

City and County of Swansea Bowling Association

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA BOWLING ASSOCIATION

1. TITLE

The Association, playing under the rules of the World Bowls Board, shall be called the CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA BOWLING ASSOCIATION and shall be affiliated to Welsh Lawn Bowls.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:-

- a. To promote, foster and safeguard the amateur level green game of bowls within the Association's area.
- b. To adopt and enforce the Laws of the Game as laid down by the World Bowls Board and the British Isles Bowls Council.
- c. To promote and organise weekly league programmes, annual inter club competitions and to hold annual championships.
- d. To interpret, when called upon to do so by affiliated clubs or the members thereof, questions of Law and Practice, and to arbitrate in disputes between affiliated clubs and the members thereof.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association shall be of clubs playing on private, municipal or other public greens of the City and County of Swansea and District, provided that such clubs have sufficient members to fulfil their fixtures, and use level greens of at least 38 yards long, properly ditched and banked.

Application for Membership of the Association shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary and must be accompanied by a list of Office bearers and the address of its Secretary.

Upon receipt of the Application for Membership, the Honorary Secretary shall place the matter before the Management Committee, who shall decide if the matter should be referred to the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall decide if such an application should be granted.

4. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Association shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall be:-

a. Courtesy Officers

President and Vice President, who, having no vote, shall act on behalf of the Association on special occasions.

b. Executive Officers

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Competitions Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

All elected officers must have previously served a minimum of two years on the Management Committee.

All nominations must be received by the Hon. Secretary no later than the second Friday of that year.

Executive Officers, Ex officio at all meetings shall have a vote.

5. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for a period of two years. It shall comprise of eight members, together with the officers, from clubs affiliated to the Association. No club shall be allowed more than one member on the Management Committee unless the full compliment of eight members is not met.

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Competitions Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Ex officio shall have a vote. The Chairman shall have a casting vote also.

The Management Committee shall have plenary powers to:-

- a. Sanction casual expenditure.
- b. Recommend fixtures and divisions.
- c. Decide upon venues for special matches and to select representative teams for such matches.
- d. To deal with any urgent matter when it is not feasible to arrange a Special General Meeting.
- e. In the event of an urgent/imminent decision to be made, then the Officers shall have the power to make such a decision.

The Management Committee shall be vested with all the necessary powers to uphold the Constitution and Rules of the City and County of Swansea Bowling Association.

Whenever it is necessary to convene a special meeting of the Management Committee, a minimum of three days clear notice shall be given by the Honorary Secretary.

During the playing season, the Management Committee shall meet as required to deal with any problems appertaining to the fixtures and affairs of the Association.

The quorum for a Management Committee meeting shall be seven.

Any elected member of the Management Committee who fails to attend three consecutive Management Committee meetings without due cause or apology shall be deemed to have resigned and may be replaced prior to the next Annual General Meeting by a co-opted member selected by the Management Committee.

6. BREACHES OF ASSOCIATION RULES – GRIEVANCES AND COMPLAINTS.

Any Club found to be in breach of the rules or assisting other Clubs to breach the rules or in any way bring the Association into disrepute shall be dealt with by the Management Committee. In the case of a member found to be in breach of the rules, with regard to conduct either on or off the green, shall be dealt with by a sub committee comprising of three members. The Management Committee or Sub Committee having considered the matter shall impose whatever sanction it deems appropriate.

Any Club or individual member of the Association with a complaint / grievance in relation to the affairs of the Association shall place the matter in writing to the Hon. Secretary within five days of the issue which is the subject of concern. The complaint / grievance shall be placed before the Management Committee within ten days of it being received by the Hon. Secretary. No member of the Management Committee shall be party to any deliberation, dispute, complaint or grievance involving his Club or any individual from his Club.

The findings of the Management Committee together with any sanction shall be conveyed in writing to the party / parties concerned within three days of the decision being made.

The individual or Club will have the right to appeal any decision or sanction. This appeal shall be conveyed to the Hon. Secretary within five days.

The Hon. Secretary will then appoint an Appeals Panel of three members of the Management Committee to hear the appeal. The three members will not have been party to the original deliberations and have no association with the individual or Club.

Should circumstances prevent the Hon. Secretary from appointing three members from the Management Committee for the Appeal hearing, he will be empowered to appoint three members from Association clubs to deliberate on the matter.

The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held no later than the last week in November each year.

The Annual General Meeting shall:-

- a. Receive annually, nominations for Officers and every second year nominations for the Management Committee and resolve thereon.
- b. Admit clubs to membership of the Association.
- c. Elect an Auditor for one year.
- d. Generally do and perform the customary business of an Annual General Meeting.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be in the hands of the Affiliated clubs' Secretaries, or their representatives, no later than seven days prior to the date of the meeting.

