

COVENTRY LADIES' CROWN GREEN BOWLING LEAGUE

RULES

1. The League shall be known as the "Coventry Ladies' Crown Green Bowling League".
2. The object of the League shall be to stimulate interest in the game and promote competitions for the League.
3. Membership of the League shall be restricted to Clubs within a radius of 6 miles of the centre of Coventry. There is no minimum age for players.
4. The Officers of the League shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary and a Competition Secretary. The President shall be elected for a period of three years.
5. The business of the League shall be conducted by the Officers of the League and a League Council which will consist of one delegate from each Club in membership. (NB* - more than one delegate may attend Council Meetings but only one vote per Club will be permitted).
6. That all the Delegate meetings are to be held bi-monthly on the last Wednesday of the appropriate month during the period January to October inclusive together with any additional meetings which are deemed to be appropriate providing 28 days notice of any such meeting is given. Any Club not in attendance at the Delegate Meetings will be fined the sum of £10.00 and thereafter doubling for any consecutive missed meetings.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the close season at such time and place determined by the League Council. Only registered and current paid up members of the League shall be permitted to attend the Annual General Meeting and Council Meetings. Each Club in membership shall be allowed one vote per team. Any team not in attendance at the Annual General Meeting will be fined the sum of £10.00 and thereafter doubling for any consecutive missed meetings.
8. The Secretary will notify all Clubs/Teams as to the date that any Notices of Motion are to be received by her in respect of the Annual General Meeting and any Notices of Motion must be sent to the Secretary in writing together with a reason as to the motion. Any Notices of Motion received after the date given by the Secretary will not be permitted.

9. The Secretary shall give at least 14 days notice as to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
10. The Secretary will forward copies of all Notices of Motion to each Team in order that the same can be discussed by the members prior to the Annual General Meeting. No lengthy discussions will be permitted at the Annual General Meeting as to the Notices of Motion as your vote should be determined prior to the Annual General Meeting.
11. No league rule shall be altered or rescinded unless the requisite notice has been given and a majority of member's votes are obtained at the Annual General Meeting.
12. All league registrations shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
 - a) Invoices will be distributed for the league registration fees (£12.50 per person) and raffle prize funds (£5.00 per team) at the February Delegates Meeting and must be paid on or before the April Delegates Meeting to the League Treasurer by cheque or bank transfer;
 - b) Invoices for additional players throughout the season, fines for late sheets and non-attendance at Delegate Meetings will be distributed at the September Delegates Meeting and must be paid on or before the date stated on the invoice to the League Treasurer by cheque or bank transfer;
 - c) Unless there are extenuating circumstances, any Team who has not settled their invoices by the due date will be fined £10.00;
 - d) New players must be registered with the BCGBA and must pay the fee of £12.00 registration fee to the League Registrar before playing.
13. All registered members of the League **must** purchase a Handbook which will be invoiced by the North Midlands Ladies County Treasurer.
14. All Teams must register their players on or before the 31st January to the League Secretary by completing the League Contact Sheet.
 - a) Teams from the same club, in the same division shall play each other at the start of the season, or as early as possible and also in the second half of the season.
15. All matches controlled by the League shall be governed by the Laws of the Game as set forth by the British Crown Green Bowling Association. In League matches each Team will be represented by

six players, games 21 up, singles. Home and away matches will be played, points awarded as follows:-

- a) One point for each individual game won;
- b) Two points for the home team winning on aggregate shots; or
- c) Three points for the away team winning on aggregate shots;
- d) In the event of a tie on shots the home team shall receive one point and the away team will receive two points;
- e) Walkovers should be stated on the score sheet as 21-0.

In the event of two or more teams tying on points at the end of the season, the team with the highest aggregate shots will be deemed to be the winner.

In the event of two or more teams tying on points and shots, a deciding match or matches to be played on neutral greens between the teams concerned.

The League Individual Aggregates shall be as follows:-

- a) Two points for a home win;
- b) Three points for an away win;
- c) One point for scoring 18, 19 or 20 in any away match;
- d) Walkovers shall be classed as matches won and for aggregate purposes scores of 21-11 shall be given for a home win and 21-15 for an away win credited.

- 16. All League matches shall be played under the supervision of the Captains of competing teams whose duties are to see that the games are played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the Rules of the League.
- 17. The visiting team shall be allowed the exclusive use of the green for practise purposes for the 15 minutes prior to the start of the match. All April and September matches to commence at 6:00pm, other matches to commence at 6:30pm unless mutually agreed otherwise. If a player is not in attendance at the draw then the card will be left blank. If the player is not in attendance 45 minutes after the official start time then that player will not be allowed to play and reserve's name will be entered on the card. If cards are made out and a player should be taken ill then substitution will be allowed only under extreme circumstances.

Roll Up Times during the months of April and September will be:-

5.25pm to 5.40pm for the Home Team
5.40pm to 5.55pm for the Away Team

Roll Up Times during the months May to August inclusive will be:-

5.55pm to 6.10pm for the Home Team

6.10pm to 6.25pm for the Away Team

18. The home team must complete the on-line score sheet within 5 days of the fixture date. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00. The original score sheet should be handed to the Match Secretary at the next Delegates meeting. The away team will have 10 days to challenge any discrepancies with the Match Secretary.
19. The visiting players shall have first cast of the jack.
20. Reserves can play when the last two pairs are playing but their scores are not to be included on the score sheet.
21. All games are to be played on the date shown in the official handbook unless exceptional circumstances prevail. In all circumstances the Match Secretary is to be notified by the Home Team irrespective of who requires the re-arrangement.

