



**LEEDS AND DISTRICT  
CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION  
(FOUNDED 2002)**



Affiliated To Yorkshire Country Crown Green Bowling Association

**BYE-LAWS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- 1) The name of the Association shall be "The Leeds and District Crown Green Bowling Association".
- 2) The object of the Association shall be to further the game of bowls in this district, by arranging for Inter-Club Matches among the Clubs in membership of the Association, Merit Competitions for players in Leeds and District, Inter-District Teams in competitions held by Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association, and any "County Bowling" that the Association may affiliate to.
- 3) The Association shall be governed by a Management Committee, consisting of the officers of the Association, namely:
  - President, Dep. President, Chairman, who will preside over all meetings of the Association and be ex-officio to all sub committees.
  - Vice Chairman, who will deputise for the Chairman when required and be in charge of all representative teams representing the Association including Inter District, Inter City, National League, County or any other.
  - Secretary, who will record all meetings and deal with correspondence, be ex-officio to all committees, convene disciplinary hearings, be custodian of the rules and be the first point of contact for all external bodies.
  - Treasurer who will handle all financial transactions of the Association, keep proper records, and produce annual statement of accounts with regular balance sheets as necessary.
  - Registrar/Fixture Secretary who will keep a register of players, prepare and look after the entire league programme run by the Association, deal with all enquiries associated with the league programme and send out league tables when appropriate.
  - Cup Tie Secretary who will draw up a programme of inter- club cup ties, plan fixtures, allocate green, record results and ensure rules are observed.
  - Competition Secretary who will draw up a programme of events and organise greens for all rounds including final.
  - Liaison Officer who will represent the Association with all third parties, hold regular meetings with Leeds City Council and pursue sponsorship.
- 4) The Management Committee shall have responsibility for dealing with all matters arising during the year, (except where a specific Byelaw exists), give guidance to delegates, and shall be called together at the discretion of the Secretary, five to form a quorum.
- 5) Any decision of the Management Committee will be final, other than significant matters of finance.
- 6) Officers of the Association, namely the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary, Competition Secretary and Cup Tie Secretary, shall be nominated for their respective offices: such nominations to be given in writing to the Secretary of the Association at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting, by clubs.

If, through resignation or otherwise, any office should become vacant, the Management Committee shall have power to fill the office at their discretion; also, if any officer absents him/herself from two consecutive meetings he/she shall be considered resigned, unless reasonable/adequate excuse is given.
- 7) Patrons and Honorary Life Members may be an elected officer of the Association.

- 8) Delegates to the Yorkshire C.G.B.A. and any other association that this Association may affiliate to, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9) All affiliated Clubs shall supply an annual list of their registered players to the relevant league's "Bowlsnet" page prior to the commencement of the season. Said registration to be uploaded no later than the last Friday preceding the season. Additional registrations will be allowed up to and including midway through the season. Any request for later registrations and/or transfers between clubs (up to the 1<sup>st</sup> of July) must be in writing and will be accepted at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 10) The Inter-Club Matches shall be open only to bona-fide players in membership of the club that they are registered by. All results are subject to scrutiny and confirmation by the Management Committee. Any Club violating this Byelaw by allowing an ineligible player to compete in a match, either shall, with the player or players be liable to disqualification or suspension or fines, as the Management Committee may decide.
- 11) The annual subscription shall be £10 per annum. In addition, an entrance fee of £10 per team entered in any competition, £5 for any subsequent teams entered into the same competition. Annual subscriptions and league entry fees payable by 1<sup>st</sup> May in each year. Levies of 40p per player are for all league matches, 50% payable by 1<sup>st</sup> July and 50% by 1<sup>st</sup> October. Cup entry fees and levies of 40p per player (up to and including Q/Fs) are due by 1<sup>st</sup> October. Any fine imposed shall be due as demanded. All payments shall be sent to the Treasurer. All Clubs affiliating to British Crown Green Bowling via Yorkshire County Parks Bowls Association shall provide evidence of such affiliation to this Association's Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> May in each year. All affiliated Clubs must possess a current public liability insurance and clubs must display a notification to this effect on the club's premises. Details of this insurance must be sent to this Association's Secretary before the 1st of May (*within 14 days of the renewal date for policy renewals due after 1<sup>st</sup> May*); failure to do so will leave the Club and its greens liable to suspension from competitive crown green bowling. A schedule of Insurance for Public Liability is adequate proof of insurance for the current year.

