

BOSTON & DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUE

Standing Orders for the regulation of proceedings and business

The League shall be called The Boston & District Bowls League

The financial year shall end on 1st December each year and a written account of receipts and expenditure for the past year shall be provided at the Annual General Meeting.

At the AGM a management committee shall be elected consisting of the following; Chairman, Chairman Elect, Secretary, Match Secretary, Treasurer and 4 members from different clubs.

The Management Committee shall have the power to elect any sub-committee and to depute to it any duties that may arise, with executive powers. All issues shall be dealt with by the Management Committee or Sub-Committee whose decision will be final. The Chairman of the Management Committee shall have the right to give a casting vote in event of a tie.

Officer's expenses shall be determined by the Management Committee each year at the November meeting.

All matters to be resolved shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary who will convene a meeting of the appropriate committee or sub-committee.

Applications for admission to the league shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary who shall submit the same to the Management Committee. Application for membership of the league may require the Management Committee to inspect the green of the club concerned to decide whether it is of the standard required for affiliation to be granted. Each application must be accompanied by an entrance fee of £5, this does not apply to additional teams. Any club wishing to resign its membership shall give notice to the Honorary Secretary prior to the AGM.

The annual subscription for membership shall be fixed at the AGM and should be paid to the Honorary Treasurer at that meeting. Any club failing to pay its subscription shall forfeit all rights to membership until such subscription is paid.

League Member Clubs must be affiliated to the Lincolnshire Bowling Association.

Annual General Meeting

A quorum shall be formed when fifty percent of the clubs are present.

The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in January. Clubs wishing to raise matters for consideration, or propose nominations for the Management Committee, must give particulars to the secretary by 31st October each year.

The notice of the meeting shall also include the agenda and shall be sent to each club in the league at least fourteen days before the date of the meeting.

No alteration of, or addition to, the constitution and rules of the league shall be made except at the Annual Meeting, and any such proposed alteration must be stated in the notice of business for the meeting.

All items for the agenda of the AGM must have been passed by the Management Committee or by the club on whose behalf they are proposed. No Items can be accepted from individual members.

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Voting

All members competing in the league shall be entitled to attend annual general meetings and take part in the discussions, but the following procedures as to voting shall be adopted:

- a. On all matters only one representative per club shall be entitled to vote.
- b. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the power to give a casting vote

Order of Debate

The Chairman may at any meeting vary the order of business, so as to give precedence to any business of special urgency, subject to the approval of those present. A member may not speak more than once on any motion or amendment, but the mover of an original resolution may reply, provided that a member may speak on a point of order, or in explanation of some part of a speech made by him which he believes to have been misunderstood

Whenever an amendment on an original motion has been moved and seconded, no subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment has been disposed of but notice of any number of motions may be given. If an amendment is carried, the motion, as amended, shall take place of the original motion and become the question on which any further amendment be moved.

Special General Meeting

One third of the clubs in the League may send a requisition to the Secretary to call a Special general meeting. Such notice must state the nature of the business to be brought forward

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LEAGUE RULES

1. The League shall consist of one or more divisions and be constituted as decided at the AGM. The principle of promotion and relegation shall apply, 2 up and 2 down, however the Management Committee shall have the power to adjust the number of teams promoted and relegated to maintain the divisions as near equal as possible, or for any other reason.
2. All games shall be played under Lincolnshire Bowling Association rules except as otherwise provided for in these rules. Dress code; greys/whites (or club shirts)
3. Games shall be of 21 ends in the 2 wood divisions and 18 ends in the 3 wood divisions. In all divisions a 2 metre measure shall be taken as count, no trial ends with the Home team having the jack on the first end.
4. League matches shall be scheduled between May and August each year.
5. All matches shall be played as scheduled on the fixture list. The only reason for cancelling a match is inclement weather as determined by rule 7. Cancellation for any other reason may be referred to the Management Committee who will decide what action or penalty shall be imposed.
6. Any club failing to adhere to rules 4 and 5 must give a written explanation to the Honorary Secretary who will consult with the Management Committee. The Committee shall have the power to allocate the points at stake, also the shots and to impose a fine.
7. In the event of wet weather, the home green steward shall decide if the green is unfit for play
8. Any match unfinished due to inclement weather or other causes over which neither team has control, shall be replayed in its entirety unless at least 75% of the total number of ends to be played have been completed, in which case the score at the stage of abandonment shall be taken as the final score.
9. The result of each match shall be forwarded to the Match Secretary by the HOME TEAM, preferably via the website form or by email. The result sheet containing a full list of players taking part and their respective scores shall be signed by both captains and should be retained by the home team until after the end of the season in case of dispute.
10. Scoring shall be; 2pts per rink win, 1 each for a tie, 4pts for the aggregate or 2 each for a tie
11. A player may represent only one club. Transfer to another club will be permitted no later than 30 June by written notice to the Secretary, signed by an officer of both clubs concerned. The player shall be eligible to play 7 days after receipt of the notice.
12. If ineligible players are included in any rink the shot score shall be made 21-0 or 18-0 respectively for the 2 wood or 3 wood sections against the offenders and the points awarded to the opposition rink.
13. In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points at the end of the season, teams shall be placed in order of better shot difference.
14. Games shall start not later than 6.30pm prompt except for earlier starts in August as determined at the AGM.
15. A player arriving after the commencement of play shall be allowed to join the game at the completion of the end in progress, providing the player is making up a rink and not replacing a player.
16. If teams turn up to play short of players, all rinks must still play with a minimum of 2 players per rink. If less players than this arrive the game shall be void and points awarded to the non-offenders.
17. Smoking or vaping shall not be allowed on the green.