

Rotherham Combined Crown Green Bowling Association

Constitution

1 The Rotherham Combined Crown Green Bowling Association (hereafter referred to as the 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.

2 The affairs of the RCCGBA shall be run by the Executive Council which will consist of the Executive Committee together with representatives from each club in the leagues who will have one vote each. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairperson will have the deciding vote. The financial affairs of the Association shall be audited by 2 independent auditors elected annually at the A.G.M.

3 The Executive Committee shall consist of, CHAIRPERSON, VICE CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY, REGISTRAR, TREASURER. With the exception of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Honorariums will be paid for people holding these positions. The amount paid will be agreed at the annual AGM.

4 The Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the RCCGBA AGM., which will usually be held at the Albion Road Working Men's Club on the second Wednesday in February.

5 The Secretary may convene an extraordinary Executive Council meeting at any time.

6 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 A.G.M.

7 A club failing to attend a meeting will incur a fine of £5.00 per meeting.

8 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 April they will not be allowed to continue bowling.

9 All League and K.O. Cup matches shall be played in accordance with rules laid down by the B.C.G.B.A.

10 Standard Jacks (legally date stamped) shall be used in all League and Cup matches.

11 Evening and Doubles League games in April and all games from the second 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 7.30 pm

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 not having the minimum number of players required to form a team by scratch time will forfeit the match and all match points will go to 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 Friday Doubles 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 the 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 21-0 to their opponents (21-10 for averages) and the aggregate score and league points adjusted, plus an additional 2 points deducted.

15 League fixtures shall be played according to the dates arranged in the fixture lists, but can be brought forward with the 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. 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 rule will result in a void match with no points awarded to either team and a fine of £1.00 will be levied on both teams.

16 If a team fails to fulfill a fixture and providing the green was available, the opposing team will be awarded the match.

17 Prior to the start of league matches the away team shall be allowed a 15 minute roll up and the home team shall vacate the green.

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 Friday Doubles League will award 2 points for a game win and 2 points for the highest points total win. In all leagues, in the event of tied total score the points will be shared (1 each).

20 Results cards/sheets shall be completed by the home team and shall include the division, date, name of each team, names of all players and their South Yorkshire registration number, (identify female players by Mrs, Miss or Ms) their score, total team score and match points. Failure to comply with any of these details will result in a £1.00 fine to both teams. The results card/sheet must be signed by both team captains. It is the responsibility of the home team to post or e-mail the result card to 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.

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.

22 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 re-arranged fixture. If a new date cannot be agreed upon a date will be arranged by the Executive Committee.

23 In the event of a match already started being abandoned, any games not completed shall continue when the match is re-arranged. The match to resume at the abandoned score. The same named players of the original match to resume the game and any completed games to stand.

24 The home team is responsible for paying the green fees for both teams.

25 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".

26 To qualify for league average awards a player must have played a minimum of 75% of league matches (cup matches do not qualify). Of the 75% of the matches, 50% of them must be away matches. More away matches than home matches may be played as long as 75% of all games are played.

27 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. A Presentation Night will be held in November of each season. Any clubs or individuals who have won a trophy but fails to collect it on Presentation Night will have 14 days to collect it or the prize money will be forfeited and kept by the RCCGBA. If a club loses or damages a trophy then that club will be responsible for the cost of replacement or repair of that trophy.

28 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 a similar number of teams in each division. Any new teams entering a league will enter in the bottom division of that league.

29 The League's Registrars shall produce a full league table for each meeting of the league during the season.

30 Each club shall purchase a minimum of 2 tickets for the Presentation Night.

31 The season is to end when the final fixture of the league season is due to be played, as scheduled by the registrar. 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. Any matches remaining un-played by the end of the season will be void and no points awarded to either team.

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