated period, for a trial period of three visits, with the intention of becoming a Full Bowling Member. Rink fees are payable.

6. Guests.

Any Member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the Club, provided that no person whose application for membership has been declined or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest.

Lounge bar - a Member may introduce only two guests at a time. The same guests may not be introduced more than twice in any one month. The Member introducing guests shall enter the name and address of the guest together with the Member's own name in the Visitors book which shall be kept on the premises. In addition the Member shall pay for each guest, the guest fee applicable at the time.

Functions – all hirers must become members, and the hire charge will deem to cover fees for all guests.

The Member shall be responsible for the conduct of their guest and the observance of the Club's Rules and Byelaws.

7. Subscription.

The annual subscription for all Club Members shall be fixed from time to time at an Annual General Meeting.

The subscription may vary according to type of membership.

The Committee has the authority to increase the subscription by up to £5 Full Bowling, and up to £2 Social Membership without reference to the Annual General Meeting.

8. Date of Payment of Subscriptions.

Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable on the first day of September (or before that day) in each year shall be payable to the Club.

No Member shall be allowed to participate in Club, County or National competitions or activities until subscriptions and appropriate competition entry fees have been paid.

9. Subscription in Arrears.

If any Member's subscription is in arrears at the 1st October each year, the Committee may remove the person's name from the register of members and that person shall thereupon cease to be a Member and forfeit all rights of membership.

The Committee may at any time, at their discretion, restore such a defaulting person to membership upon payment of all arrears of subscription then due.

10. Application for Membership.

Applications for membership must be made on the appropriate form provided by the Club giving all particulars required and must be signed by the candidate and returned to the Club for processing.

11. Preliminaries of Election.

The name and address of each shall be prominently displayed on the Club notice board for not less than **seven days** before their election. Any Member who objects to the candidate may do so by letter (stating the grounds thereof) and address it to the Stadium Manager, who shall communicate the same to the Committee but to no other person.

The Committee may, at their discretion, interview the proposed candidate.

12. Substitution of Proposer and Seconder.

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13. Election of Candidates by Committee.

The election of candidates shall be by the Committee and no person shall be admitted to membership of the Club until so elected. The Committee at every meeting thereof appointed for the election of Members shall consider the application of all candidates who have been duly proposed and whose names have been displayed on the Club notice board in accordance with Rule 11. They shall elect or reject them in order of priority according to the dates of their applications for membership until a sufficient number have been elected to fill the vacancies in the membership of the Club. A resolution on any such proposal shall be declared carried if voted for by a simple majority of the Members of the Committee and entitled to vote.

14. Candidates to be informed of their Election.

The applicant shall be advised of their election by the Stadium Manager and be requested to pay the appropriate annual subscription.

15. Payment of First Subscription Constitutes Membership.

On payment of the first annual subscription the elected candidate shall be a Member of the Club and entitled to all privileges of membership applicable to the subscription.

Having received a membership card and a copy of the appropriate Rules, the Member shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by those Rules and all the Byelaws in accordance therewith.

16. Resignation of Member.

Members may resign their membership at any time by letter addressed to the Stadium Manager at the Club, but shall be liable for their subscription for the year during which they resign.

17. Disciplinary Procedures relating to Members.

On receipt of a letter of complaint in respect of a Member of the Club, the Committee will promptly inquire into the matter by interviewing the complainant(s) and the Member(s) concerned, provided that the Stadium Manager receives the complaint within **seven days** of the alleged incident-taking place. If the Committee present when the matter is inquired into are agreed by a simple majority that the Member(s) has failed to justify or explain the alleged incident satisfactorily, the Committee will take appropriate action felt necessary in relation to the seriousness of the offence.

Should the Committee feel that the offence is so serious as to warrant the expulsion of the Member(s) they shall call upon the Member(s) to resign and if the Member(s) should not comply, they shall be expelled. A Member(s) expelled shall forfeit all the privileges of membership and all rights against the Club.

