

**Rotherham Combined Crown Green Bowling Association Constitution (2017)**

- 1) The Rotherham Combined Crown Green Bowling Association (hereafter referred to as RCCGBA) is the combined Midweek Evening League, Friday Doubles League and Saturday League. It will be registered with the B.C.G.B.A. by affiliation to S.Y.C.C.G.B.A. All clubs and players wishing to join must be affiliated to B.C.G.B.A. through S.Y.C.C.G.B.A. or their local County Association.
- 2) The affairs of the RCCGBA shall be run by an Elected Committee consisting of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and League Registrar(s) who do not hold any of the previous positions. The financial affairs of the league shall be audited annually by independent auditor(s) elected annually at the AGM. The Treasurer will produce at the AGM a report of the financial affairs which will be audited by auditors previously elected at the previous AGM
- 3) The Elected Committee shall consist of, CHAIRPERSON, VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, REGISTRARS and TREASURER and will be elected annually at the AGM. With the exception of the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, honorariums will be paid for people holding these positions. The amount paid will be agreed at the annual AGM.
- 4) Any matters which cannot be satisfactorily handled by the committee or need resolving at an AGM or EGM will be resolved by a meeting of the League Council which will consist of the elected committee plus one representative from each club in membership of the league. All of which will have one vote only and two thirds of the council need to be present to form a quorum.
- 5) The AGM should be held on the last Wednesday of February, with the Fixtures/Registration meeting being held three weeks later. Teams wishing to resign from any League of the RCCGBA must do so by the Annual General Meeting, otherwise the League Fees for that year will still be due for their club. Fees payable for the season will be decided at the AGM and paid at the Registration meeting in March. If any club fails to pay their fees by the last day in March they will not be allowed to continue bowling.
- 6) The Committee may convene an extraordinary executive council meeting at any time. Also at the request of 3 member clubs in writing an executive council meeting can be called
- 7) Notice of proposed alterations to league rules or any matters for discussion, must be received in writing by the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM.
- 8) A club failing to attend a meeting will incur a fine of £5.00 per meeting.
- 9) All League and K.O. Cup matches shall be played in accordance with rules laid down by the B.C.G.B.A. Attention is drawn to BCGBA (EQUIPMENT RULE 1.2). The ENTRANCE which must be near the centre of any one side of the playing area shall be plainly marked.
- 10) Standard Jacks (legally date stamped) shall be used in all league and cup matches including all roll up and practices.
- 11) Evening and Doubles League games in April and all games from the 2nd full week in August shall commence at 6.30pm, with all matches between these dates to commence at 7.00pm. An alternative starting time can be made with the agreement of both captains, but all matches must start no later than 7.30pm.

12) A scratch time of 30 minutes shall be allowed from the agreed start time. At the end of the scratch time reserve players may be played, but if reserves are not available the opposing team shall receive a 21-0 win for each absent player (21-10 for averages). The scorecard to be marked "player absent". Teams who concede, do not arrive or do not have the minimum number of players required to form a team by scratch time will have the match points awarded to their opponents. The minimum number of players to constitute a team shall be 3 in the Midweek League and 6 in the Friday and Saturday Leagues. If a Doubles League team has only 7 players by scratch time, the odd player may play a pair from the opposing team on his/her own using two woods.

13) In all league and cup matches the order of play shall be nominated by the team captains before the match commences.

14) Players will automatically be registered with a team when their name and South Yorkshire number appear on a result card. Once registered, players cannot play for another team in that league for the remainder of that season. No new player registrations shall be allowed after the 31st July. If an ineligible player is found to have played, the individual game will be marked as a 21-0 to their opponents (21-10 for averages) and the aggregate score and league points adjusted, plus an additional 2 points deducted for each ineligible player.

15) League fixtures shall be played according to the dates arranged in the fixture lists, but can be brought forward with consent of both teams. If a game is postponed, the Registrar must be advised within 48 hours of the scheduled date and a replay date agreed within 7 days, with the Registrar being informed of the new date. Matches should not be postponed within 24 hours of the due date unless the green is unfit, when rule 21 will apply. If a new date cannot be agreed the Registrar must be informed and the Registrar will make a decision referring to the Committee as necessary. Failure to comply with this ruling will result in a £1.00 fine.

