

# ROTHERHAM RETIRED PERSONS BOWLING ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION 2026

- 1 The Association shall be called 'The Rotherham Retired Persons Bowling Association.  
2 All men aged 55 years or more and ladies 50 years or more shall be eligible for membership.  
3 All bowling greens used must be within the Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham.  
4 The RRPBA is open to any eligible club member, who should be able to play in a competitive, but friendly competition, free of physical or verbal abuse or discrimination. Ungentlemanly, unladylike or unsporting conduct when playing on any green will not be tolerated.  
Any incident or behaviour contrary to this ethos should be reported to the RRPBA Secretary. The incident will then be referred to the executive committee and if proven, appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. Serious incidents will be reported to the SYCCGBA Safeguarding officer. Both parties can appear in person and if unsatisfied with the result can call an EGM or escalate the matter to the SYCCGB
- 5 The members shall elect annually a Committee comprising of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Indoor Registrar, Outdoor Registrar and Auditor.  
The officials together will be responsible for running competitions according to the rules.  
The officials will receive an annual honorarium, the sum decided at the AGM.  
The elected Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are the authorised signatories of cheques drawn on the designated RRPBA bank account (Natwest PLC).
- 6 One representative from each competing club will be eligible to vote.
- 7 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October. The meeting will:-  
(a) Review the past year and receive reports from the Officials  
(b) Elect officials for the following year  
(c) Approve the rules  
(d) Receive and approve statement of accounts  
(e) Set the honoraria to be paid to officials  
(f) Receive and consider applications for membership from teams  
(g) Conduct any other necessary business
- 8 There shall be a half yearly / fixtures meeting in March.
- 9 Rules may be altered only at the A.G.M. Notice of intention to propose a change of rules must be given, in writing, to the Secretary at least 14 days before the A.G.M. and the Secretary must inform the representatives of such proposals at least 48 hours before the A.G.M.
- 10 The representatives at any meeting may appoint a Sub-Committee to perform a special function other than matters that are decided at the A.G.M.
- 11 An emergency committee consisting of any two officials and one other representative may be convened to act in emergencies, settle disputes etc. Such action shall be referred to the next A.G.M. of the Association for approval.
- 12 Committee meetings will be convened, as necessary, by the Secretary when authorised by the Chairperson.
- 13 In the interests of the Association, all committee meetings shall be fully represented.
- 14 The officers of RRPBA hold personal data necessary for fulfil the aims of the Association and to administer the games of crown green & indoor bowling.  
This member information can consist of : Title (Mr, Mrs, etc), Full Name, Address, Postcode, Telephone Number (including mobile number if available), Email address BCGBA Registration Number.  
RRPBA only uses this only information for administration and to communicate with members and may share this information with member clubs.  
By registering to play in the RRPBA leagues ( outdoor & indoor ) individuals consent to RRPBA holding and using their personal data as above.  
The information is not passed on the any other third party for commercial purposes.
- 15 Dissolution of Rotherham Retired Persons Bowing Association (RRPBA)  
In the event of the dissolution of the RRPBA any assets remaining, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall not be paid to or distributed among member clubs or individuals, but shall be given or transferred to equally to the charitable bodies below:  
Rotherham Hospice,  
Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

## **RULES GOVERNING OUTDOOR BOWLING**

- 1 Unless otherwise stated. The laws of the British Crown Green Bowling Association shall apply.