The Committee's decision on all such matters is final.

A Member appearing before the Committee may bring a friend to the meeting. A complainant may also bring a friend to the meeting.

18. Special General Meeting.

The Committee may convene a Special General Meeting at any time. Such a meeting must also be summoned immediately upon any 100 Full Bowling Members delivering a written request stating the nature of the business to the Stadium Manager.

A general meeting shall be summoned by causing notice thereof to be posted in the Club premises throughout a period of at least twenty-one days immediately before the appointed day of the meeting. This period may be abridged at the discretion of the Committee if in their opinion the urgency of the business so requires.

No other business than that specified in the notice shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting.

19. General Meeting of the Club.

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held once every year for the election of Officers. Members to serve on the Committee and for such other business as may be appointed in accordance with the Rules and Byelaws.

Paid Club Servants, even though Members may not serve as Officers or Committee Members.

20. Voting at General Meetings.

At all General Meetings of the Club all Members can attend but only Full Bowling Members shall be entitled to give one vote and no more upon every question, provided that in case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

21. Executive Committee.

The Committee shall exercise the powers given to it by these Rules and such other powers of management as the affairs of the Club may from time to time require. The Committee shall consist of:

- 1) The Officers.
- 2) No more than 8 Full bowling members elected by the members of the Club in the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the Bylaws.

22. Officers.

The Club may from time to time in accordance with the Byelaws for the time being in force elect a President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, from the Full Bowling Members of the Club (subject to the provisions of Rule 19).

23. Powers of the Committee.

The Committee shall have power to settle and adjudicate upon disputes between Members, arising in the Club, of a kind, which are usually referred to the Committee of a Members Club.

24. Stadium Manager.

Subject to any directions given by the Committee the Stadium Manager will be responsible on behalf of the Club for the engagement of domestic staff and other Club servants as may be necessary to the efficient and economical running of the Club and may lawfully terminate any such engagements after consultation with any two officers of the Club.

The Stadium Manager shall also conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Club, summon meetings of the Committee, Sub-Committees and General Meetings. The Stadium Manager shall ensure that records are kept of the proceedings at all such meetings and shall also prepare a report on the affairs and activities of the Club for presentation at the Annual General Meeting.

The Stadium Manager shall also as far as statute permits, make all applications and render all returns required from time to time under the licensing and revenue statutes and in any other case take such steps as shall ensure that any necessary application or returns are made upon the Club's behalf. The Stadium Manager will also undertake any other duties as required by the Committee.

25. Treasurer.

The Treasurer will have charge of all cash and other receipts and all payments to and on behalf of the Club. When required, will relate to the Committee a statement of all financial information with progress and comparison to the Club's prepared budgets.

At the appropriate time shall prepare for the Committee a statement of accounts in conjunction with the appointed Auditors, which will be presented at the Club's Annual General Meeting.

The accounts of the Club shall be closed on 31st May in each year.

26. Child Protection Officer.

A Child Protection Officer will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting to over-see that the Clubs statutory requirements of the Child Protection Act are adhered too

27. Remuneration of Officers.

Honoraria will be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and those Officers concerned will leave the room or area in which the meeting is being held whilst the honoraria are being decided upon. In these circumstances the President will chair the meeting.

28. Trustees.

There shall be four Trustees of the Club each of whom shall be appointed for a 5 year period at an Annual General Meeting, after which they may notify the Stadium Manager in writing that they are available for re-appointment, prior to the appropriate Annual General Meeting. A trustee may be a member of another indoor club, but if such a member represents that club either as in an elected position or as a representative bowler then they will not be eligible to stand for office at New Earswick.

They may resign at any time by giving notice in writing to the Stadium Manager.

