

Doncaster Indoor Bowling Club

CLUB RULES & BYE-LAWS



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Foreword

These Club Rules have been formulated based on the Memorandum of Association and Articles of Association of the Doncaster Indoor Bowling Club Ltd a copy of which is held in the Club and is open for inspection by any Full Member at any reasonable time.

The Club Rules and Bye-Laws herein expressed do not over-ride, replace, or contradict the above documents but seek to assist their understanding by including additional information or explanation as considered appropriate.

Bye-Laws relating to the administration of the leagues, competitions, events, etc., may be formulated by the Management Committee.

In the following the masculine includes the feminine and, where appropriate, the singular the plural except where particular gender applies eg 'Gents League' or 'Ladies league'.

CLUB RULES

01. Objectives

The objectives of the Club are:

1. To promote the game of flat green bowls in accordance with the Rules of the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd (EIBA).
2. To observe the current edition of the 'laws of the sport of Bowls' as laid down by the World Bowls and World Indoor Bowls Council.
3. To become Members of the EIBA or any such Association promoting the game of flat green bowls as decided by the Full Members.
4. To permit the playing of bowls competitions under the Rules or Laws of the EIBA (including Federation or short mat bowls) providing such an event would not contravene the Rules of the Club.
5. To promote and hold either alone or jointly with any other Association or Club or group of persons, competitions, meetings, or matches for the playing of flat green bowls and to arrange, offer, give, or contribute towards prizes and awards.
6. To encourage social interaction between members.
7. To permit members of the general public to use the facility on payment of the requisite fees without being Members of the Club.
8. To do such things as the Management Committee consider pertinent to the benefit and best interests of the club.

9. To do such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objectives or any of them singularly or together.

02. Legal Status

1. The Club shall be known as the 'Doncaster Indoor Bowling Club Ltd'.
2. The Company shall be limited by guarantee and as such there are no shareholders.
3. Every Full Member of the Club is also a Member of the Company and as such undertakes to contribute such amount (not exceeding £5) to the Company's assets if it is wound up whilst their membership is in force, or within one year after their membership ceases, as may be required for payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before they ceased to be a Member and the cost, charges, and expenses of winding up and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves.
4. The Company is non profit making, any 'profit' must be reinvested in the Club.

03. Company Administration

1. The Company shall be administrated by the Directors who shall be responsible for:
 - The policy and business dealings of the Company and Club.
 - Compliance with any statutory requirements affecting the Company and/or Club except as provided for in specific Rules.
 - Production of the Annual Report and Annual accounts.

2. The Directors shall be elected as per **Rule 07**.

04. Club Administration

1. The day to day administration of the Club shall be the responsibility of the Management Committee assisted by whatever personnel required to promote the efficient and commercial viability of the Club.
2. In the event that the Club sells intoxicating liquor, a 'Premises Supervisor' shall be appointed who holds a 'Personal licence'.
3. In conjunction with the 'Premises Supervisor' the Management Committee shall determine the opening hours of the bar within the bounds of the liquor licence.
4. The detailed control of any leagues, competitions, matches, coaching, social functions, fund raising, promotions, etc., shall be responsibility of a Management Committee which will consist of elected Members.
5. The Chairperson of the Management Committee shall take the chair at all Members meetings.
6. Employment of staff to run the Club.
7. All matters of discipline.

05. Directors

1. The Director shall be elected in accordance with **Rule 07**.
2. There is no age limit for Directors.
3. The Chairperson, or Deputy Chairperson, shall take

the chair at all Management Committee meetings and Members Meetings (see also **Rule 13.**).