- 2 A team shall normally consist of six players who shall be members of the club concerned. The minimum number with which a team can play is four. A player will not be allowed to play with more than one team during any one season, unless their team or club withdraws from the league. Rule
- 3(a) A team shall be registered with the RRPBA when the annual fee is paid and this should be done before the first league game. The fee is a single payment of £20 which will register a team in both the singles and doubles league of the RRPBA.
- 3(b) Players will be registered by submission of the South Yorkshire registration list to the RRPBA Registrar prior to the first game of the season.  
This will permit all players registered to to play within any one team within their club.  
However, once they have played a league game they are restricted to playing only for that team for the rest of the season.  
The only exception to this is if their team is dissolved they can play for another team in the same club or join a different club and play in a team there .  
The league Registrar must be notified prior to the player playing for a new club.  
No new players can be registered to a club during the last 4 league matches of the season, although a player already registered can be added to the squad at any time..
- 4 When a player does not have a opponent the score on the result sheet will be 21–0 recorded against them, but for the players individual average it shall be 21–11.
- 5 If a non-eligible player plays in the singles, their score shall be cancelled and 21–0 recorded against them. In doubles the score for the pair shall be cancelled and 21–0 recorded against them.
- 6 If a player leaves a club/team of their own free choice or is barred from the club/team through disciplinary reasons, the Registrar must be informed. Having already played for that team, they will not be allowed to play for another team in the association for the rest of that season.
- 7 Fixtures will be arranged by the Registrar, who will bear in mind special requests of clubs made before 31st January.
- 8 League fixtures will be played on the scheduled match date but can be rearranged by arrangement with both team captains. If a game is postponed, the Registrar must be informed by the home team within 48 hours of the original date, and a new date must be agreed within 7 days, with all matches played before the last week of scheduled league fixtures of the season. Matches should not be postponed within 24 hours of the due date unless the green is unfit, or conditions deemed unsafe, with the Registrar being informed within 48 hours, and a new date being agreed by both captains within 7 days. If a new date cannot be agreed within 7 days, the Registrar must be informed, and the Registrar will make a decision, referring to the Committee if necessary  
*(Noje-Trial revised rule8 to be discussed/ratified at the 2026 AGM)*
- 9 A team failing to turn up for a match or having less than four players will forfeit the match. The opponents will receive eight points. No shots will be awarded. The home team will submit a results sheet to the registrar showing that no players arrived to play the game.
- 10 All results cards must be with the registrar within 7 days of the match being played.  
If the card is received later than 7 days the home club will receive a 1 point reduction. If received later than 14 days the reduction is 2 points.
- 11 When playing with five players in the doubles league, 1 player plays 2. The order will be as follows:-

**Team with one player having the jack**

Single player ----- jack and first wood  
Lead player ----- first wood  
No. 2 player ----- first wood  
Single player ----- second wood  
Lead player ----- second wood  
No. 2 player ----- second wood

**Team with two players having the jack**

Lead player ----- Jack and first wood  
Single player ----- first wood  
No. 2 player ----- first wood  
lead player ----- second wood  
Single player ----- second wood  
No. 2 player ----- second wood

- 12 A team having four players against a team with six players will play two doubles. Their opponents will score 21-0.  
A team having four players against a team with five players will play two doubles games and the fifth player's game will be void. No points or shots awarded.  
A team having five players against a team also having five players will play two doubles games and the fifth players' game will be void, no points or shots awarded.
- 13 Any incident which necessitates a player having to stop play, leave the green or unable to resume before the finish of the match (except for death on the green when rule 18d will apply) their opponent shall receive maximum points and the score of the player unable to complete the game remains as it stands. If a decision is made to suspend the remaining part of the match until a later

date, this particular game will be deemed to have been completed. Rule 18(a) to apply to the remaining games.