16) Prior to the start of a match, when bad weather conditions prevail the home team captain will rule on whether or not the match can be played. Rule 15 shall apply to the rearranged fixture.

17) Prior to the start of league and cup matches played on non- neutral greens the home and away teams shall be allowed a 15 minute roll up, the home team shall vacate the green 15 minutes before start time.

18) In League matches the away team shall have the first cast of the Jacks.

19) In the Evening League and the Saturday League, the match result shall be decided by 1 point being awarded for each match won and 2 additional points awarded for the highest total scored. The Doubles League will award 2 points for a game win and 2 points for the aggregate points total win. In all leagues in the event of a tied total score the points will be shared (1 each).

20) Result card/sheets must be received by the registrar no later than 7 days after the match has been played, or the home team will be fined £3.00. The result card/sheets must include the Division, date, full name of each team, players' names, registration numbers, individual scores and match points and it must be signed by both Captains. Failure to comply with any of these details will result in a fine of £1 for both teams.

- 21) The postponement of any league or cup match due to a club proposing to hold an in house competition shall not be allowed. All league or cup matches shall take priority. Any Club infringing this rule shall be fined £5 per incident
- 22) In the event of a match already started being abandoned, or any games not completed, shall continue when the match is rearranged. The match to resume at the abandoned score. The same named players of the original match to resume the game and any completed game to stand. If a player who had started his/her game is absent from the re-arranged game then their score will stand and their Opponent(s) will score 21. Any player in an abandoned match not already started their game can be replaced with a substitute player when the game is finally played
- 23) The home team is responsible for paying the green fees for both teams.
- 24) Teams finishing on equal points at the end of the season shall have their league positions determined by the highest overall average for that season. This shall be calculated by the total number of points "for" divided by the total number of points "against".
- 25) Divisional Average Winners will be awarded trophies and a cash prize. To qualify, players must play a minimum of 75% of their scheduled League matches (Cup matches do not qualify) 50% of those 75% must be Away matches. More Away matches than Home matches may be played as long the minimum of 75% of all games are played.
- 26) The Winners and Runners Up of each Division shall receive a trophy and a cash award. The trophy to be returned at the End of Season meeting or clubs will be fined £5.00. Any clubs or individuals who have won trophies but fail to collect them at the AGM, all trophies and or prize money will be forfeited and kept by the RCCGBA. If a club or individual loses or damages a trophy then that club/individual will be responsible for the cost of replacement or repair of that trophy.
- 27) The divisional winners and runner up shall be promoted. Usually a similar number of teams will be relegated, but the Registrar may amend this number, or promote additional teams should it be necessary, to have similar number of teams in each division. Any new teams entering a league will enter in the bottom division of that league.
- 28) The leagues Registrars shall produce a full league table for each meeting of the league during the season.
- 29) The season is to end when the final fixture of the league season is due to be played, as scheduled by the Registrars. The final fixture of the season can only be postponed due to the green being unfit as detailed in rule 22, and the Registrar notified within 24 hours. In this event, the fixture must be played within 7 days of the scheduled date subject to agreement with the Registrar. Teams not fulfilling their fixtures will be fined £5.00. Registrar to make decisions on all matches not played
- 30) No person other than the Players shall be allowed on the green during a game except Measurers (when invited) or someone who is asked to give an opinion of an end in progress. Nothing in this Law will apply to a severely disabled person who needs assistance.
- 31) **ALL CLUBS MUST CLEARLY DISPLAY THE LEAGUE RULES AND CONSTITUTION, FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN A FINE OF £5**

**RCCGBA Midweek League League Rules**

- 1) Rotherham Evening League matches may take place on any evening between Monday and Thursday (inclusive). Teams shall specify the day of their home games by no later than the Annual General Meeting.
- 2) Clubs having two (or more) teams in the same division shall complete all of their fixtures against each other by 15th July.