4. There shall be a minimum of three Directors and a maximum of five, three of whom are a quorum at a Directors meeting.
5. No Director shall receive any remuneration for their services in the capacity of Director or Officer of the Club but nothing in these Rules shall prohibit payment by the Club of any sum to any effect by way of reimbursement of proper expenses.
6. At every Annual General Meeting of the Club one third of the Directors must retire from office by seniority of service .
7. The Retiring Directors may avail themselves for re-election at any Annual General Meeting.
8. The office of a Director is vacated if their membership of the Club is terminated, or absents themselves from Management Committee meetings for a continuous period of six months without special leave of absence by the Management committee, or gives the Chairperson one calendar months' notice in writing that they resign from the office, or is removed by extraordinary resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Club, or is declared bankrupt, or of unsound mind.
9. Should a vacancy exist on the Board of Directors between Annual General Meetings. The Management Committee may co-opt a Full Member of at least two consecutive years standing to serve on the Board until the next AGM when the co-opted Member must resign, but would be eligible for re-election. The time served as

a co-opted Director will not count in seniority ranking for re-election purposes.

06. Officers of The Club and Management Committee

1. The Officers of the Club shall include the following:
 - *Gents President *Gents Vice president
 - *Ladies President *Ladies Vice President *Club Treasurer
2. Additional Officers may be appointed by the Management Committee if considered necessary for the efficient running of the Club.
3. Officers of the Club shall be elected under the procedure specified in **Rule 07**.
4. No Officer shall receive any remuneration for their post but nothing shall prohibit the Club reimbursing proper expenses.
5. The Management Committee shall comprise of the Directors, Officers of the Club, and such other Members of two years continuous membership as required who shall be appointed as per **Rule 07**., to a maximum of fifteen.
6. The Management Committee shall form such sub-committees as necessary to undertake such duties as maintenance, team selection, control of competitions, and co-ordination of social events, fund raising, and the like.
7. One third of the Management Committee (not Directors) shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but may offer themselves for re-election.
8. No member of the Management Committee shall

receive any remuneration for their post but nothing shall prohibit the Club reimbursing proper expenses.

07. Election of Directors, Officers, and Management Committee

1. All Directors, Officers, and Management Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and be prepared to serve until the following Annual General Meeting.
2. Any Full Member having been a member for at least two consecutive years may propose or second any other Full Member who has been a Full Member for two consecutive years to serve as a Director, Officer, or Management Committee member of the Club having previously obtained their consent to so act.
3. The name of the Full Member nominated together with their written consent, the name of the proposer and seconder must be sent in writing and received by the Chairperson at least twenty eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
4. Any candidate for election shall be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting.
5. A list of all candidates together with that of their proposer and seconder and the position for which they are being proposed shall be posted in a prominent position on the Club premises at least twenty one days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
6. The Chairperson shall decide if a simple majority vote to determine the election of the candidate(s) would be suitable.

7. Should there be numerous nominations the Chairperson may decide that a ballot be held in which case balloting lists must be prepared containing the names of the candidates in alphabetical order.
8. Each Full Member present at the Annual General Meeting, and qualified to vote (being a Member for at least twelve consecutive months) may vote for any number of candidates not exceeding the number required.
9. If two or more candidates receive the same number of votes, the candidate to be elected shall be decided by lot.
10. If, at the Annual General Meeting, any candidate declines to serve after being elected the candidate who received the next highest number of votes will be elected.
11. If a vacancy exists after the Annual General Meeting the Management Committee may co-opt a Full Member to serve until the following Annual General meeting when they must resign, but would be eligible for re-election.

08. Passing of a Resolution

1. At any General Meeting, including Annual General Meeting, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been carried, carried unanimously, or carried but a particular majority, or the reverse in each case, and an entry to that effect has been recorded in the book of proceedings, is conclusive evidence of the result of that resolution without the number of votes being recorded.
2. Should a poll be demanded by the Chairperson of a

Full Member and seconded by a Full Member having the right to vote at the meeting, it must be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded. Usually this will be a simple majority vote by show of hands, or similar means, but this could also be decided by a closed ballot.

3. Where the Management Committee declare that to resolve a resolution proxy voting will be allowed, a proxy form must be sent in writing to the Chairperson by the appointer not less than forty eight hours before the scheduled time of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.
4. The appointment of a proxy must be on the form designed for the purpose, and available from the Chairperson, and must name the person to whom the proxy has been allocated. The appointer and the appointee must sign the form.
5. Full Members may attend and vote at any General Meeting of the Club providing they are fully paid up members and not in debt to the Club, and been a Full Member for at least 12 consecutive months.
6. Full Members have one vote each except as provided for in Rule 07. 8.
7. Social and Junior Members may be observers at General Meetings but are not allowed to take part in any part or vote.
8. Members of the general public are not allowed to attend any General Meeting.
9. Once an amendment had been made to an existing Rule or a new Rule introduced, it stands for at least one year

(to the following AGM) or is rescinded as unworkable at an Extra Ordinary General Meeting.

09. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in each year, in addition to any other General Meetings, at such time and place that the Management Committee advise, and not more than fourteen months shall elapse between meetings.

1. The Directors shall provide to the meeting and be prepared to discuss the income and expenditure account, balance sheet, and Directors Report for the period since the previous AGM.
2. The Agenda together with the Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet, and Directors Report to be tabled at the AGM shall be available to Full Members twenty one days before the date of the AGM.
3. Agenda for the AGM shall not contain the subject 'Any Other Business'.
4. Notice of impending AGM shall be exhibited on the premises at least 28 days before the date of the AGM.
5. In respect of proposals/motions to be considered at the AGM they must be proposed and seconded by Full Members and posted with the agenda twenty one days prior to the AGM.
6. The proceedings of the AGM shall be recorded in a book for that specific purpose.

10. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

1. All general meetings other than the Annual General Meeting shall be called 'Extraordinary General Meetings'.

2. The Management Committee may call an EGM at any time by giving at least twenty one days' notice to the Members by a notice posted on the premises in a prominent position.
3. An EGM may also be called by requisition made in writing and deposited with the Club Secretary by at least 10% of the Full Members eligible to vote.
4. The requisition made by Members shall state the objective of the meeting and must be signed by all of the requisitionists.
5. On receipt of the requisition the Management Committee must proceed immediately to convene an EGM on a date within twenty one days from the date of deposit of the requisition.
6. Should the Management Committee fail to comply with **Rule 10.5** the requisitionists, or any of them representing more than one half of the total voting rights of them all, may convene a meeting.
7. Only the business specified on the notice of the EGM shall be transacted. No one may introduce extraneous, or additional subjects no matter how relevant without a motion to that effect.
8. General discussion forums may be held separately to any AGM or EGM.

11. Quorum

1. No business shall be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present. Save as provided for in these Rules, twenty five Members personally present shall be a quorum.

2. If within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the meeting to start a quorum of Members is not present, or, if during the meeting such quorum ceases to be present:
 - a. If the meeting was convened on the requisition of the Members, the meeting must be dissolved.
 - b. In any other case the meeting shall stand adjourned until the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such time and place as the Management Committee may determine. If at the adjourned meeting a quorum of Members is not present within thirty minutes of the stated starting time, the Members present may form a quorum.

12. Adjournment

1. A meeting at which a quorum is present, the Chairperson may, with the consent of the meeting (and if so directed by the meeting) adjourn the meeting from time to time and place to place.
2. No business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might have been transacted at the meeting had the meeting not been adjourned.

13. Chairperson

1. The Chairperson, or Deputy Chairperson, of the Management Committee shall preside at all general meetings.
2. If the Chairperson is not present within fifteen minutes of the start time of the meeting the Members present may elect any other Management Committee as Chairperson.

3. If there is not a Management Committee present, the Members may elect one of their number to take the Chair.
4. Cognisance must be taken of **Rule 11.** regarding a quorum.

14. Accounts

1. The Directors shall ensure that proper books of accounts are kept in respect of all money received and expended by the Club and the assets and liabilities of the Club.
2. The books of accounts shall be kept at the premises of the Club or at such other place as the Management Committee decide, and shall always be open to inspection by other members of the Management Committee.
3. The Management Committee shall determine, and to what extent, times and places, details of the accounts shall be open to inspection by Full Members of the Club.
4. The Directors shall lay before the AGM an account of income and expenditure for the period since the preceding AGM.
5. A balance sheet must be presented to the AGM each year, and a copy made available to Full Members at least twenty one days prior to the AGM.
6. Every account and balance sheet must be accompanied by a report by the Directors and signed by any two Directors.
7. Independent accountants shall be appointed to report on the accounts in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 (including any statutory modifications in force at the time).