They may also be removed from office by a resolution being passed at a General Meeting of the Club. Resolutions for the appointment or removal of Trustees shall be declared carried only if voted for by not less than two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

If a vacancy occurs by death, resignation or removal of a Trustee, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a Full Bowling Member by the Committee. The Member so appointed shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

The names of the Trustees will be displayed on the Club notice board.

29. Ladies Section.

There shall be a Ladies Section, which will consist of Full Lady Bowling Members who shall elect from their number a Committee of not more than six Members who will administer their affairs in connection with the N.E. & D.I.B.C. and in respect of dealings with their National Association, the E.W.I.B.A.

They will elect a Chairperson and a Secretary to conduct all correspondence and to be responsible for the selection of Ladies teams within the Club.

The Ladies section will at all times be subject to control by the Club's Executive Committee.

30. Property – Lease Agreement.

The Club premises are governed by a lease agreement, negotiable over a period of years as agreed between the owners of the property (Joseph Rowntree Foundation) and the Committee.

This lease agreement must at all times be adhered to in consultation with the Club's Solicitors.

31. Sale of Liquor.

Intoxicating liquor shall only be supplied to Members and their guests in the Club premises.

No intoxicating liquor to be supplied to person under the age of 18.

32. Permitted Hours.

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be at such times as may be approved by the Committee in accordance with the permitted hours allowed by the appropriate Licensing Authority under the Licensing Act 1964 or any statutory modifications or re-enactment thereof.

33. Status of Visiting Competitors and Teams.

There may be admitted to the registered premises of the Club on the occasion of any organised competition, match, game or event (hereinafter called "the event") the following persons:

- a) Players, teams, persons accompanying the teams and their guests, visiting the Club for the purpose of the event;
- b) Persons invited by the Committee for the purpose of the event.

Intoxicating liquor may be supplied to the aforesaid persons by or on behalf of the Club for consumption on the registered premises.

34. Byelaws.

The Committee may from time to time, vary or revoke Byelaws not inconsistent with these Rules for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of its Members. All Byelaws shall, until revoked by the Committee, be binding on the Members.

35. Notices.

All notices which are required by these Rules and Byelaws to be given to Members of the Club, shall be posted on Club notice boards for the period required by the Rule or Byelaw, after which period it shall be deemed that due notice has been given.

36. Exclusion of Liability.

Neither the Club nor any Officers thereof shall be liable to any Member or guest of any Member for any loss or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises; nor for any injury sustained by any Member or guest whilst on or entering or leaving the Club's premises and a notice to this effect shall at all times be displayed in a prominent position on the Club's premises.

37. Dissolution.

If the Club at any time is unable to meet its liabilities or if at any time the Club shall pass in a General Meeting a resolution of its intention to dissolve (a resolution on any such proposal shall be declared carried only if voted for by not less than three quarters of those present and entitled to vote) the Committee or failing that the Trustees, shall take immediate steps to convert into money all assets of the Club, with power however to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular assets if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorise.

Out of the proceeds of such conversion, the Trustees shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club, including the expenses of such conversion and any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve and thereupon the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Trustees shall dispose of the net assets remaining follow to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC. A copy of the notice convening any General Meeting under this Rule shall be sent by the Stadium Manager by post to every Full Bowling Member, not less than fourteen days before the date appointed for the meeting, to the last address notified to the Stadium Manager but accidental omission to send such copy or non-receipt of same shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolution.

38. Amendment of Rules.

Any or all these Rules may from time to time be revoked, altered or added to by resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Members of the Club. A resolution on any such proposal shall be declared carried only if voted for by not less than two-thirds of those present at the time of voting and entitled to vote.

BYELAWS

Section A: General Meetings

A1. Date and Notice of Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in every year in the month of October. At least twenty eight days' notice of the meeting shall be posted on the Club notice boards and shall be deemed to be notice to all Members.

A2. Voting.

Voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands or otherwise as the Chairman may direct. The names of those who stood for election at the Annual General Meeting with a note of the votes received shall be displayed within the Club for seven days following the Annual General Meeting. Any objections to the ballot must be in writing to the Chief Scrutineer within twenty-four hours of the result being declared.