Prize money shall be paid at the discretion of the Management Committee.

- (a) Any Club desiring to withdraw from the Association shall give notice to the Secretary, in writing, at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting.
  - (b) Any Club whose annual subscription and league entry fees remain unpaid by 1<sup>st</sup> May will be ineligible to take part in the Inter-Club Competitions.
  - (c) A member leaving one Club and joining another, must be straight on the books of the Club he/she left, or he/she will not be qualified to play in Competitions under the auspices of the Association.  
*See also League Rules 6&7.*
- 12) Any team that is unable to fulfil its entire fixture commitments may forfeit any prize money won in the season and may be fined £25.00. If the Management deems that the team's lack of commitment has had a detrimental effect on the League, they may declare all of the offending team's results null and void.  
Nothing in the above shall implicate the offending team's opponents.
  - 13) Any Club desiring to join the Association shall apply to the Secretary, and then be duly proposed and seconded by the representatives of two Clubs already in membership. The application will then be submitted to the Management Committee for approval.
  - 14) The Annual General Meeting shall elect the officers for the Association for the coming year, receive the duly audited accounts of the Association, vote on Byelaws and deal with any other business relevant to the workings of the Association at the Chairman's discretion.

- 15) Three general meetings shall be held annually; The September receives proposed changes to Byelaws and Rules. The October meeting shall discuss Byelaws and Rule changes and vote on Rule changes only. The March meeting is for the distribution of and amendments to, the Yearbook.
- 16) Each Club in membership shall be entitled to send two delegates to the Annual General Meeting and the three general meetings in addition to the Officers, Past Presidents, and Life Members of the Association.
- 17) A roll call will be held at the commencement of any meeting and clubs shall declare the number of delegates present. The voting strength shall be announced prior to any voting taking place. A roll call will be held at the commencement of any meeting. There will be one Card Vote per Club on any vote that is taken. The Management Committee shall have one "Block" Card Vote equal in value to the number of Officers present at the meeting on any vote taken.
- 18) The Management Committee shall elect a Rules Committee (consisting of not more than 5 members), whose duty shall be to deal with all aspects regarding the Byelaws and Rules of the Association on their behalf, for presentation at the October General Meeting.
- 19) Notice of any amendment or alteration to the Byelaws or Rules, with the names of the proposer of such amendment, must be given in writing to the Secretary by August 31st, and the Secretary shall send notice thereof to the Rules Committee.
- 20) Rules Committee shall notify the Secretary of their recommendations with reasoning, for forwarding to the Secretaries of Clubs in the Association at least 14 days before the October Meeting.
- 21) Any representative objecting to a Rules Committee recommendation shall, on gaining a simple majority of those present at the October General Meeting, have the matter debated in open forum.
- 22) No Byelaw or Rule shall be altered, rescinded, or added to without a majority vote of those present at the appropriate meeting except where Byelaw 23 is applied.
- 23) The Rules Committee of the Association shall have the power to include and incorporate any Byelaw or Challenge Cup and Match Rules and Laws of the Game that the British Crown Green Bowling Association have passed, and to be enforced without such Byelaws, Challenge Cup and Match Rules and Laws of the Game having to be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 24) The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting at any time on receiving a requisition signed by the Secretaries of not less than four Clubs, stating the business to be submitted to the meeting.
- 25) Any team or player raising an objection to a referee's decision, opponent's conduct, or any other point in connection with a match, must lodge such objection in writing with the Secretary within seven days after the match and must send a deposit of £10 with such complaint.
- 26) Each Club shall be bound by the Byelaws and Rules of the Association, and the Laws of the Game, and in case of infringement of the same by any Club or Member, shall be liable to expulsion at a General Meeting.
- 27) The Management Committee is the sole interpreter of the Byelaws and Rules of the Association
- 28) Any appeal against a decision of the Disciplinary Committee, based on the Management Committee's interpretation of these Byelaws and Rules, shall go to Yorkshire C.C.G.B.A.
- 29) Parties concerned in a dispute which is not of a disciplinary nature or is not catered for in the Byelaws and Rules of the Association may seek arbitration through an agreed arbitrary body and its decision shall be binding to all concerned.