8. All contracts and deeds shall have the Company seal affixed in the presence of and signed by two Directors.

15. Gaming

1. The Management Committee shall lay down the conditions upon which any game (including gambling) may be played on the Club premises having due regard to legal requirements of any licenses granted to the Club under the Licensing Act 1964.
2. The Management Committee may prohibit any game, or the playing of any game, which would be unlawful or would, in the opinion of the management, be injurious to the interests of the Club. The Manager or person in charge shall have the authority to ensure compliance with the Law in this respect.
3. No one under eighteen years of age may gamble or play any gaming machine on the premises.
4. No employee of the Club shall be permitted to play any gaming machine(s) installed in the Club.

16. Membership

1. No one shall be excluded from applying for membership on the grounds of age, size, gender, race, creed, religion, colour, and ability, state of health, physical condition, or political persuasion. However the Directors have the right to veto any application if they have knowledge that the applicant would be an undesirable member of the Club. The classes of Membership available in the Club shall be as follows:-
2. Full Member – any person eighteen years of age or over on September 1st preceding date of application for

membership may apply for membership. They shall be allowed to take part in all the activities and amenities of the Club. They may stand for election as a Director or Officer or Member of the Committee, vote at General Meetings, and propose or second a maximum of four new members each year, after two consecutive years of membership, and subject to the rights of a member as herein defined in any part.

3. Junior Member – any person under the age of eighteen years of age on September 1st preceding date of application may apply for Junior Membership. They shall enjoy all the benefits of a Full Member = except that they cannot stand for any Office, vote at any meeting, propose or second any new member, purchase intoxicating liquor from the bar, consume alcoholic drinks on the premises, play any gaming machines installed in the Club, or gamble on the premises.
4. Founder Member – anyone who provided a loan or donation to the Club to assist with the initial formation of the new Club premises.
5. Life Member – anyone paying a once only membership fee at a rate the Management Committee decide to cover membership for every year of that person's natural life. No further charges in relation to membership fees can be levied on Life Members. Life Membership is not transferable on death. This class of membership is no longer available to member.
6. Honorary Life Member – on the recommendation of the Management Committee any person being a Full Member may at any Annual General Meeting of

the Club be proposed as an Honorary Life Member. A two thirds majority of those present at the meeting and entitled to vote is necessary for election. Every Honorary Life Member shall be entitled to all the privileges and subject to all the duties of a Full Membership during the rest of their life without any further payment of membership fees. **Rule 02.3.**

7. Applications for Membership shall be submitted on the appropriate form in writing to the Secretary signed by the applicant and their proposer and seconder both of whom must know the applicant personally and have been Full Members for at least twelve months.
8. The membership fee for any class of membership must accompany the application.
9. The proposer and seconder of any applicant shall be jointly responsible for the behaviour of the applicant for the first twelve months of membership should membership be granted.
10. The name, address, and description of each application for membership together with the names of their proposer and seconder shall be prominently displayed on the Club premises for not less than seven days before the date of any selection meeting. Any member having objection to the granting of membership shall inform the Secretary before the selection meeting.
11. Until an applicant is granted membership they are not entitled to any privileges of the Club, join any competitions, leagues, etc., open to members open, irrespective of the length of time between application and the granting of membership. Nothing is to prevent

- them using the Club as a member of the general public.
12. Upon membership being granted a notice to that effect shall be posted on the Club premises and the new member shall be given a copy of the Rules of the Club together with any identification considered necessary by the Management Committee.
 13. The Management Committee shall determine the membership fees and any additional administration fee for all classes of membership.
 14. All membership fees shall be due for renewal on 1st September each year except Life Membership. Any membership outstanding at 1st October of the same year will deem that membership to have lapsed.
 15. Lapsed memberships may be renewed at any time on payment of the full annual membership fee plus a surcharge of 10% of the annual membership fee and payment of any outstanding dues.
 16. Members who allow their membership to lapse more than twelve months calculated 1st September to 31st August will be required to re-apply for membership.
 17. Any Member wishing to resign their membership must inform a member of the Management Committee.
 18. Before any membership can be renewed all outstanding money due to the Club must be paid even if the membership is to run in consecutive years.
 19. The Management Committee shall determine the total number of Members' of the Club (which may be varied year to year dependent on the business of the Club) and shall advise the same to the Members at the AGM together with the number of members in each class of membership.