The Chairman shall be elected annually. Tenure of office may be extended from year to year at the discretion of the Annual General Meeting.

Any Notice of Motion to alter or amend the Constitution or Rules of the Association at an Annual General Meeting must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary no later than the second Friday of October of that year. Such changes must be supported by the Secretary / Chairman of another club within the Association. This can be in the form of a formal request signed by both parties or in the form of an e-mail, provided it has the e-mail trail with the original request and support.

Motions to alter or amend the Constitution and Rules of the Association will be permitted every year from 2023.

Any Motion resolved at the Annual General Meeting shall be effective as from its acceptance.

8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Special General Meetings of the Association may be summoned at the request of:-

- a. The Management Committee.
- b. On the requisition of not less than six Affiliated clubs, but such requisition must furnish to the Honorary Secretary full particulars of the matter at issue and be signed by the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of all six Affiliated clubs. Fourteen days notice in writing shall be given to all Affiliated clubs of such General Meetings.

VOTING.

Upon questions involving persons, voting shall be by ballot. Upon general questions, the Chairman may ask for a show of hands. It shall be competent for a member to move {a} Ballot {b} Names and numerical result of a vote to be recorded.

REPRESENTATION.

Each Club will be entitled to send two representatives to every Annual General Meeting / Special General Meeting of the Association. Only **ONE** vote per Club.

9. HONORARY SECRETARY AND HONORARY TREASURER

The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of all the business transacted at Annual and Special General and Management Committee Meetings. When appropriate, he shall arrange for the Minutes of such Meetings to be circulated to all Affiliated clubs. At the Annual General Meeting, he shall submit a report of the work of the Association during the year.

At each Annual General Meeting, the Honorary Treasurer will submit an account of the years Income and Expenditure duly audited. The accounts of the Association shall be made up to the 30th September in each year. Copies of the accounts should be sent to each Affiliated club at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting.

10. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial Year shall be 1st October to the 30th September.

All monies paid to the Association shall be paid into an Account at an approved Bank or Building Society. The branch may be nominated to suit the Honorary Treasurer for banking purposes.

11. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Each Affiliated club shall pay an annual subscription, the amount to be fixed annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All subscriptions must be paid before the commencement of the season at the Pre Season Meeting of the Association. Any club failing to pay its subscription by that date shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership as long as the subscription remains unpaid.

12. GREEN MAINTENANCE FEES

All monies due from relevant affiliated clubs, in respect of Green Maintenance, must be received by the Honorary Treasurer by the 30th September each year. Failure could result in suspension from the Association until the fees are settled in full.

13. CENTRAL REGISTER

The Central Register will open on the 1st April and shall close on the 30th June in any season.

Each Affiliated club shall submit to the Honorary Secretary, no later than the Sunday preceding the opening Saturday of the Season, a list of full names, addresses and, where applicable, telephone numbers of its members, including guest members, for registration.

No unregistered member shall participate in any game played under the governance of the Association. No member may register for more than one club within the Association.

Clubs are permitted to register members, as guest members, who are also registered with a different Club, within a different Association, so long as they are registered no later than the 31st May of that season. Affiliated teams are permitted to field up to a maximum of **FOUR** guest members per game.

GUEST MEMBERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO PLAY SKIP ON ANY RINK.

The exception to the above will be a member who is currently registered with a C.C.S.B.A. Club and has been registered with that Club for the previous two seasons. Such a member will not be deemed to be a Guest member.

Application for transfer from one club to another shall be ineffective from the 1st July of the current year.

An exception may be made of any individual moving into the area after the 30th June or for any new individual desirous of joining an Affiliated club. A further exception may be made for any individual who has not participated in any competitive fixture for another club during that respective season. It will be the responsibility of the Club to validate the eligibility of the individual for registration with the C.C.S.B.A.

14. STANDING ORDERS

At Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings and Management Committee Meetings, the mover of a motion shall have the right to reply, immediately after which, the question shall be put, and a vote taken.

No other person shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same motion unless permission to explain is given by the Chairman. The mover of an amendment shall not have the right to reply. The mover of the motion shall, when exercising his right to reply, continue his reply only to questions raised in the discussion. The seconder of the motion or amendment may do so formally, and to exercise his right to speak at a later period in the discussion. A direct negative to a motion is not an amendment.

All amendments must be relevant to the motion under discussion. Only one amendment can be submitted to the Meeting at any one time. A second amendment may be submitted if the first is rejected.