A3. Minutes.

The Minutes Secretary shall make a record of the proceedings of General Meetings.

A4. Chairman's Decision.

The Chairman's decision as to the result of voting on any question shall be regarded as final.

Section B: Election of Committee

B1. Annual General Meeting.

At each Annual General Meeting of the Club not more than 8 Full Bowling Members shall be elected to serve on the Committee and they will hold office for a period of two years from that date. A year in this Byelaw shall mean the interval between one Annual General Meeting and the next such meeting.

B2. Casual Vacancies.

If a casual vacancy occurs by the death of a Member of the Committee in their tenure of office, the vacancy may be filled by the co-option of another Full Bowling Member by the Committee. That Member so co-opted shall serve until the next General Meeting.

B3. Proposal of Candidates.

Candidates for election to the Committee must be proposed and seconded by Full Bowling Members of the Club.

The name of every candidate with the names of the proposer and seconder must be given in writing to Stadium Manager at least fourteen days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. A candidate may be a member of another indoor club, but if such a member represents that club either in an elected position or as a representative bowler then they will not be eligible to stand for office at New Earswick.

A Member may nominate only one candidate as an Officer or as a Committee Member and act as a seconder to one other.

The Stadium Manager shall post all details of nominations on the notice board.

It shall not be necessary for the proposer and seconder to be present at that meeting, but the candidate must be present unless the Stadium Manager has been informed in writing of the inability of the candidate to be present.

B4. Proposals in Default of Notice.

If no name or an insufficient number of names of candidates eligible for election be received by the Stadium Manager within fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting, candidates to fill the remaining vacancies may be proposed and seconded at the meeting without notice.

Section C: Election of Officers

C1. All officers of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. To hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, when they shall be eligible for re-election, with the exception of the retiring President whose position as President will be filled by the then existing Vice President, the Chairman is elected for a period of two years, and the Treasurer who is elected for 5 years.

An officer may be a member of another indoor club, but if such a member represents that club either in an elected position or as a representative bowler then they will not be eligible to stand for office at New Earswick.

The retiring President is eligible for other nominations.

C2. Proposal and Election.

Byelaws B3, B4 and C1 shall apply with regard to the proposal and election of Officers of the Club.

Section D: Proceedings of Committee

D1. Meetings of Committee.

The Stadium Manager shall call meetings of the Committee at least once every month. Additional meetings may be called by the Stadium Manager and shall be called when requested by the Chairman. The Chairman or Vice-Chairman or in their absence a member of the Committee elected by the Members present shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and general meetings of the Club. The President and Vice President may attend meetings and contribute to the discussions, and will have a vote.

D2. Quorum.

Six members constitute a quorum.

D3. Votes.

Every Member of the Committee shall have one vote on every question and in case of equality the Chairman or other Member presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

D4. Minutes.

The Minute Secretary shall keep minutes of the proceedings of each Committee Meeting, which shall be read and accepted at the next meeting.

D5. Sub-Committees.

The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees to oversee various operations within the Club such as: Management, Bowls, House, and Social, and depute to them any of its powers, except those relating to the election and discipline of members and financial expenditure.

The Stadium Manager or in his absence an elected member of the Sub-Committee will prepare minutes of all Sub-Committee meetings to be presented to meetings of the Club's Executive Committee.

Section E: Use of Club Premises

E1. Hours.

The premises occupied by the Club shall not open prior to 8.30 a.m. and shall be closed not later than 11.30 p.m. The Committee have power to extend the hours on special occasions or for carrying out and finishing competitions or matches.

Emergency exits shall be used only for emergency only and shall not be used for any other circumstances. Improper use of these exits may result in the suspension of the members responsible.

E2. Complaints/Suggestions.