20. The rights of a Member are personal and not transferable and cease upon their death.
21. Any Member (including Life Members) found guilty of any gross misconduct resulting in suspension, or ban, for a period of time will not be allowed on the premises even as a member of the general public until the suspension has been served or the ban lifted. If the ban of a Life Member is sine die then the life membership fee will have been forfeited.

17. Expulsion Of Members

1. If the conduct of any member is, in the opinion of the Management Committee, injurious to the character of the Club or objectionable in any respect, that Member may be required by the Management Committee to resign. If he/she does not resign within one week the Member may (after having been given the opportunity to justify or explain their conduct) be expelled by resolution of the Management Committee and then ceases to be a Member of the Club. All fees etc. that have been paid by that Member are forfeited.
2. A Member expelled under **Rule 17.1** may appeal giving written notice of appeal to the Secretary within 10 days from the date of expulsion.
3. Upon receipt of a notice of appeal a meeting of the Management Committee must be convened within 14 days. The Management Committee may uphold the expulsion or pass a resolution rescinding the expulsion. The Member must be advised of the decision of the Management Committee within 7days. If the decision is to rescind the expulsion the Member will be reinstated

as from the date of expulsion.

4. If any Member is convicted on indictment of any criminal offence that Member ipso facto ceases to be a Member of the Club. The person so ceasing to be a Member may re-apply for membership which would be considered by the Management Committee. Any reinstatement of membership would be at their discretion.
5. Any Member that becomes the subject of an exclusion order from a Court will have their membership terminated immediately.
6. Any Member expelled in accordance with these Rules, or otherwise ceasing to be a Member of the Club, forfeits all rights or claims upon the Club or its property or funds or any return of fees paid and remains liable for any outstanding fees or charges due from them at the date of the expulsion or cessation.

18. Notices

1. Accidental omission to give notice of any meeting, or non-receipt of such notice, or omission by a Member to become acquainted with the notice, shall not invalidate the contents of the notice or the proceedings of any meeting or event to which it refers.
2. A notice shall be deemed to have been served by the Club if it be given to any Member personally, by post, Email or by posting on the Club notice board within the premises, or in the press.
3. Service of a notice sent by post is deemed to have been effective forty-eight hours after it was posted providing it was properly addressed and the correct postage paid.

19. Dress Code

1. All Members and visitors are required to exhibit a clean and tidy appearance whilst on the Club premises.
2. The wearing of string vests, singlets, and similar is not allowed. Bare chests are not allowed on the premises.
3. Persons wearing wet or soiled or dirty clothing including footwear, likely to leave a residual stain on any furnishings, will not be allowed on the premises.
4. Staff, Members, or visitors will not be allowed in the kitchen unless suitable attired and with the permission of the Management Committee.
5. The dress code for Leagues, Competitions, events, functions, is to be in accordance with their specific rules and shall be included on the relevant notice. For casual bowling clean and tidy clothing may be worn.
6. The wearing of a hat or cap is permissible providing it is white in colour. Visors including green shades may be worn.
7. All players must wear smooth-soled (no pattern) heel-less approved bowling footwear, no trainers or outdoor shoes. Anyone not complying with this Rule will not be allowed to play.
8. The wearing of "bowling shoes' from outside the building is not allowed. Anyone attempting to visit the green with soiled bowling shoes will be required to clean them before setting foot on the green.

20. Lounge Area And Committee Room

1. The lounge area shall be open to all Members and members of the general public providing due cognisance is taken of the Rules of the Club, and

observance of any Statute, Law, Bye-Law, or local instruction, in force at the time.

2. The Management Committee may allow the lounge area and/or the committee room to be used for functions, meetings, etc. by Members, organisations, or the general public, for which a fee may be charged and specific conditions imposed. This may restrict the use of the lounge by others.