No member shall be permitted to move more than one amendment on the same motion. Any member who has not already spoken may move that the question be now put, and upon being seconded by a like member, the Chairman must take a vote, after the mover of the motion has exercised his right to reply. If the vote is carried then the discussion ceases.

15. HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

Clubs affiliated to the Association have the power to nominate worthy individuals for consideration to become Honorary Life Members {Life Vice Presidents}. This must be in writing and submitted to the Honorary Secretary who will place the nomination before the Management Committee. If the nomination is approved, it will be placed before the following Annual General Meeting for approval.

16. CONSTITUTION OF DIVISIONS

League Games.

The Association shall be divided into two Divisions:-

Division 1 to be played for the Mond Shield.

Division 2 to be played for the Morriston Cup.

Dependant upon the number of clubs affiliated to the Association, a greater or lesser number of divisions may be created subject to confirmation by the Annual General Meeting.

17. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

At the conclusion of each season the bottom two teams from Division 1 will be relegated and the top two teams from Division 2 promoted. The only exception to this will be in the event of clubs entering or leaving the Association.

Promotion and relegation will be decided on points scored. In the event of a tie, the question will be decided by shots advantage.

18. MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION

Membership of the Association is the acceptance of its Constitution and Rules and every undertaking contained therein.

THE RULES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA BOWLING ASSOCIATION

1. STARTING TIMES OF GAMES

The starting time for all afternoon matches will be 2.30 p.m. and for evening matches 6.00 p.m.. By mutual agreement between clubs, matches may be commenced before these times but not later than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time.

Any club that fails to comply with this ruling will be reported to the Honorary Secretary and if this occurs on subsequent occasions then the matter shall be reported to the Management Committee.

2. PLAYING TO SCHEDULE

The schedule of matches agreed, if postponed or abandoned through inclement weather in April, May or June, must be played by the 31st July. Matches postponed or abandoned in July must be played within one calendar month, and all subsequent matches must be played within a 21 day period. The Home Team will offer three alternative dates (not in the same week) and the date fixed must be of mutual consent and will NOT be later than the above limits. The Honorary Secretary must be informed of any postponement or abandonment and also the rearranged date.

Application having been made by one club to another and rejected, an appeal might be made to the General Secretary for direction. This must be made within fourteen days of the original scheduled date of the match. After examination of both statements a decision will be made and deemed as final.

IN THE CASE OF ABANDONED MATCHES the following applies;

Should the match be abandoned and less than 15 ends in total have been played across the green, that match will be declared null and void and rescheduled within the strict time limits mentioned above.

Should 15 ends or more have been played across the green, the match will continue on a mutually arranged date within the strict time limits mentioned above, with the scores continuing as at the abandonment of the original fixture.

This rule applies to all matches abandoned due to inclement weather (with the exception of the Graham Jones Double Fours – see separate rule on Page 15).

In the likelihood of deteriorating weather conditions later in a rescheduled match, an agreement should be made by the respective Captains, prior to the start of play, that the match having completed more than 45 ends across the green, if abandoned with no chance of further play, the scores at that time will constitute a result. This would apply to both 18 and 21 end fixtures.

In both cases (Postponement or Abandonment), the Home team should, within 5 days of the original fixture date, offer 3 dates to the Away team (not in the same week), with the away team responding within a further 5 days.

Skips, in the continuation fixture must remain on the same rink as in the original fixture.

TWO reserves can be brought in on each rink if so desired.

Reserves cannot play as a Skip.

The Management Committee have the power to deduct up to the maximum possible points from clubs who fail to play within the scheduled limits, and instruct the match to be played at a later date. Any club refusing / failing to fulfil their fixtures, where they gain an advantage, or disadvantage another team, shall have **ALL** their fixtures declared void. They will be automatically relegated if they are in the 1st division and will start the following season on -11 points (a 1 match maximum penalty).

No game will be postponed, without the leave of the Management Committee, for any other reason than for inclement weather.

The rearrangement of games scheduled is permissible by mutual agreement between the clubs concerned, on the understanding that the date arranged is prior to the scheduled date for the match and that the Honorary Secretary or his representative are advised of such changes.

WHILST THE CHOICE OF BOWLS IS ENTIRELY UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL, THE CHANGING OF BOWLS DURING A MATCH IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

BOWLS CAN BE CHANGED DURING TRIAL ENDS ONLY. BOWLS MUST ALL BE FROM THE SAME SET.

THE USE OF LASER MEASURES IS NOT PERMITTED.

3. FIXTURE DATES

All Affiliated clubs will be provided with a provisional list of fixtures by the 14th January for the forthcoming season.

