

## **SECTION 1 - ASSOCIATION BYE LAWS**

**ABL 1.** The name of the association shall be THE BARNSELEY & DISTRICT CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

**ABL 2.** All bona fide association leagues and clubs in the Barnsley & District shall be eligible to become members of the association. The committee of the association reserves the right to refuse any application, be it from an organisation or an individual.

**ABL 3.** The association will deal with any individual or club alleged to have brought the game into disrepute. The British Crown Green Bowling Association guidelines on disciplinary/appeals procedures should be read in conjunction with the Barnsley bye laws.

**ABL 4.** The object of the association shall be to organise, encourage and govern crown green bowling in the Barnsley & District area.

**ABL 5.** The committee shall consist of Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Bowlsnet Administrators and up to 5 other committee members. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of 5 years. All other committee members and 2 account checkers shall be elected annually. The committee on behalf of the association reserves the right to terminate any officer's position.

**ABL 6.** Three delegates are required to be elected to represent Barnsley at the South Yorkshire delegates meeting that are held throughout the year. Two representatives require to attend each meeting so as B&DCGBA do not incur a fine for non attendance. Elected delegates shall be paid expenses at £20/meeting attended.

**ABL 7.** The committee will deal effectively with the business of the association including matters of indiscipline. No more than 2 members of the committee can be from the same club.

**ABL 8.** Clubs applying for membership of the association will accept the rules of the National, County and Barnsley Associations and are subject to their bye laws, which are mandatory, and are subject to a green's inspection by a member of the committee.

**ABL 9.** Any new club joining a league is at the discretion of the committee. They will be placed in a division at the discretion of the committee. Their handicap for entering the cup competitions shall be set by the committee for the first year of entry. Then the handicap shall be decided on the league position after the first year.

**ABL 10.** The accounts shall be checked annually by the 2 elected account checkers.

**ABL11.** A printed copy of the accounts along with the agenda will be sent out to each club 14 days prior to the AGM.

**ABL 12.** The AGM will be the second Saturday in February at 12 noon. The end of season meeting will be determined by the committee. Any club that fails to send a delegate to either meeting will be fined £10 for each meeting missed

**ABL 13.** Clubs belonging to the association may resign its membership on giving 14 days' notice in writing to the secretary of the association prior to the AGM

**ABL 14.** All monies belonging to the association shall be banked in an account named Barnsley & District Bowling Association.

**ABL15.** The bank passbook shall be available for inspection at meetings as required.

**ABL 16.** All League and Cup Fees must be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April each season. Failure to pay the fees by the due date shall incur an additional administration charge of £25. Clubs that still owe money to the association by the end of the season will be denied entry to the league the following season.

**ABL 17.** All players wishing to play in league matches **MUST** be registered with the BCGBA, SYCCGBA and B&DBA. A form will be issued to every club for you to record the players you wish to register to play in the leagues (£2 / player). You must also include on the form their BCGBA number and any secondary bowlers that are registered via another club (no cost). Anyone playing an unregistered player will be fined £25 per player and the points removed on Bowlsnet for that player. The forms need to be back before the 31<sup>st</sup> March, any registration after the 31<sup>st</sup> March, must be sent to the secretary in writing and given the approval at a committee meeting before they can bowl. The final date for registration is 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**ABL 18.** For a transfer, a player must give 7 days' notice in writing to the secretary of the club affected. The application shall be forwarded by the club secretary or player to the association secretary who will confirm the transfer. The final day to transfer is 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**ABL 19.** All applications for reinstatement of offending players/ members must be made in writing to the secretary of the association.

**ABL 20.** No member owing monies to one club can play for another club in the association.

**ABL 21.** Each club will be issued with an up-to-date copy of the rules and regulations of the association after each AGM which must be available for every member to read.

**ABL 22.** Notice of any amendments or alterations in the bye laws or rules of the association proposed by any club of the association shall be submitted to the secretary of the association by 30<sup>th</sup> November, at which time such amendments or alterations submitted will be considered and notice thereof sent out to all clubs affiliated to the association. No bye laws or rules shall be altered, rescinded, or added to without the consent of a bare majority of those present at the AGM. No new or additional motions will be accepted from the floor at the AGM.

**ABL 23.** All clubs affiliated to the association shall make their greens available to the association on request. Failing to do so without valid reason could result in being fined or expelled from the association. No charge for the preparation of the green lent to the association shall be admitted. Where a club have 2 greens the green selected by the committee for the competition must be used unless they are closed for maintenance.