All complaints/suggestions shall be made in writing to the Stadium Manager within seven days of the incident, for consideration of the Committee. There may be no reaction or action taken on suggestions/complaints or opinions expressed orally.

E3. Children.

Children may be allowed into the Club's premises, with permission having been granted by the Stadium Manager, provided that they are strictly supervised at all times. To adhere to safety regulations and legal requirements young children must stay within the lounge area away from the rink ends.

During licensing hours children must stay away from the bar and gaming machine areas.

All children under twelve years of age must vacate the premises by 9.00 p.m. Children committing nuisance or annoyance will be asked to leave immediately.

E4. Conduct of Members.

No betting shall be allowed in the Club. No lotteries shall be promoted by any Member or Officer on behalf of or in anyway connected with the Club or other organisation without the prior written authority of the Committee.

Gaming shall be permitted in the Club so, however, as not to contravene any of the provisions of any statute being in force at the time.

E5. Restaurant and Bar.

Restaurant/Bar facilities will be available for members and guests on such days and times as will be displayed on the notice board. Food and Drink shall not be brought into the Club premises and consumed at times when the restaurant/bar facilities are available to members and guests.

Any complaints or comments relating to the restaurant/bar must be addressed to the Stadium Manager in writing. Members shall not enter the kitchen or bars except as an authorised volunteer helper.

Section F Bowling Members requirements of Dress and Conduct when Bowling

F1. Player's Dress.

Dress at all times except Social & Bowls Drive sessions.

Gentlemen.

a) **Footwear.** Black, brown, grey or white shoes with **completely smooth** soles.

In order to stop dirt being brought onto the green it is a requirement that all bowlers that they **must change** into and out of bowling shoes **inside** the stadium.

b) **Apparel.** Unless otherwise required (i.e. full whites greys/whites or club coloured tops on special occasions), all players in a team must at all times wear the same coloured shirts, either a plain white or predominantly one colour with collar and if required a V-necked **plain** pullover or sweater, cardigans white or cream. Only a club bowls badge or manufacturer's logo is permitted on the shirt, pullover or sweater, in an accepted size. **Medium grey** trousers to be worn (Light grey or charcoal grey are not accepted). Braces, if worn, must not be visible.

Ladies.

a) **Footwear.** As above.

b) **Apparel.** Unless otherwise required (i.e. full whites greys/whites or club coloured tops on special occasions) all players in a team must at all times wear the same apparel; medium grey skirts, slacks or culottes and either plain white or predominantly one colour tops and if required a cardigan or slipover, white or cream. Only a club bowls badge or manufacturer's logo is permitted on the blouse, cardigan or slipover. Stockings or tights only in shades of brown should be worn.

Social & Bowls Drive.

Smart casual dress (including smart denim) is acceptable. Shoes as above must be worn.

F2. Conduct on the Green.

There shall be no chewing gum, drinking, smoking or **running on the green** or sitting on the banks surrounding with feet on the edge of the carpet.

Non-smoking areas (as indicated) must be adhered to.

Players attempting a drive or firing shot should give due warning to any players standing in the vicinity of the head.

F3. Commencement of Play.

All matches, whether league or friendly, must begin from the scoreboard end of the green.

F4. Surrounds of the Green.

Adequate facilities are provided for hanging coats, blazers, jackets, etc. and these facilities, wherever possible, should be used.

F5. Bowls Bags.

Bowlers are required to leave their bowls bags at the scoreboard end of the green when playing a game.