- 14a When a match has started and is then suspended, the incomplete part shall be played within 21 days including Saturday & Sunday. The match will re-commence with the same players as on score cards to complete the game. If a match is not completed within 21 days it will become void, neither team receiving any points. If this occurs in the last 21 days of the season and not being able to be played within this period, the points will be shared, four points to each team. No shots may be submitted.
- 14 b If a game is started but not finished, those players cannot be substituted. Any player who has not started their game and is not available for the re-arranged match may be substituted.
- 14c If a player who has started their game is absent for the re-arranged game, their score stands and their opponent scores 21.
- 15d In the unfortunate event of the death of a player on or around the green, the match will be deemed to have been completed, the points being shared four points each with no shots awarded.
- 16 No more than four jacks on the green at any one time.
- 17 **The minimum distance for a mark is 19 meters, the maximum is 36 meters.** Captains may act on their players behalf for measuring tapes.
- 18 The players will use whatever mats are provided.
- 19 The home team must provide up-to-date stamped standard jacks.
- 20 Only measures approved by the B.C.G.B.A. shall be used.
- 21 Besides the players, the only persons allowed on the green during a match are the Captains or persons deputised for measuring.
- 22 A result sheet must be signed by both captains and the home team captain to forward the completed sheet to the registrar within seven days of the match being played. Each captain to be responsible for ensuring their side of the sheet it correct. A fine of £1 may be imposed at the registrar's discretion, on the team whose side of the sheet is incorrectly filled in.
- 23 The points for a non- played match cannot be shared. If a results sheet is found to have been falsified both teams will be awarded 0 points.
- 24 A win shall count for two points, a draw one point and in addition each winning player shall receive one point. If two or more teams finish the season with equal points, the order will be decided by the average score, obtained by dividing chalks for by chalks against.
- 25 The rules governing competitions (not for the League) shall be decided at the A.G.M. or the half-yearly meeting.
- 26 Dress code – tailored shorts are allowed (not gym/football type) shirts/blouses (no vests). Players must wear suitable footwear on the green. Shoes must have flat soles which will not damage the green. Open sandals that comply with above are allowed, but in the event of a foot injury arising the player will NOT be able to make a compensation claim against the host club or RRPBA.
- 27 The rules regarding League games must be strictly adhered to. Changes can only be at the AGM.
- 28 Where the rules are silent the decision of the committee shall stand..

### **LEAGUE AVERAGES**

All team captains shall submit to the registrar the name of their best player's average immediately their fixtures have been completed.

All league games results to be included.

A minimum of 10 games must have been played at least five matches be away matches.

Where a player does not have an opponent, for the League the result shall be 21-0 for the player's individual average it shall be 21-11.

### **COMPETITION RULES**

All trophies and prizes will be officially presented at the A.G.M. or a date otherwise agreed. Any prizes not claimed will be returned to the Association Funds.

### **WILKINSON TROPHY (Team Knock-Out Competition)**

All league teams must enter a team.

All players must have played a minimum of four games for the team before the semi-final.

If a team withdraws from the Wilkinson Trophy, or gets knocked out, a player from that team may not play for another team.

Wilkinson Cup games to be played on a Friday unless both captains agree to play on another day. The game must be played before the original Friday allocated

The organiser will make a draw for opponents showing the preliminaries and first round.  
The registrar will specify on the Wilkinson Trophy draw sheet which teams have odd/even bonus ball.  
Winner of bonus decided by Wednesday lottery draw 10 days before designated Friday playing date.  
Winner has home green.

Both teams are allowed a 15 minute roll-up.

Away team to have all jacks.

Match to be decided by aggregate points score.

In case of a tie, the team captains to select one player from each side and these two players will play a game of 11 up.

The winning player wins the match for their team.

The result sheet to be sent to the registrar within seven days of the match being played.

All teams must pay all relevant green fees to the host club, fees for the final will be paid by the R.R.P.B.A.

Semi-finals and final will be played on neutral greens, to be decided by the committee.

After the playing cards have been made out the two captains will toss a coin for the jack.

Winner decides on odd or even jacks.

### **INDIVIDUAL / DOUBLES MERITS**

Clubs may enter as many members as they want from each team they have in the league.

Nominations to be sent to the registrar no later than 31st July and accompanied by the prescribed entry fee.

Once an entry form and fee for the Merits has been received, refunds will not be made.

The draw and venues is be arranged by the organisers.

No roll is allowed on any of the match greens on any of the days the competition is being played.

Semi-finals and final to be played on the same green.

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All rounds up to and including the semi-finals

+3 on card to opponent score up to 21

Final

No handicap