21. General Public

1. Members of the general public will be allowed to use the facilities providing the Rules of the Club are observed.
2. The Management Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any person for any reason.
3. Any person subject to an exclusion order issued by a Court will not be allowed on the premises. Should they inadvertently obtain entry they will be removed.
4. Members of the general public may play bowls if a rink is available by paying the requisite fee, pre-booking is possible by visiting the Club and paying the rink fee at the time of booking.
5. Bowls and shoes will be available for hire.
6. The general public are advised to acquaint themselves with the Law, and Rules of the Club, regarding the presence of children in the Club.
7. Members of the general public are not allowed in the locker rooms except by express permission of the management.

22. Children

Whilst it is the policy of the Club to encourage children to use the facilities, and in particular to play bowls, the following must be observed or the children will not be welcome on the premises.

1. Children must behave, not create undue noise or nuisance, cause damage, or enter prohibited areas.
2. Children must be supervised at all time by an adult.
3. Cognisance must be taken of any Statute or Law or Bye Law regarding the presence of children in the bar area.
4. Children are not permitted to play any games on the premises except those specifically organised by the management.
5. Prams, buggies, etc., are to be parked in the area so designated.

23. Smoking

1. The whole of the interior of the Club shall be non-smoking. Anyone wishing to smoke may do so outside the building in the designated marked areas. This also includes vaping

24. Drugs

1. Anyone found using, buying, selling, offering for sale, or in possession of illegal substances as determined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 will be barred from using the premises. The incident will be reported to the police.

25. Dissolution Of The Club

1. Should the Club be wound up voluntarily or otherwise

the liquidator may with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution of the Club, and any other sanction required by the Companies Act 1985 including any statutory modification or re-enactment of it for the time being in force, vest the whole or part of the assets of the Club in a members Club whose objectives are the same or as near thereto of the Club, or a charity nominated by the Club, providing all liabilities have been discharged in relation to mortgage, founder's contributions, debtors, creditors, loans, etc..

2. The liability of the Members (max £5) must be paid on demand by the liquidator.

BYE-LAWS

1. The Management Committee may from time to time make, alter, and repeal, any Bye-Law they consider necessary or expedient, or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club.
2. No Bye-Law can be inconsistent with, or affect, or repeal, anything contained in the Memorandum of Association or the Articles of Association, or be in breach of any statutory provision.
3. All Bye-Laws so long as they are in force are binding on all users of the Club.
4. Any new Bye-Law, modification, alteration, or appeal, to be posted on the notice board on the Club premises and include the date and time of implementation.
5. In particular but not exclusively the Bye-Laws govern the following The times of opening and closing of the Club premises, or restricted hours placed temporarily or

- permanently on any part of them.
6. The times of opening and closing of the green including specific times for specific purposes.
 7. The opening times of the bar within the permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor
 8. The opening times and menu of the kitchen.
 9. The terms and conditions upon which honorary guests, children of members, and visitors, may use the premises and property of the Club.
 10. The conditions under which any part of the premises can be used or hired for any particular competition, event, or social event, by Members or others and the costs involved with the same.
 11. Definition of the rules to be observed and the prizes or stakes to be played for on the Club premises by Members and others in expansion of the Licensing Laws. Prohibiting of particular games on the premises entirely or at particular times.
 12. Regulation of the conduct of the users of the Club in relation to one another and to the Club's staff.
 13. Regulation of all matters that are commonly the subject of Club Rules.
 14. Implementation of discipline procedures which may include fines, suspension, or exclusion from the premises, for breach of any Bye-Law or Club Rules.
 15. Adjudicate on the posting of notices by Members and others on the Club premises.