**Section G.
Rules and Regulations for
All League Competitions and Play-Offs**

- G1.** All players taking part must be Full Bowling Members of New Earswick and District Indoor Bowling Club. It is a condition of entry that every team must fulfil **all** their fixtures. If a team defaults as defined in Byelaw G11, the fixture will be classed as having been fulfilled.
- G2.** The Club league timetable will be the only notification for these competitions. A date and session having been notified the contesting sides are responsible for the rink charges. Where only one team is present, the defaulting team will be responsible for the rink charges for both teams.
- G3.** On those occasions when the Committee have agreed to stage National, County Association, other competitions or matches, a new date and session to fulfil the fixture will be given. All other games must be played on the date and at the time specified in the competition timetable. However, a team prevented from fulfilling a fixture through weather conditions will be given a new date to fulfil the fixture.
No postponement of any other game shall be permitted without the consent of the Stadium Manager.
- G4.** Trial ends are not permitted in any Club competitions.
- G5.** Except where varied by publication of a Committee decision the following will apply:
The result of all pairs, triples and fours games will be decided by the session period to two hours or a maximum of 17 ends. A chronometer, which will automatically sound a buzzer five minutes prior to the end of each session, will time the session and no new end can be started after this buzzer. An end will be deemed to have started if the mat has been properly placed and the jack delivered from the leading player's hand.
In order to maintain a continuance of play, skips will only be permitted to visit the head once in the end.
On completion of the game players must leave the rink promptly and at the end of the rink at which the game has finished.
- G6.** Where teams consist of the minimum number of registered players i.e. Pairs 2, Triples 3 etc. and leagues become over-subscribed. For those leagues only the Stadium Manager will consult with team captains involved to consider accepting extra players into their league team up to maximum of Pairs 6, Triples 8 and Fours 10 (excluding non-playing captains).
- G7.** The maximum number of nominated players in any team, in any type of league will be Pairs 6, Triples 8 and Fours 10 (excluding non-playing captains).
- G8.** Two points will be awarded for a win and one point for a draw. The adjudged top four teams in each league will go forward to compete in a knockout competition. In any league consisting of only one section, the team with the highest position will be deemed the winner (there will however be a play-off for any cash prize).
If there is a tie for either of the top places, the team with the best shots difference will be declared the winner.

- G9.** A casual substitute must be a Full Bowling Member (FBM) who has not been registered for any team in the same league in which they are to participate.
- a)** A casual substitute may play for more than one team in any type of league competition. They must, however, not play more than twice for the same team.
A casual substitute may not be used when a registered player is available.
- b)** A registered team member is a player whose name has been given to the Stadium Manager as an official member of a team prior to the commencement of the first game in which they play as a registered team member.
These members can be added or deleted during the season. New nominations or casual substitutes will not be allowed in play-offs except as provided for in paragraph e).
- c)** A registered team member may play at any time and in any position subject to the provisions in paragraph (b) and will be eligible to play for two teams in the same league type (eg Gents 4 A & Gents 4s B.) However the following criteria will apply for those registering in two leagues of the same type:
- (i) The player will be nominated to one team only, hereby known as their “preferred team” and must choose it before the season commences or before they play their first match in those league type.
 - (ii) If no nomination is received then the first team the player represents will be deemed to be the players preferred team. Under NO circumstances will the player be allowed to change their preferred team during the season.
 - (iii) If both of the teams the player represents reach the playoffs finals, the player will only be eligible to play for their preferred team
 - (iv) A maximum of 2 players may both play for the same teams in same league type, in the case of pairs this is reduced to one. (eg: teams cannot register wholesale in two leagues of the same type)
- d)** When casual substitutes are used they will play as follows:
- Gents/Ladies Triples** - One substitute only not as skip.
 - Gents/ Ladies Fours** - One substitute only not as third or skip.
 - Pairs** - One substitute who may play in either position
 - Mixed Triples** - Two substitutes will be allowed but neither as skip.
- The substitute/s used must **not** change the nature of the team.
- Mixed Fours** - Two substitutes will be allowed but neither as skip.
- e)** If, through bereavement, illness or incapacity (holidays do not constitute incapacity) a team is unable to provide the requisite number registered of players in play-offs, casual substitutes may be introduced, subject only to the agreement of the Bowls Sub-Committee. A written request must be made at least 24 hrs prior to the game and submitted via the office. These players may only play in positions as outlined in paragraph (d).
- G10.** In the event of equality in both points and shots difference, the team with the highest shots for will be declared the winner.
If still equal the result of their league game will be the deciding factor.
In the event that this was a draw a deciding game will take place, played under normal league conditions with an extra end if required to decide the winner.
- G11.** For all games there will be a qualifying period of up to 15 minutes. If after this period a team is not on the rink ready to play, their opponents will be declared the winners. The non-defaulting team will be awarded the two points and 5 shots and full green fee for both teams will be due to be paid by the defaulting team. With both teams’ agreement the match can be re-arranged in line with Byelaw 14.
- G12.** The person who enters the team (team captain) is responsible for the rink fees of each member of that team. It is the team captain’s responsibility to ensure that no non-eligible member plays for that team. A team, which includes a non-eligible player, will be regarded as a defaulting and Byelaw G11 will apply. The defaulting team is liable to be disqualified.