One Open Date will be permitted to each club in any one season upon application to the Honorary Secretary no later than the 1st January for the forthcoming season.

Any club proposing to organise a tour should inform the Honorary Secretary no later than the 1st January for the forthcoming season, stating their proposals and the dates upon which they will be unavailable for matches.

4. DURATION OF MATCHES

All matches, with the exception of those itemised separately, shall be played over 21 ends with 3 rinks per side.

All Division 1 and Division 2 League matches shall consist of 21 ends with the number of rinks determined at the Annual General Meeting.

In the event of a side playing short, rinks of three might play against rinks of four, but a total of 25% be deducted from the score of each rink with three players.

In trophy (knock out) matches, in the event of a tie, an extra end or ends will be played by all rinks to effect an outcome with the exception of the Graham Jones Double Fours which will be decided on count back.

5. RESULTS OF MATCHES

The Honorary Secretary, or his nominated representative, must be advised of all match results as soon as possible after the conclusion of the game. **THE ONUS TO REPORT THE RESULTS RESTS WITH THE HOME TEAM.**

The results of all afternoon games must be made known to the Honorary Secretary or his representative before 8.00 p.m. on that day and evening matches before 10.00 p.m. on that day.

Protests, whether on fact or law, must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary, in writing, no later than 72 hours after completion of the game in question. If a protest is sustained, the Management Committee have the power to award up to the maximum possible points.

ANY FIXTURE POSTPONED FOR ANY REASON (OR REARRANGED FOR ANY REASON) MUST BE REPORTED TO THE HON. SECRETARY OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY.

6. POINTS

In League matches a total of ten points shall be awarded. Four points will be awarded for a win, and two points each awarded for a draw. Two additional points shall be awarded for each winning rink and one point for each rink ending with an equal number of shots.

A bonus point will be awarded to a team fielding a full side at the commencement of the game i.e. after trial ends or if no trial ends required then at the start of end 1.

Should a match be abandoned, a team fielding a full team in the original fixture yet playing short in the rearranged fixture WILL be awarded a Bonus Point.

Conversely, a team fielding short in the original fixture yet able to field a full side in the rearranged fixture WILL NOT be awarded a Bonus Point.

In the event of a club not being able to field a team, that team may be deducted up to the maximum possible points and the match played at a later date.

7. DRESS

Members are expected to adhere to a dress code in order to enhance the image of the game.
Midweek matches - White tops or club colours with grey trousers or Colour Coded kit.
Saturday matches - White tops or club colours with white trousers or Colour Coded kit.

White / Grey or Colour coded tailored shorts are acceptable.

THE WEARING OF JEANS AND TRACK SUITS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

TRAINERS MAY BE WORN ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES i.e Slippery conditions.

In Association Semi Finals and Finals, and also Representative matches, all players will play in whites or club colours. Alternatively Colour Coded kit is acceptable.

8. ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES

Those players who wish to be considered for selection for Representative Matches should submit their names, through their Club Secretary, to the Honorary Secretary who shall place all names received before the Management Committee for selection.

9. ASSOCIATION COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS

The Rules and Regulations governing the various Competitions and Tournaments promoted by the Association shall be annexed to these rules.

10. CUPS, SHIELDS AND TROPHIES

All Cups, Shields and Trophies belonging to the Association, that are held annually by clubs and individuals, must be returned to the Honorary Secretary by the 1st August of the following year.

Failure to return any Cup, Shield or Trophy to the Honorary Secretary by the due date will result in the individual or club being fined the sum of £40.00.

11. CARRUTHERS SHIELD

Those clubs participating in the Welsh Lawn Bowls National Club Competition (Carruthers Shield) must make the necessary arrangements to play their matches to such a timetable as to allow the Association League programme to be played to schedule.

The clubs who qualify for further rounds in this competition (Section winners) will be accommodated in the rearrangement of Saturday fixtures that coincide with the Carruthers Shield fixtures on the same green.

W.L.B. Carruthers Shield Regulations - Rule 3

The Council requires clubs to regard the dates on the Match Programme as the official dates on which various games should be played. It offers no objection to any two clubs mutually agreeing a more suitable date prior to the last date shown on the section draw.

12. USE OF DRUGS

All bowlers should be aware that under the policy of the Sports Council of Wales they may be subject to a drugs test to ascertain the presence of any forbidden substance at the time of the test.

13. MOBILE TELEPHONES

The use of mobile telephones on the bowling green during matches is strictly forbidden.

14. WELSH LAWN BOWLS RULES

The Welsh Lawn Bowls Rules of the Game shall be adhered to at all times.

INTER CLUB KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS.