The following rules for re-arranged and postponed games shall apply:

- a) Re-arranged Games – No game shall be re-arranged without reasonable excuse. Seven days notice must be given and the match must be played within 28 days of the official handbook date, but must be within 7 days following the end of the season. No more than 2 re-arranged games to be allowed per team in any one season. Any fixture that is brought forward from the date stated in the handbook will not be classed as a re-arranged game. If this rule is not adhered to each team involved to be fined the sum of £10.00.
- b) Split Games are permitted but should only take place when no other alternative is available. If this rule is not adhered to each team involved to be fined the sum of £10.00.
- c) Postponed Games – No games shall be postponed unless in exceptional circumstances ie inclement weather. In the event of inclement weather the decision lies in the hands of the home team captain or groundsperson. If the decision is to postpone, then a date within 28 days of the official handbook date is to be agreed by both teams. If the decision is to play and any player refuses to continue the game, the points will be awarded to the opponent and the offending players score to remain as it stood. If this rule is not adhered to each team involved to be fined the sum of £10.00.
- d) If a situation arises where teams cannot agree a date then a meeting of three officers (which is sufficient and who have no connection with either club involved) of the league plus the

Secretary to take notes should be called as expeditiously as possible. By doing so no one officer can or should have the authority to make a decision. One delegate from each team should be invited to attend the meeting to state their case in addition to any letters which will have been exchanged. They should be heard separately, then, should withdraw from the meeting whilst the committee deliberates. Only the three officers should decide the outcome. Once the decision has been reached the delegates should be recalled and the decision and reasons read out to them. No further discussion will be allowed and the decision will be final.

22. The playing of an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player shall be deemed an offence, the penalty of which is if committed by a winning team that team shall forfeit the points awarded for the match and incur a fine of £5.00. If the offence is committed by the losing team that team will incur a fine of £5.00. In both cases the offending player(s) will be deemed to have lost 21-0 and shots for the match will be revised accordingly. If after revision the non-offending team have equal or a greater number of shots they shall be awarded appropriate draw or win League points. If any fine is not paid within 28 days then the fine will be doubled, and if the fine still remains outstanding after a further period of 28 days the Club/Team in question will be required to attend a meeting before the Officers of the League to provide an explanation as to why the fine(s) remain outstanding and appropriate action will be taken. All fines to be paid into the League Funds.
23. It will not be acceptable for a player to answer a mobile on the green or come off the green to answer one during play. Therefore any player who disregards this rule will forfeit the game and the game will be awarded to the non-offending player with the offending players score to remain as it stood at the time of the offence.
24. No smoking is permitted on the green in any capacity.
25. In League competitions players to enter on the day. Two score cards must be used for the Semi-Finals and Final rounds which are to be played 21 up. This does not apply to floodlit competitions when decisions would be made on the night taking into account weather conditions and other factors.
26. Any trophies not returned for presentation at the Competition by the member who won the Competition the previous year will incur a fine of £5.00.
27. League Championship and Competitions. Any trophies not returned for engraving 4 weeks prior to the Annual Presentation Dinner will incur a fine of £5.00 to the appropriate member.

28. Club Competitions. The relevant Club must inform the Competition Secretary of the winner(s) and runner(s) up and hand the trophies to the Competition Secretary engraved no later than 3 weeks prior to the Annual Presentation Dinner, failing which they will not be referred to in the Annual Presentation Dinner Programme and therefore not presented.
29. All players must be separately registered by number as well as by name and may not be registered by two Clubs within this League. Registrations will be accepted up until the last four matches only.
30. No player shall play in more than one team on the same day, re-arranged fixtures to count as printed in the official handbook.
31. Players may move from one team to another at any time during the season except during the last three matches.
32. No player may play more than twice against the same team.
33. No player is permitted to play in more than one league on the same day.
34. If a team leaves or is forced to leave the league it plays on, then that team will be permitted to keep its status in the division to which that team is presently playing. Only new teams registering with the League will start in the lowest division.
35. If any fine referred to within these Rules is not paid within 28 days of the date of issue of such fine then the fine will be doubled, and if the fine still remains outstanding after a further period of 28 days the Club/Team in question will be required to attend a meeting before the Officers of the League to provide an explanation as to why the fine(s) remain outstanding and appropriate action will be taken. All fines to be paid into the League Funds.
36. Council Meetings to be held on a rota basis of Clubs A-Z on an Annual basis (only Clubs with the necessary facilities to be included).
37. When playing league or competition bowls a good standard of attire must be maintained ie smart jeans, full length trousers, single coloured shorts trousers, tailored shorts or skirts not less than 1" above the knee, tops must be collared and cover the shoulders. Flat enclosed shoes or trainers must be worn.

Tracksuits, shell suits or low tops will not be permitted.

Anyone not adhering to this Rule will not be allowed to play.

In the event any member plays for a mixed league you must ensure that refer to that particular leagues dress code.

38. All Aggregate and League Sheets to be available at the Delegate Meetings.
39. All delegates to sign in at Delegate Meetings.
40. Interpretation of these Rules shall be vested in the League Council, who shall have power to adjudicate on any matter not covered by the Rules, and whose decision shall be final.