- G13.** In league sessions when a team is unable to field the requisite number of players, they will be expected to play with casual substitutes as outlined in Byelaw G9.
In a fours game, when casual substitutes are not available, the team may play with three players. Green fees for a full team shall be paid on these occasions.
The lead and second will play with three bowls each and the skip with two bowls. The team playing with three players must deduct a quarter from their score. When both teams play with three players, both must deduct a quarter from their scores.
In the event of there being no casual substitutes to make up a pairs or triples team, the team in question will be treated as the defaulting team and Byelaw G11 will apply.
- G14. Cancelled games:**
The team **NOT** responsible for cancelling the game will offer their opponent two dates for the game to be replayed within three weeks of the original date of the game.
If the teams are unable to agree a date within three weeks the Stadium Manager will be responsible for nominating a date for the game to be replayed.
If the teams fail to play the game on that date (or by mutual agreement on a date before that date) the Bowls Committee will adjudicate as to which team will be awarded the points and who will be responsible for the payment of (all) green fees.
- G15.** In all games, when no official umpire has been appointed, any Full Bowling Member acceptable to both skips may act as umpire. That person will carry out such duties in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as stated at that time. In all these matters the umpire's decision is final.
- G16.** At any time, bowls must not be allowed **across** the green surface or dropped on the green so causing damage to the playing area.
- G17.** It is prohibited for bowls to be bowled back down the green if the end is made dead. Players must carry any bowls to whichever end the replayed end is to be started from.
Additionally, when walking from end to end, players must use the centre of the rink, so that players on adjoining rinks are not inconvenienced.
- G18.** Subject to the provision of Byelaw G14 any question, dispute or protest arising in the course of, or in connection with the game, may be referred to the Bowls Sub-Committee provided such is intimated in writing to the Stadium Manager.
If the Bowls Sub-Committee feel that the matter need not go to the Executive Committee, their decision will be final; otherwise the decision of the Executive Committee will be final.
Except for the above, the rules adopted by the English Indoor Bowling Association shall apply.
- G19.** Rules, individual to each of the Club's knockout competitions will be stated when entries to such competitions are invited.
- G20.** In the absence of the Stadium Manager any duly authorised person, will draw the rinks for the knockout competitions and enter all available rinks into the draw before the competitors arrive to play. Rinks 1 and 8 will be included.
Whenever possible the rink draw will be monitored so as to observe the requirements of "Laws of the Sport of Bowls" No 15.
No player in a competition or match shall play on the same rink on the day of such competition or match before play commences.

Section H: Social Bowling

- H1.** A minimum of twenty-four hours notice is required for cancellation of a social bowling booking, otherwise the person in whose name the booking has been made will be responsible for paying the full green fee, unless a reasonable explanation is forthcoming.

Section J: General

J1. Green fee, League Entry Fee and Locker fee.

It is the responsibility of the Executive Committee, to adjust the fees as and when required by circumstances.

Each team will pay the league entry fee for the part purpose of providing prizes etc. for league play-offs.

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