BLACKISTON CUP

1. All Affiliated clubs shall have automatic entry to this competition which will be played on a knock out basis on or before scheduled playing dates, which shall be determined at the commencement of the season.
2. All matches will be played over 21 ends with 3 rinks per side. In the event of a team being short, rinks of three might play against rinks of four, but a total of 25% must be deducted from the totals of each rink of three.
3. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends on all three rinks must be played to effect a decision.
4. Matches in each round (Not withstanding Association Rule 2 – Playing to Schedule), must be completed before the date set for the succeeding round. Matches not so completed may be forfeited subject to the decision of the disputes sub committee whose decision shall be final.
5. The onus is on the home side to advise the Honorary Secretary of the result of the game before 10.00 p.m. on the date of the game. If a game is played in advance of the scheduled date, then the Honorary Secretary must be advised and the result made known by 10.00 p.m. on that playing date.
6. The Semi Finals and Final shall be played on neutral greens as selected by the Honorary Secretary.
7. The winners will receive the Blackiston Cup (donated by Messrs. Clement & Hague) which will be held for a period of twelve months. The Cup must be returned to the Honorary Secretary by the 1st August of the following year (See Association Rule 10 – Cups, Shields & Trophies).

WALTER WITHEY TRIPLES

1. All Affiliated clubs shall have automatic entry to this competition which will be played on a knock out basis on or before scheduled playing dates, which shall be determined at the commencement of the season.
2. All matches will be played over 18 ends with 4 rinks per side. In the event of a team being short, rinks of two might play against rinks of three, but a total of 33% must be deducted from the totals of each rink of two. In such an event the remaining two players will play four bowls each, but their opponents shall have the first and last bowl on each end.
3. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends on all four rinks must be played to effect a decision.
4. Matches in each round (Not withstanding Association Rule 2 – Playing to Schedule), must be completed before the date set for the succeeding round. Matches not so completed may be forfeited subject to the decision of the disputes sub committee whose decision shall be final.
5. The onus is on the home side to advise the Honorary Secretary of the result of the game before 10.00 p.m. on the date of the game. If a game is played in advance of the scheduled date, then the Honorary Secretary must be advised and the result made known by 10.00 p.m. on that playing date.

6. The Semi Finals and Final shall be played on neutral greens selected by the Honorary Secretary.
7. The winning club will receive the Walter Withey Triples Trophy which will be retained for a period of twelve months. This trophy must be returned to the Honorary Secretary by the 1st August of the following year (See Association Rule 10 – Cups, Shield & Trophies)

GRAHAM JONES DOUBLE FOURS

1. All Affiliated clubs shall have automatic entry to this competition. Each club shall field two rinks of four players, one rink to play at home, the other to play away. Weather permitting, both games should be played simultaneously and scheduled to commence at the same time. All competing teams must have a full compliment of eight players.
2. Any eight players may participate in this tournament, provided that such players are Registered Members of the Club and appear on the Central Register. Teams MUST field FULL rinks.
3. All matches will be played over 21 ends and the result shall be determined by the totalling together of the two match scores.
4. In the event of a tie, the result shall be determined by the totalling together of the scores on the 20th end. If this is still a tie, the totals on the 19th end shall decide and so on.
5. Matches shall be played on or before scheduled dates that are arranged by the Honorary Secretary prior to the start of the season. In the event of inclement weather and the match is abandoned, it will resume, with the scores as they were when the match was abandoned. In the resumed match, the same rinks must be played. If, in the resumed game one of the four original players in a rink is unavailable, one substitute is allowed. Players cannot change from rink to rink. Teams sharing a green should give preference to the team drawn first in the draw for direction of play. In subsequent rounds this should be alternated between the two teams.
6. The Final of this Tournament will be played on Association Finals Day.
7. The winning rinks will receive the Graham Jones Trophy, which they will retain for a period of twelve months. This Trophy must be returned to the Honorary Secretary by 1st August of the following year. (See Association Rule 10 – Cups, Shields & Trophies).

SUPPLEMENTARY LEAGUES

THE RINK LEAGUE.

1. AREA OR ZONES

Teams will be drawn into two groups, at random, each season.

2. VENUES AND ORGANISATION OF MATCHES

Matches will be played on Wednesday afternoons and will commence at 2.30 p.m. By mutual agreement Rink matches may be commenced before this time, but no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time.

All matches will be played over 18 ends apart from the Semi Finals and Final which will be played over 21 ends. Players will not be expected to wear “whites” for League matches.

Prior to the commencement of the season, a fixture list will be drawn up.

The Management Committee will appoint a Co-ordinator for the League to whom all results of matches should be conveyed.