- 30) All Yorkshire C.C.G.B.A fixtures shall take precedence over this Association's fixtures.
- 31) Subscriptions, levies, fines, and deposits shall be reviewed annually by the Management Committee.
- 32) Should the Management Committee of the Association, by a majority, decide on grounds of expediency or otherwise, to dissolve the Association, it shall call a meeting of all member clubs giving 21 days' notice. At this meeting, if a majority of those present, entitled to vote decide to dissolve the Association, the Management Committee shall have the power to dispose of the assets of the Association after all liabilities have been cleared. The beneficiaries of such assets shall be the member clubs of the Association, or such charities as decided by a majority of the members of the Association.
- 33) All players taking part in Association fixtures to be suitably dressed. The Management Committee have the authority to fine, suspend or expel any player whose conduct is such as to be considered detrimental or degrading to the interests of the Association and/or the game of Bowls.
- 34) The following dress code shall be applied to all of the Association's team competition "Final" days and all Representative matches.
1. Trousers shall be full length and single coloured. Studs, rivets and external pockets on the legs are not allowed.
  2. Shirts should preferably be collared and must have sleeves.
  3. Where necessary, sweaters and/or wet weather gear may be worn.
  4. Nothing in the above shall be interpreted to allow the wearing of track suits, shell suits or denims.
  5. Hard or block heeled footwear must not be worn whilst on the green in any match played under the Association's jurisdiction. Suitable footwear must be worn on the green as per any directive of the B.C.G.B.A.
  6. In the case of Association's cup competitions any offending player must be substituted prior to the commencement of the game. However, if the offending player's game has commenced, the player shall score nil and the opponent receive the maximum score.
- 35) All League Trophies should be returned by the holders to the Association on or before the October Delegates meeting. Merit, Pairs and Team K.O. Trophies shall be returned by the holders to the respective Association Secretaries 14 days prior to the next Final. Failure to return the trophies as detailed above shall result in a £10 fine.
- 36) Disciplinary Procedure as follows:
- a) On receipt, in writing of a formal complaint, an allegation of misconduct or breach of Byelaws or Rules of the L. & D.C.G.B.A. or B.C.G.B.A., together with a deposit (amount to be fixed at the AGM), the Secretary shall in the first instance attempt to resolve the matter to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. If this isn't possible then the matter will go through the full Disciplinary Procedure.
  - b) When matters brought under Byelaw 36 remain unresolved to the satisfaction of all parties, without delay, the Secretary or designated officer of the L. & D.C.G.B.A. shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee, who will appoint a Disciplinary Committee of not less than three and no more than five persons. In addition, a person shall be present whose prime duty will be to record the proceedings.
  - c) No person involved in the alleged incident(s) or witnesses shall sit on this body.
  - d) Both the complainant(s) and the alleged offender(s) should be afforded the opportunity to attend the hearing personally and submit written statement(s). This should be made in writing, at least 14 days

prior to the case being heard. The alleged offender(s) should be sent copies of statement(s) outlining the allegations, along with the time and place of hearing.

- e) Both the complainant(s) and the alleged offender(s) shall be afforded the opportunity to submit evidence and call witnesses to support their case or character.
  - f) Members of the Disciplinary Committee should meet in closed session to review the main points of the case and familiarise themselves with the witnesses who are to appear and determine the order in which witnesses should be called.
  - g) After all witnesses have been heard, the evidence must be reviewed in order to resolve any anomalies, and if necessary, a witness may be recalled for further cross examination.
  - h) A verdict should be reached, preferably by consensus. If consensus cannot be reached, the verdict should be decided by majority vote. The Disciplinary Committee should agree the exact wording of the verdict. The verdict should be sent in writing to both parties within 7 days after the hearing.
  - i) Both complainant(s) and the alleged offender(s) shall have the right to appeal. Notice of appeal to be made in writing within 21 days of the hearing in accordance with the Byelaws of the B.C.G.B.A.
  - j) If the verdict involves a suspension, it shall commence 21 days after the hearing unless an appeal has been made. If that appeal should fail, the suspension shall commence 21 days after the appeal hearing, unless a further appeal is made to the next level.
  - k) Should the Management Committee deem the complaint frivolous, the deposit shall be forfeit. Should, however the Management Committee decide that the complaint be a reasonable one, the deposit shall be returned whether the complaint be sustained or not.
- 37) All games to be played under the "Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls" adopted by the British Crown Green Bowling Association.
- 38) It is the duty of every member of every Club affiliated to the Association to acquaint themselves with the Byelaws and Rules of the Association. The Management Committee of the Association will at no time accept a plea of ignorance to such Byelaws and Rules.
- 39) All clubs participating in any of the Association's League fixture programmes must be represented at the Annual General Meeting and all subsequent Delegate Meetings. Any of the aforementioned Clubs that fail to be represented at these meetings shall be fined £5 for each meeting that they are not duly represented. An additional fine of £25 will apply for any club not in attendance to receive a league Trophy at the A.G.M.
- 40) All Clubs in Membership of this Association along with their Members and Supporters shall abide by the B.C.G.B.A. Code of Conduct
- 41) All Clubs in membership of the Association will allow their bowling green(s) to be used by the Association when so requested by the Association. All reasonable efforts will be made to share hosting across as many Clubs as is reasonably practicable.
- 42) No bowling shall be carried out by anyone on a green selected for any Representative Match once the Opponents begin to arrive at the venue, except for official practice where permitted (this includes any request of use of green from any bona fide Crown Green Association, e.g., Yorkshires' Cup Matches)

## LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES

- 1) Players must be registered in accordance with Byelaw 9.
- 2) Any Club entering fewer teams in a League than in the previous season shall be allowed to do so in ascending order or at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 3) In all leagues, clubs with more than 1 team in a League shall have 50% of the number of players starred for that team. "Starred players" will be the players who are top of the averages from the previous season. Similar conditions apply if more than 2 teams etc. are entered. "Starred" players cannot play in a lower league or cup team, irrespective of the senior team position. No player may play in more than one of their club's teams in a match arranged for the same date in accordance with the fixture list.
- 4) Where two or more teams are registered, players may move up to a senior team but not down from which they are "starred". Non "starred" players may move up to a senior team and down one team only. (i.e., A to B, B to C etc.)
- 5) The playing of unregistered players will not be permitted; the Management Committee shall deal with said offence.
- 6) A player may transfer from one Club to another member Club in that league but will not be allowed to compete against (during that season) the member club of which he/she is leaving in that league.
- 7) Said player will not be allowed to play in any of the Association's competitions on the green from which he/she has left (during that season). Competition/Cup Tie Secretaries to seek alternative venues if so, requested by new Club. In the case of "Merit Finals", said player shall be "handicapped" as per M.C.9 except one day events.
- 8) Matches will commence at the time agreed by a full meeting of the AGM. These are currently:  
  
Monday Combination League: 18:30  
Tuesday Evening League: Matches in April, August, and September will start 18:15 with Matches in May, June, and July starting at 18:45  
Wednesday Half Holiday League: 13:30  
Saturday Afternoon League: 14:00  
Tuesday Vets 'Over 55' League: 13:30  
Thursday Vets 'Over 55' League: 13:30
- 9) In all matches a representative of each team shall meet with a list of players' names for the draw, by exchanging cards, numbered in order of draw 5 minutes before the official starting time. First four players numbered to be present at the time of the draw.
- 10) In the event of any remaining players drawn to play not being present within one hour of the official starting time (half hour for Half-Holiday matches), or when called upon to play (whichever being the later to apply), a reserve may take their place. Reserve player must be ready when called upon to play. Any player so substituted may take no further part in the match, substituted player being deemed to have taken part in match. If no reserve player is available, the result sheet shall be marked "ABSENT," and the opposing side shall score 21-0. N.B. For the Monday Combination league, the players due to compete in the first Pair and the first two Singles must be present at the green at the time of the draw and play will commence with the two singles matches and one pairs match followed by the next pair as the first game finishes.
- 11) In all leagues, the result is decided the points system 5-4-3-2-1. Score 21=5pts. Score 18=4pts. Score 15=3pts. Score 10=2pts. Score 5=1pt. Should two or more teams finish their fixtures with equal points

affecting champions, promotion or relegation, the higher position by the following methods in this order:

- i. Matches Won
  - ii. Then if still equal
  - iii. Aggregate Difference
  - iv. Then if still equal
  - v. A play-off shall be arranged then the cup-tie method will determine the winner.
- 12) No home team player may practice after the official starting time of the match. No member of the visiting team may practice on any opponents green for seven days prior to that on which they are going to play in a match which is under the control of the Association. No practising is allowed on any green for seven days prior to a match for which it has been chosen as a neutral venue.
- 13) Any player taking part in a match or competition arranged by the Association, or any other recognised Bowling Association shall not be regarded as practising. Players selected to represent the Association in any "Inter-City" matches shall be allowed to practise on the green selected.
- 14) When a match is postponed or abandoned due to adverse weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances, games already completed shall count. Games started, but not completed shall be continued, and the remaining games (not started) will be redrawn if unavoidable, but not necessarily from the same players. Players already having taken part in the match are excluded. If no mutual date can be agreed for the fixture to be played or completed within 28 days, the Management Committee shall determine a FIXED DATE. N.B., league rules 3 and 10 still apply.
- 15) Re-arranged matches: In addition to "LC15" and Clubs with teams in the Yorkshire, Henry Taylor, Eric Hutchinson & Derrick Radley Cups, teams may re-arrange a maximum of two matches in a league in the season with the following proviso. Any Club with more than one team in a League must make every effort to play their senior teams by promoting players from lower teams before re-arranging their senior teams. Notification of re-arranged match must be advised to the opponents and fixture Secretary at least 4 days prior to the match date. All re-arranged matches to be played within 28 days of the original fixture date. The Opponents of the team postponing the fixture shall give 3 reasonable dates (within 14 days) in which to play the match.
- 16) In addition to LC15 and LC16, clubs are permitted to rearrange any league fixtures if there is a community event in their park/surrounding area; on the basis that their green is open and available for public use as part of that event.
- Any variation to the above shall be at the discretion of the Fixture Secretary.**
- 17) If the said match is not played within the 28 days, the offending team in the opinion of the Management Committee shall receive no points, all points awarded to other team. N.B., See also Byelaw 12
- 18) The opposing captains shall have full control of matches with the exception of those for which the Management Committee has appointed a referee.
- 19) A result sheet for each match, signed by both captains. All results should be uploaded to the Website within 3 days and verified within 5 days. Any Club that is unable to access the website (or organise access to the website) shall be responsible for forwarding the result sheet to the Fixture Secretary within 5 days. Where neither Club has access to the website then the "Home" club is responsible for

returning the result sheet to the Fixture Secretary within 5 days. A fine of £5 may be imposed for late entry/verification of results.

- 20) New clubs shall be placed in a division at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- 21) All matches shall be completed by the last fixture date in the season relative to their respective division.
- 22) All games to be played as per the British C.G.B.A. rules of the game.
- 23) Any matter not covered by the above rules shall be dealt with by the Secretary or at the discretion the Management Committee.

### **RULES OF CUP COMPETITIONS**

- 1) All games shall be played on neutral greens, and the officials of the winning club are responsible for updating the website with the match result as per L.C.19. The greens will be chosen by the Management Committee who will also make arrangements for the final.
- 2) Any player practising in defiance of league rule 13 of the Association shall have his score recorded as 0-21.
- 3) The Association league rules 3,4,8 & 9 apply in respect of starting, scratching times and method of draw.
- 4) In the event of a tie-on aggregate points, the number of individual winners shall determine the match result, if still equal, the team with the best winning score, if still equal, the team with next best winning score and so on. If still equal after this, then C.C.5. shall be applied.
- 5) In the event of a match still being tied after C.C.5 has been applied then one player from each side will play a game of 11 up. Players to be nominated by their respective Captains: these players having taken part in the match and being present at the green at the time of nomination.
- 6) The winning team in each competition will be presented with a cash prize as will the runner-up.
- 7) Players must have played at least 1 league fixture before playing in a corresponding League Cup Match. Any player having played 4 or more games in a higher league division may not play in a lower team cup match. A player may move up to senior team but not down from one in which they have played in a cup competition.
- 8) Teams in the Saturday League will play for the following Cups:
  - a. Teams in Division 1 will play for the YE.N. Cup
  - b. Teams in Division 2 will play for the Trigg Cup
  - c. Teams in Division 3 will play for the Queens Cup

Teams will consist of 8 players who must have represented that Club in not less than 5 Saturday League fixtures before the Semi-Finals to be eligible to play in the Semi -Final and Final.

- 9) Only teams in the Tuesday Evening league will be eligible to play for the Cyril Worsnop Cup. Five divisions or less will play for the Worsnop Cup only. Six divisions or more, then the top half divisions



will play for the Worsnop Cup and the lower half divisions will play for the Burton Trophy. Where an odd number of divisions above six exist, then the Worsnop Cup to Burton Trophy ratio shall be 4:3, 5:4, and so on. Teams will consist of 8 players who shall have represented that club in no less than 5 Evening League fixtures before the Semi-Final to be eligible to play in the Semi-Final and Final. Teams that are one division below their opponents will receive 20pts, two divisions 30pts, three divisions 35pts four 40pts, five divisions 45pts and a maximum of 50pts thereafter.

