

Constitution of North Midlands Ladies Bowling League

Article I: Name

The name of this association shall be the North Midlands Ladies Crown Green Bowling League (NMLBL).

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the NMLBL is to promote the sport of crown green bowling among women in the North Midlands area, to organise competitive events, to foster sportsmanship, and to enhance the skills of its members.

Article III: Affiliation

The NMLBL shall be affiliated with the British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA) and shall comply with all the rules and regulations set forth by the BCGBA.

Article IV: Membership

1. **Eligibility:** Membership shall be open to all women who are interested in crown green bowling, regardless of skill level.
2. **Fees:** Membership fees shall be determined annually by way of proposal by the Executive Committee and voted for by the attendees.
3. **Rights:** All members have the right to participate in league events, and stand for election.
4. **Voting:** All clubs within the league have a right to 2 votes per club on any matters arising from and during the AGM and these include any Notice of Motion.

Article V: Officers

1. The officers of the league shall consist of a Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. **Officers voting:** Officers will remain neutral during voting and will only enter votes should there be a voting tie.
3. **Election:** Officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members at the annual general meeting.
4. **Duties:**
 - **Chair:** Oversees all league activities, presides at meetings, and represents the league in external affairs.
 - **Secretary:** Maintains all records, handles all match details, handles correspondence, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the league and records minutes of meetings.
 - **Treasurer:** Manages finances, collects membership fees, and prepares financial reports.

Article VI: Meetings

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM): Held once a year to elect officers, review the annual report, and discuss other league matters and present and Notice of Motions.
2. Special Meetings: May be called by the Chair or the Secretary, or upon a written request by at least one-third of the members.

Article VII: Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote at any AGM or special meeting, provided that the amendment proposal was submitted in writing at least 30 days before the meeting.

Article VIII: Billing

All clubs will be billed for membership before 31st August during the bowling year. The fees will be agreed at the AGM and will be relevant to all players who have played during the season. The invoices must be paid by the clubs to the league no later than 30 days after the date of invoice.

New players can be entered into teams at any point during the season. If the billing date has passed, this will be notified to the treasurer and invoiced at the end of the season. This invoice will also need to be paid no later than 30 days after the date of invoice.

Article IX: Compliance with BCGBA Rules

In addition to the BCGBA affiliation stipulated in Article III, the NMLBL shall operate in compliance with all rules and regulations established by the BCGBA. All league competitions and events shall be conducted in accordance with BCGBA guidelines to ensure fairness and standardisation in the sport.

Article X: Code of conduct

All members, officers, and participants shall adhere to the rules and ethical guidelines established by the British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA). This includes, but is not limited to, rules regarding gameplay, sportsmanship, and member conduct both on and off the green.

Article XI: Competitions

The league will not subsidise any competitions financially, internal or otherwise.

Article XII: Dissolution

In the event of dissolution, all debts and obligations of the league must be settled, and any remaining assets shall be donated to a non-profit organisation with similar purposes, as decided by the membership.

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