LEAGUE RULES

1. Such leagues as required by the Members shall be organised providing they would be commercially viable, and that the holding of such an event would not be contrary to any Statute Law, infringement of the Laws of the Game of Bowls in force at the time, or the Rules of any Association or Organisation to which the Club subscribes or is a member.
2. The start of any timed league or competition will be signalled by a sounding device at the stipulated time or, if an unavoidable delay has occurred due to circumstances beyond the control of the organiser, at the earliest possible time. A view must be taken by the organiser whether the delay necessitates a reduction in the time that particular match should be played. Waiting for members of a team to arrive is not an unavoidable delay.
3. The end of the match will be signalled by the same device five minutes before the allocated time. Any end in play shall be completed. Providing the jack has been cast before the end of the match is signalled the end is in play even if the jack has not been centred. A jack cast over the side boundaries of the rink but not returned to the mat before the sounding device is actuated is the end of the match. If the jack is cast into the front ditch and the sounding device is sounded before the jack can be returned to the mat the jack must be placed on the tee and the mat position maintained. The end to be completed as normal. No jack shall be cast after the sounding device. If the end is killed after the sounding

device signalling the end of the time period, the jack shall not be re-cast and the game is over.

4. There shall be no trial ends in any League match.
5. The method of allocating rinks will be decided as part of the competition and will be displayed for all players to see before the League or competition commences. Allocation of rinks may be made before the season commences or immediately before the start of the match.
6. In general, League matches shall be 16 ends or 1hour 55 minutes whichever is the sooner, but other formats are permissible which would be posted with the details of the League involved. Singles matches shall be the first player to reach 21 shots irrespective of time or number of ends.
7. The definition of a TEAM is a squad of players registered under a TEAM NAME for a particular League. No player can play for two teams in the same League or separate divisions in the same League even though they may be at different times or date.
8. A team may register up to eight players in its squad for fours and triples leagues, six for pair's league and fourteen for nines. Players cannot be replaced or substituted after being registered but a player that passes away during the season or becomes incapacitated through illness can be replaced by another Full Member of the Club not involved in that league at the discretion of the competitions committee. All registrations and permitted replacements to be notified to the Club six clear days before that member

plays in a game in that League.

9. If a team registers less than the maximum number, they may register with the Club further players before their last four games in the League.
10. Any team playing ineligible players (according to Rule 7, 8, 9, or 17) shall award the match as a win to their opponents with a score of 15-0.
11. Once a team has commenced a match the order of play cannot be altered except when a player has to leave the green due to ill health and does not resume play. If the player is skip then number three moves to skip, number two to number three and lead stays as lead. The order of play becomes lead, lead, second, lead, lead, second, and then three and skip as normal.
12. A team must have at least three players for a fours game, two for triples, and two for pairs, present when the sounding device is heard to start the match or the match is conceded. If, due to exceptional circumstances, a match cannot start on time it may be started within the stipulated time frame with no extension of time.
13. Where a team starts a fours match with a player short the order of play shall be lead, lead, second, lead, lead, second. The additional player must play at number 2 and may join in at the completion of any end before the start of the last end. Rule 17 applies for Mixed Fours.
14. In triples the additional player must play at number two. Rule 17 applies for Mixed Triples.
15. When the skip is bowling only one nominated player (usually number three in fours and number two in

triples) shall be in charge of the head. All other players to stand behind and to the side of the head.

16. Following a bowl up the rink more than a few paces is forbidden.
17. In mixed leagues there must be one lady and one gent playing in each team in each match.
18. The winning team in a match shall receive two match points, and the loser zero, a drawn match awards one point to each team.
19. The League placings shall be based on the total of match points. Should two or more teams have the same number of points then the team with the better shot difference will be the higher placed team, then the higher number of wins, then highest shots for, then lowest shots against.
20. In a League where there are a number of divisions the top two will be promoted and the bottom two teams relegated. In the highest division the top two teams will remain and in the lowest division the lowest two teams will stay in the lowest league.
21. Any team leaving the rink before the stipulated time has elapsed or the number of stipulated ends have been played hence bringing the game to a premature end shall forfeit the match. If the remaining team is winning their score shall be increased by the average score of the ends played for each end not completed. If the remaining team is losing they shall be awarded the match and their score increased to one shot above their opponents score. They shall receive two match points.

The team leaving the rink, unless for medical reasons, shall be penalised five match points and be held in breach of Club Rules for ungentlemanly conduct hence being liable to disciplinary action.