- 10) Teams playing the Half-Holiday League will play for the Penrose Green Cup and teams will consist of 6 players who must have represented that club in not less than 5 Half-Holiday League fixtures before the Semi-Finals to be eligible to play in the Semi -Final and Final. There will be handicap of 10 points start between each division.

N.B, the following refers to CC7, C.C.8, C.C.9 & C.C.10: Qualifying league games are those which are played on the date as stated in the yearbook. This date must be before the Semi-final date (or qualifying date as notified by the Cup-tie Secretary) re-arranged matches, the original date of which falls before the qualifying date may be counted, but only after the match has taken place.

- 11) When the fixture calendar severely restricts a Club’s ability to comply with the 5-match qualifying requirement for the Semi-finals and final of a Cup competition the Cup-tie Secretary at his/her discretion may use the table below to adjust the qualifying requirement. Clubs must apply to the Cup-tie Secretary for this dispensation.

Matches Played	Qualifying Matches	Matches Played	Qualifying Matches	Matches played	Qualifying matches	Matches played	Qualifying matches
8	3	10	4	12	5	14	5
9	3	11	4	13	5	15	5

- 12) A member cannot represent his club in a lower division cup having played previously in a higher division cup or play in equivalent cup competition in the same season with a different club.
- 13) Only players regularly playing in the Association League fixtures will be eligible to play in any League Cup Match.
- 14) A Club withdrawing from any of the Association’s cup competitions after the draw has been made but before the date of the first match shall not be liable for their entry fee. Any team withdrawing from a Cup Competition after playing their first match shall be responsible for both team’s levies (in addition to their entry fee) that are due for the round from which they have withdrawn.  
Any team withdrawing from a Cup Competition at any stage may be barred from entry to the Competition for up to three years and any prize money may be forfeited. N.B. Any Club failing to turn up for a Cup match without notifying their Opponents, the host Club and Cup-tie Secretary shall be fined £25 and shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.
- 15) All Cup Matches are decided on aggregate.

### **RULES OF MERIT COMPETITIONS**

- 1) The various Merits arranged by the Association shall be open to all members of Clubs affiliated to the Association.
- 2) The Bowling Secretaries of the Clubs in the Association shall be responsible for entries to all competitions entered by Members of their Club. Clubs will be responsible for entry fees when invoiced by the Treasurer. Late entries will not be

accepted in any circumstances. The Management Committee of the Association reserves the right to refuse any entry or entries.

- 3) No substitutes will be allowed in any competition, excepting any pairs competition, where one substitute not having previously entered in the competition will be allowed. Should the substitute and partner win, they must continue throughout the competition. Pairs do not have to be members of the same club, but must play on green where drawn. Partners must be named.
- 4) Preliminary games will be arranged on two or more greens with qualifiers from each green being eligible to compete in the final.
- 5) After closure of entries the Management Committee will arrange venues for the matches, all on neutral greens. No practising will be allowed on any green after it has been chosen as a neutral venue. Any breach of this rule may result in players being banned as decided by the Management Committee. A player called upon to play in a match fixed by the Management Committee or any recognised Bowling Association shall not be considered to be practising.
- 6) Competitors having a bye and due to play competitors having previously played shall be allowed to practise for 10 minutes.
- 7) The trophy and prizes will be presented at the green after the final rounds have been completed. The number of entries received shall regulate the number and value of prizes. Prize money may not be released before the conclusion of all games other than in exceptional circumstances with the approval of the sponsor or senior official of the association present.
- 8) Starting times of merits and prelims will be on draw sheets. The scratching time in all merits will be 15 minutes before the official starting time and will be strictly adhered to. The draw will take place at the green. Player will draw numbers.
- 9) If a player enters merit and is drawn to play on the green of a club where he/she is a current member, he/she will "OWE" his/her opponents a point for each round of the competition to be played, including the Final, except for 1Day events which shall be 3,2,1.
- 10) Dress code for Merit Competitions.
  - Smart casual dress
  - Shirts or tops should preferably collared and must have sleeves.
  - Dress or Tailored shorts of one colour are allowed.
  - Any player failing to conform to this standard will be prevented from playing (or continuing) in the competition and may be liable to forfeit any Entry Fee, or Prize money earned in, the competition.

### **ADDENDUM**

Any host club failing to provide facilities as a neutral venue for the cup and merit competitions shall be fined £25.00 payable to the L.& D.C.G.B.A.

N.B. Jacks, mats, measures and toilet facilities must be made available.