Two points will be awarded for a winning rink and one point in the event of a draw. In League matches an extra end will NOT be bowled to determine a result.

At the conclusion of the League programme, the top two rinks from each section will progress to the Semi Finals and Final on a knock out basis.

The Semi Finals shall be the Winner of Section A against the Runner Up of Section B, and the Winner of Section B against the Runner Up of Section A. The Section winner will be given home advantage in the Semi Final fixture.

The two Winning Rinks shall meet in the Final, which will be played on Association Finals Day.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Affiliated Clubs may enter any number of Rinks in this League provided they are able to fulfil the commitments of the League programme throughout the season.

All players must be members of the same Affiliated club and appear on the Central Register.

Should a club enter more than one team e.g. team A and team B, players must play for either team A or team B and are not permitted to chop and change from one to another.

Although there is no restriction upon those players who are selected to participate in this League, it should be borne in mind that this League is designed to provide a competitive game of bowls on a Wednesday afternoon for retired and unemployed bowlers.

4. UNAVAILABILITY AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

Whilst attempting to observe a strict obedience to the Fixture Lists, Rinks are permitted to postpone two matches in any one season provided that the Rink Co-ordinator is informed at least three days before the fixture is due to be played and that there is a valid reason for the postponement. Any match so postponed will be rearranged between the Clubs involved and will be played as soon as possible after the original playing date. The home Rink will offer three alternative dates, not in the same week, and the date fixed must be of mutual consent and will be no later than the 21 day limit.

When such matches are played, the Rink Co-ordinator or his representative, must be informed of the result as soon as possible after the conclusion of play, by the home team.

Any Rink that fails to meet its fixture commitments or do not inform their opponents or the Rink Co-ordinator of their unavailability or exceed their two match allowance, will give their opponents two points and ten shots.

Any Rinks that consistently fail to meet their commitments will have deemed to have left the League and the Ern Walters Cup Competition, and will be excluded from the tables.

If, however, the Rink Co-ordinator or his representative is of the opinion that a game should be played, he can make the necessary arrangements for the game to be played and failing that, he shall refer the matter to the Management Committee and their decision shall be final.

Any league matches not completed by the 1st August each year shall not be played and each team awarded one point.

ERN WALTERS CUP

All Rinks participating in the Rink League shall be automatically entered for this knock out Tournament. The Final will be played on Association Finals Day.

The players participating in the Final will be expected to play in whites or colour coded kit.

Rounds 1, 2 and 3 will be played over 18 ends. The Semi Finals and Final will be played over 21 ends. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends will be bowled to effect a result

All shields will be retained for a period of twelve months and must be returned to the Honorary Secretary by 1st August of the following year (See Association Rule 10 – Cups, Shields and Trophies).

MID WEEK LEAGUE

1. STARTING TIME

All games will be scheduled for Tuesday evenings and will commence at 6.00 p.m. or earlier if mutually agreed, but no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time. Where Clubs share greens, then whenever necessary, games might be re-arranged for Wednesday evenings.

2. FIXTURE DATES

Whilst no provision will be made to accommodate “free dates” in this Competition, the Honorary Secretary will take into account any request from a participating Club to release them from a fixture should the reason be honourable and genuine.

All matches will be played over 18 ends and three Rinks of four players will constitute a team. Clubs will be permitted to enter more than one team into this League.

In the event of a match being postponed due to inclement weather, the said match will NOT be rescheduled and the points shared i.e. 5 points each.

3. POINTS AND PROTESTS

In these matches two points will be awarded to each winning rink, one point to each drawn rink and four points for the win making a maximum of ten points. In the event of a team failing to fulfil a fixture, then the Management Committee have the power to deduct up to the maximum possible points from the offending team, and instruct the match to be played at a later date. Protests will be dealt with by the same method as for League games.

4. GROUPS.

Participating clubs will be divided into two sections, East and West, and the winners of each section will be presented with a Section Shield, which will be retained for twelve months. The top two teams in each section will qualify for the Semi Finals.

The winner of Section East will play the Runner Up of Section West, and the Runner Up of Section East will play the winner of Section West. Venues to be decided by the Hon. Secretary. At the conclusion of the league programme, the winners of each section shall play off for the A. C. Jenkins (Airport Services) Shield.

GATWICK SHIELD

All Clubs participating in the Mid Week League shall have automatic entry to this knock out competition. The format will be identical to the Midweek League. The matches will be played during the season on a Tuesday or Wednesday evening and the Final will be played in August of that year. The winners will be presented with the Gatwick Shield which will be retained for a period of twelve months and returned to the Honorary Secretary by 1st August of the following year (See Association Rule 10 – Cups, Shields & Trophies).