22. All teams must fulfil their fixtures on the date and time specified in the League Fixtures. Where a team is unable to fulfil a fixture they shall not be awarded any match points. Their opponents shall be awarded two match points and a score of 15-0. The non-defaulting team need not be present at the scheduled time of the match but may use the rink for practice and may invite other Full Members to join them.
23. If a team fails to play more than three matches during the season they shall seek re-election to the league for the next season. They shall be liable to a fine of up to £10.00.
24. If both teams fail to turn up (except as covered by Rule 22) the game will be declared a 0-0 result, neither team will gain any match points.
25. There is no restriction on playing on the rinks before the match on the day of the match
26. All male players shall wear light/mid grey trousers (no charcoal grey) white long or short sleeved shirt with collar, the shirt must be at least 90% white and approved bowling footwear of any colour. Bowling sandals are allowed at the wearer's own liability.
27. All ladies shall wear light/ mid grey skirts or bowling trousers, white long or short sleeved blouse with collar the shirt/ blouse must be at least 90% white, and approved bowling footwear. Bowling sandals are

permitted in Club Leagues and Competitions but at the wearer's own liability. (Note: sandals are not allowed in County or National competitions.)

28. Sweater, sweat shirts, slipovers, and cardigans may be worn providing they are white and do not contain embroidery except bowling motif and/ or name.
29. Any team that contains an incorrectly dressed player in any match will forfeit the match to their opponents who shall receive two points and a score of 15-0.
30. If a dead end results from a measure it is counted as an end played. If it results from any other means it is to be replayed from the end having the most bowls.
31. No crown green bowls to be used in League matches or competitions.
32. Teams may join a division up to and including the fourth match of the division. Where a team joins a division of a League after the first match has been played they shall arrange to play all missed matches. Opposing teams must co-operate in organising these fixtures. In case of failure to agree the Club will set fixtures. Normal rules then apply for these missed matches.
33. Where a team has a bye due to there being an uneven number of teams in a division or league, they shall be awarded no score and no match points
34. Where a League has more than one division and an uneven number of team entries are received then the lowest division shall contain the uneven number of teams.
35. Any team not being able to field a team due to two or

more players being called upon to represent the Club in an external league match/final may re-arrange the match at a date and time agreed with their opponents. Representative matches include YCIBA, Over 55 League, YLIBA, NELL, and Challenge Trophies of the forgoing, Yorkshire Champion of Champion matches where entry is from a DIBC merit competition.

36. In the event of a missing team player at the start of the game the following shall apply:
- If another registered team member is present in the club then that player shall be allowed to play irrespective of dress. Otherwise in pairs, the missing team player has 30 minutes from the sounding of the start buzzer to appear and in triples the missing team player has 30 minutes to join the game but must come in at No. 2 position.

COMPETITIONS

1. Such competitions as required by the Members shall be organised providing they would be commercially viable, and that the holding of such an event would not be contrary to any Statute Law, infringement of the Laws of the Game of Bowls in force at the time, or the Rules of any Association or Organisation to which the Club subscribes or is a member.
2. The Club may enter any league or competition organised by the EIBA, EWIBA, EBF, EWBF, or similar organisation, or open competition as considered applicable to the Club.

3. Any Full Member or Junior Member or groups of same may enter any competition open or organised by EIBA, EWIBA, EBF, EWBF, providing they obtain prior permission to do so from the management if such entry necessitates the use of the Club green.
4. The Club may hold open competitions as considered necessary to the well-being of the Club providing they are commercially viable.
5. The Club may allow competitions to be played on the green by other Clubs by arrangement. This may prevent the use of the green by Members at that time.

MATCHES

The Management Committee may commission the green for use by other Clubs for matches under the control of the EIBA and EWIBA.

The Management Committee may permit matches to be played on the green by other organisations providing the Rules of the Club are strictly adhered to.

Friendly matches may be organised with other Clubs at the discretion of the Management Committee

The dress code for matches shall be clearly stated on the notice of the match.

The Management Committee may give permission for use of the changing rooms.

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