### **Midweek Knockout Cup Rules**

- 1 All teams in the Rotherham Evening League will be entered into the Knock-Out Cup.
- 2 The draw for the season will be issued at the Fixtures Meeting, with an indication of when the matches for each round should be played by.
- 3 Neutral greens will be allocated by the Executive Committee for the Semi-Final and Final. All earlier rounds shall be played on the green of the home team. The first team in the pair drawn against each other will be the home team for the First Round. For subsequent rounds, the home team will be determined by the toss of a coin or the National Lottery bonus ball (odd or even).
- 4 The home team will be responsible for submitting a correctly completed results card. For the Semi-Finals and Final, one results card from each team is required.
- 5 All teams are responsible for paying their own Green Fees in all matches in the Knock-out Cup, regardless of who is the home team.
- 6 The home team shall advise the Registrar if the away team will not agree to play on, or before, the specified date for that round.
- 7 Matches not played on, or before, the specified dates will result in one or both teams being removed from the competition. The Executive Committee's decisions on such matters are final.
- 8 For all Knock-Out Cup games up to the Quarter-Finals, the home team must vacate the green 15 minutes before the starting time to allow the away team to have a roll-up. The away team shall have the first jacks.
- 9 For the Semi-Finals and Final, neither team is allowed a roll-up before the match.
- 10 For matches on neutral greens, no player is allowed to play on the allocated green within seven days of the fixture, unless a scheduled league match takes place within that period.
- 11 For the Semi-Finals and Final, the team captains shall toss a coin to determine who has the first Jacks. The winner of the toss will decide on whether they have the first jacks for the odd or even cards.
- 12 No player qualification is required up to and including the Quarter Final, but to be eligible to play in the Semi-Final and Final, players must have played at least four games for their team.
- 13 The winner of each match in the Knock-Out Cup shall be decided on aggregate scores. If the match is a points draw, the team with most won games will go through. If both teams have also won three games, the two captains shall toss for the Jack, then choose one of their players to play head-to-head up to five points. The team that reaches five points first shall be deemed the winner.
- 14 The registration rules for players that apply to league matches shall also apply to matches in all rounds of the Knock-Out Cup.

## **Stones Cup Rules (revised 2017)**

- 1) Entry shall be optional and open to any Club registered in the Rotherham Saturday League. The entry fee is £5 per team; The Winners will receive £100 and the Runners Up £50.
- 2) Players can only play for their registered clubs, and must have played in at least one league game to play in the preliminary rounds and subsequent rounds and at least four league games to play in the Final.
- 3) All games shall be played to 21 up and the format will be as a normal cup knockout. The first team in each draw will have home advantage for their first game only after which the teams in the top half of each draw will contact their Opponents to determine home advantage using the Lottery Bonus Ball or any other acceptable method. The home team can practice as per Saturday League Rules but must clear the green to allow the away team to have a rollup for 15 minutes before the game starts. The away team will take all four jacks except when green sharing teams are drawn together, then they will be shared. The Organiser will allocate neutral greens for the semi-finals and final, and Captains will toss up for odd/even jacks.
- 4) Home teams will be responsible for paying any Green Fees except in the semi-finals and final.
- 5) Games shall be played as doubles only in accordance with BCGBA rules, and comprise four pairs per team. Should preliminary rounds be required, the Captains will agree on a time and date (see Rule 3) on any day before the set deadline but the games must be arranged within ten days of the draw being made, otherwise matches will start at 2.00pm. The Scratch Time will be 30 minutes later as per Saturday League Rules. A minimum of three pairs will be required to constitute a team with the opponents scoring 21-0 for the absentees. Two pairs only from each team to be on the green at any time.
- 6) The team with the highest total score at the end of the match will be the winners. If the total points are the same, then the team with the most wins will win the match. **If the total scores and number of winners are the same, each Captains will nominate a pair (before match commences) who have played in the match to play in a second game up to 11.** Nominated pairs will toss up for the right to either take or decline the jack. Normal rules shall apply re setting a mark and dead ends etc.
- 7) The winning team will be responsible for sending the result to the Organiser either by post or email. Results to include team names, players' names, South Yorks numbers, individual game scores, total score, name of venue, green number (where applicable) and signed by both Captains. Failure to comply with any of the above will result in a £1.00 fine for both teams.
- 8) In the event of the green being unplayable on the day, the game must be rearranged and played within 6 days. Should the green become unplayable once the match has started, any completed games will stand and the remaining games shall be started, or restarted where they left off, on the rearranged date with the original players. If a player who had started his/her game is absent from the rearranged game then their score will stand and their Opponent(s) will score 21.
- 9) Any disputes must be sent to the Organiser in writing (or email) before the date of the next round and if necessary be dealt with by the Committee.
- 10) Any proposals for alterations to these rules must reach the Association Secretary in writing (emails are acceptable) at least 14 days before the AGM.