In the result of a tie, an extra end or ends will be played by all rinks in order to effect a decision.

KEITH JACOB SUPER 9 COMPETITION

1. STARTING TIME / DATES

All games will be scheduled for Thursday evenings and will commence at 6.00 p.m. or earlier, but no later than 15 minutes after the scheduled starting time.

2. TEAMS/FORMAT OF PLAY

All Affiliated Clubs shall have automatic entry to this competition unless a request is submitted to the Honorary Secretary or his representative to the contrary.

Each team shall consist of nine players:- one pairs rink, one triples rink, and one fours rink.

The home team will decide on which rinks each individual rink shall play.

Each rink shall play 18 ends.

Two points shall be awarded to each winning rink and one point each in the event of a draw.

Shots will be totalled at the completion of the game and the team with the most shots will be awarded an additional four points, or two points each in the event of a draw.

The maximum number of points awarded is ten.

Teams can participate with a minimum of seven players, playing short in both the Triples and Fours with the respective loss of 33% and 25% of their shots scored.

3. FIXTURES

Dependent on the number of teams participating in the Competition, fixtures will be scheduled on the basis of a league programme split into two sections, each team playing the other once. League positions will be calculated on a points basis. Should points be tied, then shot difference will be taken into account. Should shot difference be tied, then shots scored will prevail.

At the conclusion of the league programme, the Winner of Section A shall play the Runner Up of Section B, and the Winner of Section B shall play the Runner Up of Section A to determine the finalists. Section winners will receive home advantage at the Semi Final stage. In the event of a

tied match at Semi Final or Final stage, the winners will be determined by the playing of an extra end on each rink. The winning Club will receive the Keith Jacob Super 9 Trophy which will be retained for a period of twelve months and returned to the Honorary Secretary by the 1st August of the following year (see Association rule 10 – Cups, Shields & Trophies).

4. INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of a match being postponed due to inclement weather, points will be shared equally i.e. 5 points each. The match will not be replayed.

5. RESULTS OF MATCHES

The Honorary Secretary, or his representative, must be informed by the home side of the result of the match as soon as possible after the conclusion of the game, certainly no later than 10.00 p.m. of that evening.

RULES FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENTS

1. These Tournaments require individual bowlers to complete an Entry Form and to pay an Entry Fee. This Fee shall be determined annually at the Annual General Meeting. The closing date for entries shall be 1st May each year.
2. These Tournaments shall be open to **ALL** players registered with the Association and who appear on the Central Register, with the exception of guest players.
3. All entries must be received by the Competition Secretary on or before 1st May, the closing date for all entries, on the appropriate entry form. All entry fees must be submitted with the entry forms otherwise they will not be accepted.
4. The Competition Secretary shall arrange for the tournament draws to be made and for all Clubs to be circulated with a copy as soon as possible after the draws have been made.
5. All competitions to have a closing date for each round. Under no circumstance shall this rule be broken.
6. The first named player/s on the Draw sheet are the Home team. The Home team must contact their opponents at least 10 days before the closing date of the first round only, with proposed dates, and the opponents must accept a date within 24 hours. In subsequent rounds, the Home team must give three dates to their opponents within 48 hours of the closing date of the previous round, and the opponents must accept a date within 24 hours. Three dates cannot be given in the same week.
7. The winning player/s or team shall be responsible for informing the Tournament Recorder of the result of each game as soon as possible after its conclusion. All results must be received by the Tournament Recorder no later than midday on the day following the closing date of each round. Any competitor not complying with this rule will be excluded.
8. Full names and telephone numbers must be entered on the tournament entry form. A. N. Other will not be accepted and the tournament entry will be rejected and returned to the appropriate Club Secretary.
9. In the event of games not being played to time, and no application made for an extension of time, or failure of the winner/s to notify the Competition Secretary of the result, then both parties will be excluded from the Competition.

10. Semi Finals and Finals will be played at neutral greens. Players reaching the Semi Finals and Finals will play in whites , club colours or colour coded kit.
11. Substitutes will be allowed to play in Combination Tournaments, provided that they have not already played or been part of another Combination in the same Tournament, for their affiliated Club. They must also appear on the Central Register of their affiliated Club.
12. All players reaching the Association finals will receive an award.
13. Bowls with a current stamp (excluding the hexagonal stamp) can be used until the of expiry of the stamp. On expiry they must be retested and stamped with the hexagonal stamp, which remains valid until the stamp becomes illegible.
14. Any decisions made by the Honorary Secretary, Tournament Secretary, Tournament Recorder or Management Committee of the Association shall be final.
15. COMBINATION TOURNAMENTS i.e. TRIPLES and FOURS, TEAMS MUST FIELD A FULL TEAM.