**ABL 24.** Practise will not be allowed on any green 7 days before a league or cup game by away or neutral players. Scheduled league and cup fixtures, do not count as practice.

**ABL 25.** All clubs affiliated to the association must not organise any competitions at their green on any dates that the association has arranged any competitions. All open competitions being arranged on their greens must be approved by Barnsley Committee. Any breach of this rule may result in any penalty deemed appropriate by the committee.

**ABL 26.** In the case of a wilful breach of the rules of the game or any unfair or unsporting conduct this should be reported to the captains who should investigate. If this is not resolved, then it should be reported to Barnsley Association secretary for investigation. This could result in a player's score being replaced with nil and the opponent being awarded full points. If it involves a spectator, then the committee should impose any penalty to the club concerned as they think appropriate.

**ABL 27.** Should either of the clubs in the dispute have members on the committee the said members shall not be eligible to sit on the committee whilst the dispute is being considered.

**ABL 28.** Any club or member raising any objection in any of the competitions run by the association must forward the objection in writing to the association secretary within 5 days of the match or incident. The association secretary must send a copy of the objection to the other club or person concerned. The objection shall be reviewed by the committee and any appropriate action deemed by the committee will be actioned. Both parties involved have the right of appeal.

**ABL 29.** Matches in all competitions **MUST** be played on the dates set by the committee except for the following reasons. (A) The green is unfit due to inclement weather. (B) Any conflicts with BCGBA or SYCGBA who have priority. (C) Matches brought forward with both teams in agreement (Best option). The association secretary must be informed of any of these by the home club secretary after they inform the away side. Finals dates are fixed and no changes permitted, except where a dispute may exist.

**ABL 30.** Clubs who cancel a game without permission of the association secretary will incur a £25 fine.

**ABL 31.** All matches must be played within 28 days of any cancellation. Where clubs can't agree a new date the association secretary should be informed within 7 days of the cancellation (by both clubs) and the committee will fix a new date. Failure to play it on that date or before could result in one or both teams being fined a further £15.

**ABL 32.** Clubs who cancel for no apparent reason could be suspended from the league or competition. In the event of a team travelling to a match which is then cancelled (other than inclement weather) expenses will be paid to the visiting club by the home club to a maximum of £15. Any claim for expenses to be sent to the association secretary not more than 5 days after the date of the match. Where clubs have 2 or more teams in the event of having insufficient players available priority must be given to fielding the team in the higher leagues.

**ABL 33.** If a match is unfinished through causes over which the clubs have no control, it must be completed from where postponed on the same green within 28 days of the postponed match. Failure to do this will bring in rule ABL 29.

**ABL 34.** Scratch times for all games are first half games 15 minutes after match start time. Then 5 minutes after each jack comes off.

**ABL 35.** All league and cup trophy winners will not retain their trophies when presented to the winning team so that they are available to be engraved for presentation night. Then they must be returned on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> August the following year so they can be presented to the new winners on the green that finals day. Merit trophy winners must return their trophy at least 2 weeks prior to that merit competition being played so that it is available to be presented to the winner that year. Failure to follow this rule will result in a £10 fine per trophy per club/player.

**ABL 36.** The presentation night will be in early November and each club must buy 5 tickets which will appear on your association invoice. Any others go on sale at the end of season meeting in October and will need to be paid for as invoiced to the club. No returns.

**ABL 37.** The committee is the interpreter of these bye laws and rules governing the various competitions. Any issues not covered by these rules will be covered the committee. Any appeal against this ruling will follow SYCGBA appeals procedure, followed by BCGBA appeals procedure.

**ABL 38.** Dissolution..... If the committee by two thirds majority decides at any time to dissolve the association, it shall give 2 days' notice of a meeting to all members of the association who have the power to vote. If such a decision is confirmed by a majority of those present and voting at the meeting. The management shall have the power to dispose of any assets including held by the association. Any money in account to be distributed to all clubs registered that season or donated to a charity as voted on by clubs present

**ABL 39.** All clubs must have a registered Welfare Officer. As by rules of BCGBA.

**ABL 40.** Suitable footwear must be worn, no hard or block heels, open toed sandals, or flip flops. Barnsley Association nor the home club will take any responsibility for injury if not conforming to this rule.

**ABL 41.** Players must have paid their membership to the club they are playing for prior to playing any games.