

RULES OF THE HALIFAX & DISTRICT AMATEUR BOWLING LEAGUE

- 1.** The name of the Association shall be the Halifax and District Amateur Bowling League.
- 2.** The object of the league shall be to promote and organise the sport of Crown Green Bowling for all members of clubs in Halifax and District who have been admitted to membership. Clubs shall be admitted to the League at the discretion of the Management Committee provided that they are a member of or have applied for membership of Yorkshire Crown Green Bowling Association.
- 3.** The League shall be governed by the Management Committee which shall consist of the President, a Deputy President, three Senior Vice-Presidents, six representatives from the District, a Treasurer, a General Secretary, a League Secretary, and a Competition Secretary.
- 4.** Past Presidents shall be considered ex-officio members.
- 5.** At Management meetings five members shall constitute a quorum, three of which must be representatives, or Senior Vice Presidents.
- 6.** The committee shall at any time it deems necessary, delegate any business to a Sub-Committee of the Management Committee.
- 7.** Any Club may enter more than one team for League Bowling. The conditions of membership shall be the payment of an annual subscription for each team and any levies, which shall be decided annually at a General Meeting.
- 8.** The League shall organise bowling for male members of Clubs in membership.
- 9.** Subscriptions shall be due on 1st April and paid no later than 1st June each year, and no Club shall be permitted to continue to take part in League Bowling unless subscriptions have been paid for the current year. Reminders shall be sent out to defaulting Clubs, on 1st May each year.
- 10.** All Clubs not paying levies by the 15th October will be subject to a fine of £10.
- 11.** Two General Meetings shall take place annually, one in March for the distribution of fixtures and registrations. The other to be held in at the committee's behest when the rules shall be considered, the balance sheet for the year will be presented and the election of officers for the following year shall take place.
- 12.** Nomination sheets shall be issued to Club secretaries at least 14 days prior to the December General Meeting and nominations shall be received prior to the meeting.
- 13.** The President, Deputy President, General Secretary, League Secretary, Competition Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for one year, a management committee member shall be elected for two years and a Senior Vice-President shall be elected for three years. Life Vice-Presidents shall be elected by the General Meeting and shall stand for life.
- 14.** Each Club in membership shall be entitled to send two representatives to the General Meeting which shall include their representative on the management committee. Each Club shall have a vote for each representative present.
- 15.** The accounts of the League shall be audited annually and a printed copy shall be sent to all clubs at least 10 days before the AGM.
- 16.** Club secretaries shall be presented with an agenda of a General Meeting at least fourteen days prior to the date of the Meeting. The General Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time on receiving requisition to that effect signed by Secretaries of not less than one third of the Clubs in membership.
- 17.** Any Club in membership or any Management Committee member may give notice of amendment or alteration to the Rules or Match Rules provided it be proposed and seconded by authorised representatives of the Club or Management Committee and be received in writing by the General Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date it is to be brought forward where upon notice shall be given to all Clubs in membership.
- 18.** The Chairman at a General Meeting at which alterations to Rules are considered, shall allow an amendment to the notified amendment provided it be seconded. A clear majority shall decide which shall be considered the notified amendment.

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- 19.** Any amendment or alteration to League or Match Rules brought before a General Meeting shall require a two-thirds majority to be considered carried.
- 20.** No Rule shall be altered except at the December General Meeting.
- 21.** At Management Committee Meetings, all members of the Committee, as defined by Rule three, shall be allowed to vote, with the exception of the Chairman who shall be allowed a casting vote only.
- 22.** Names and Addresses of all delegates shall be sent to the General Secretary and any changes notified.
- 23.** All Clubs in dispute must contact the General Secretary where upon a meeting shall be convened to decide the issue
- 24.** Each Club in membership shall be furnished with a copy of the Rules and Match Rules.
- 25.** Any Club failing to provide a Referee for a competition organised by the League shall be fined Five Pounds (£5.00) at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 26.** An average prize will be awarded at the end of each season. To qualify for an average prize at the end of a season players should have played not less than two-thirds of the scheduled matches.
- 27.** Any bowler who qualifies for the Finals of a competition organised by the League and fails to play in the finals, shall be banned from entering that competition for a period of three years, unless there are extenuating circumstances that are acceptable to the Management Committee.
- 28.** Any person or Club not present to receive his Prize Money at the conclusion of any Competition or at a presentation ceremony supported by the League shall forfeit his Prize Money, which shall be donated to the Berry Hey Charity, unless there are extenuating circumstances that are acceptable to the Management Committee.
- 29.** The Management Committee shall be allowed to review and adjust the formula for the calculation of the Berry-Hey Handicaps as they feel necessary.
- 30.** Four Man Team Knock-Out Competition Veteran Bowlers who are registered to play in the Evening League may enter a team under the Club who they represent in the Veterans League.
- 31.** Any Club which withdraws a team from the League after the Secretary has received the entry form shall be liable to a fine of up to £30.00 as determined by the Management Committee. Failure to pay such a fine may jeopardise future entry.
- 32.** All League individual competitions, to be drawn at starting time, on each respective green, and to include only players who are present at the time of the draw.
- 33.** The Management Committee shall decide any point not covered by the above Rules.