LES THOMAS SHIELD (Association's Open Singles Tournament)

FORMAT OF PLAY - The winner shall be the first player to reach 21 shots.

SUBSTITUTES - No substitutes shall be allowed.

ROWLEY THOMAS SHIELD (Association's Open Pairs Tournament)

FORMAT OF PLAY - All matches will be played over 18 ends. In the event of a tie, then an extra end/ends to be played to effect a result.

SUBSTITUTES - One substitute will be allowed in this Tournament. The substitute is eligible for all rounds for either player. The substitute may play in any position but must relinquish his position in later rounds whenever the original player is available to play.

LEWIS – LANG TRIPLES (Association's Open Triples Tournament)

FORMAT OF PLAY - All matches will be played over 18 ends. In the event of a tie, then an extra end/ends to be played to effect a result.

SUBSTITUTES - One substitute will be allowed in this Tournament. The substitute is eligible for all rounds for all players. The substitute may play in any position but must relinquish his position in later rounds whenever the original player is available to play.

J.T.MORGAN RINK TOURNAMENT (Association's Open Rink Tournament).

FORMAT OF PLAY - All matches will be played over 18 ends. In the event of a tie, then an extra end/ends to be played to effect a result.

SUBSTITUTES - Two substitutes will be allowed in this Tournament. Substitutes are eligible for all rounds for all players. The substitutes may play in any position but must relinquish their positions in later rounds whenever the original players are available.

JACK DENNIS SHIELD (Association's Over 60's Singles Tournament).

Entry is restricted to eligible players over the age of 60 years on the qualifying date of 1st May of each season.

FORMAT OF PLAY - The winner shall be the first player to reach 21 shots.

SUBSTITUTES - No Substitutes shall be allowed.

A.W.C.O./ALCAN SHIELD (Association's Over 60's Pairs Tournament).

Entry is restricted to eligible players over the age of 60 years on the qualifying date of 1st May of each season.

FORMAT OF PLAY - All matches will be played over 18 ends. In the event of a tie, then an extra end /ends to be played to effect a result.

SUBSTITUTES - One Substitute will be allowed in this Tournament and must conform with the age eligibility. The Substitute is eligible to play in all rounds for either player, but must relinquish his position in later rounds whenever the original player is available to play.

**THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT WILL RELATE TO ALL BOWLING EVENTS
DIRECTLY UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA BOWLING
ASSOCIATION.**

**ALL PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS PARTICIPATING IN THE ABOVE ARE EXPECTED TO
CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A MANNER WHICH IS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE
FOLLOWING:-**

- 1. STANDARDS OF GOOD BEHAVIOUR BOTH ON AND OFF THE GREEN.**
- 2. A SPORTSMANLIKE APPROACH TO TEAM COLLEAGUES, OPPONENTS,
OFFICIALS AND SPECTATORS.**
- 3. BEHAVIOUR BEFITTING GOOD AMBASSADORS FOR OUR ASSOCIATION.**

**ANY OFFICIAL OR PLAYER WHO FALLS BELOW THESE STANDARDS TO THE EXTENT
OF BRINGING HIM AND/OR THE ASSOCIATION INTO DISREPUTE COULD BE SUBJECT
TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

**ANY DISCIPLINARY MATTERS REFERRED TO THE ASSOCIATION WILL BE DEALT WITH
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDURES AS LAID DOWN BY THE
WELSH LAWN BOWLS, APPLICABLE TO REGISTERED MEMBERS AND CLUBS OF THE
ASSOCIATION.**

**PLAYERS ARE REPRESENTING THE ASSOCIATION AND THEIR CLUBS AND ARE
RESPONSIBLE TO PERFORM TO THE BEST OF THEIR ABILITIES, WHICH ASSUMES A
MATURE AND SENSIBLE APPROACH, ESPECIALLY IN RELATION TO GOOD
PREPARATION AND SENSIBLE ENJOYMENT.**

**THE ASSOCIATION ASKS THAT PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO MEET TIME
REQUESTS SO THAT GOOD PUNCTUALITY CONTINUES AND ORGANISATIONAL
REQUESTS ARE MET PROMPTLY WHICH MAKES PLANNING AND EXECUTION MORE
PROFESSIONAL. WITH GOOD SENSE AND REASONABLE CO-OPERATION THE
ASSOCIATION LOOKS FORWARD TO MAINTAINING THE HIGH REPUTATION EARNED
BY OUR PREDECESSORS.**

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