

GWYNEDD  
SENIORS'  
CROWN GREEN  
BOWLING  
LEAGUE

**RULES & CONSTITUTION**

**AMENDED OCTOBER 2017**

1. **Title:** The League shall be known as the Gwynedd Seniors' Crown Green Bowling League.
2. **Objectives:** To develop friendship amongst senior bowlers through the game of crown green bowls. To foster and encourage the game of bowls under the laws of the British Crown Green Bowling Association.
3. **Management:** The League will be managed by the Management Committee which will consist of six officers: President, Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, Fixture Secretary, and Treasurer, plus four representatives from league clubs. A quorum for any meeting (bar the AGM) will be six, a minimum of three must be officers of the League.

The Management Committee will be responsible for the running of the League and all its competitions. It will deal with contraventions and interpretation of the Rules & Constitution, and have powers to make decisions on any situation covered by them. All such decisions will be final.

Any club or player who does not agree with any decision made by the Management Committee has the right to appeal to the ruling bodies: firstly, Gwynedd Crown Green Bowling Association; secondly, The Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association; and finally, the British Crown Green Bowling Association.

4. **Meetings:** The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in October each year. Six clubs to form a quorum. All clubs will be notified of the agenda a minimum of 21 days before the date of the AGM.

There will be a League Pre-Season meeting in February each year.

The Management committee will meet as required during the year.

#### 5. **The Annual General meeting (AGM)**

**Representation:** The President of the league is an honorary position and is not subject to election. The Annual General Meeting will elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman (the Chairman and Vice-chairman to be rotated in alphabetical order by clubs (not individual teams) for a two-year period, starting in 2015 as detailed in Appendix A).

The Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Treasurer, being elected or re-affirmed by nomination from its clubs when appropriate. These six officers together with the four representatives from the clubs elected at the AGM will form the Management Committee.

At this meeting any club can nominate one of their members (who must be a registered player in the League) to sit on the Management Committee for a period of one season following the AGM. Any club who already has one of their members serving as an Officer of the League will not be allowed to nominate a representative. Nominations must be received by the Secretary in writing no less than 14 days prior to the date of the AGM. Nominations from the floor will not be accepted under any circumstances.

The Secretary will ensure that all the names are printed on voting sheets with boxes alongside each name, and every team will be asked to select four of the names only. The four nominations receiving the most votes will be elected to the Management Committee. If there is a tie with any of the names, then a further vote (or votes) will be taken until four clear winners have emerged.

- 6. Proposals, Motions Reports, and Record of Meetings:** Any Proposals or Notices of Motion as recommendations by the Management Committee or by individual clubs (duly seconded) for inclusion in the agenda, must be forwarded to the Secretary in writing at least 28 days before the date of the AGM or through an EGM and will only be accepted from clubs (not from individual members of clubs). Proposals from the floor will not be accepted at any AGM meeting.

At the AGM, following an introduction from the Chairman, the Secretary will submit a report of proceedings during the past year. The Treasurer will submit a full account of all payments and receipts for the past year duly audited. The secretary will keep a true record of business transacted at all meetings of the League.

- 7. Extraordinary General Meetings(EGM):** An EGM of the League (eight clubs to form a quorum) can be convened by the Management Committee or, alternatively, at the written request of at least three member clubs. The Management Committee will fix a date for the EGM and inform all member clubs.
- 8. Amendments to the Rules and Constitution:** The Management Committee or any club proposing an amendment to the Rules and Constitution may do so either at the AGM or by calling for an EGM.

Each proposal will require the support and seconding of any motion by a separate club. (In the case of an EGM the quorum requirement is 6 clubs)

Any proposal will be discussed and a vote taken. Any changes to existing Rules will require a two thirds majority of those teams present, based on one vote per team.

Following voting, those amendments which are carried will be incorporated into the revised Rules & Constitution and take immediate effect.

- 9. Resignations** should be made in writing to the Secretary, and 28 days' notice is required. Verbal resignations delivered at any meeting of the League will not be acted upon.
- 10. Subscriptions:** The level of the annual team subscriptions will be decided at the AGM and must be paid in full prior to the last day in May. The treasurer will propose the level of subscription as part of his report.

11. **Club registrations:** All clubs must be registered with the WCGBA and have paid their annual membership/affiliation fee by the required date.
12. **Registered players** must be bona fide members of their club and have attained their 55<sup>th</sup> birthday on or before the time of registration. As the selection of the teams for Inter-League matches must be from players who are aged 60 years or over, teams with younger players must indicate their age on the League Registration Form before the first match of the season. Clubs with more than one team in the league should register all players in one list. When a player has played 4 games for the "A" team they are deemed to be "A" team players and cannot play for the "B" team for the current season. Note (The data base places registered players in two lists shown in red, they are headed T1 and T2, the number of games they have played for each team is shown)
13. **Postponement of games:** Games can only be cancelled in the event of inclement weather or a bereavement. No other reason is allowed. In the event of inclement weather, the home team captain will have the final decision whether the match is played. Re-arrangement will be the responsibility of the home team. Matches must be played within 14 days of postponement. Any team failing to fulfil a fixture within this period will be fined of £20.  
In extenuating circumstances any teams whose greens are not open at the start of the season must inform the Fixture Secretary who will determine how their early home fixtures will be dealt with.
14. **Teams:** Teams will consist of eight players and matches will consist of one double (which must be played) and six singles. Each captain will nominate two of their players to play the doubles but the singles matches will be drawn by the two captains. The cards are not numbered, it is a random draw. If one of the teams is a player short, one of the pairs may play a singles game against the opposing team but for no more than two matches per season. The doubles match must be played first, before the singles. A team can use more than one player to "double up" if required. No individual team player may play more than the two matches per season. If a team is unable to field a full team beyond this allowance, then the game forfeited will be scored as 21-0 on the scoresheet for team points and the score as 21-10 for the individual player's aggregate who was drawn against an absent player.
15. **League matches:** The League will consist of two divisions. Matches will be played on Tuesdays and will start at 2.00pm unless mutually agreed otherwise. If necessary, additional matches can be scheduled on another day of the week if the fixture list cannot be completed within the start and finishing dates, but such extra matches must be kept to a maximum of four.
16. **Commencement of matches:** Enough players must be present to start the match and the remainder of the team must be ready to play after the first three games have been

completed. It should be noted that “scratch time” only applies after the first three games have been completed.

17. **Ineligible Player** An ineligible player is someone who does not qualify to play within the criteria described within these Rules and Constitution. In the event it will result in the game being awarded to the opponent 21-0., for personal averages the score will count as 21-10.
18. **Measurers:** The two team captains will each nominate a player to act as a measurer.
19. **Practice:** Visiting teams shall be allowed 15 minutes exclusive use of the green for practice immediately prior to the scheduled start of the game.
20. **Representation** The League management committee will appoint a representative to attend meetings of the Gwynedd Crown Green Bowling association.
21. **Match results:** Results of League matches will be on a points basis, one point for every game won and two points for the aggregate of the winning team. The match result, after the captains have agreed the result, must be logged by the home team, using the team code, into the League database system using the North Wales Crown Green Bowling website.
22. **Inter-League Matters** The League will appoint a Team manager to be responsible for the selection and management of its representative teams at Inter-League matches. The manager will report to the League management committee on all matters connected with selection and team performance.  
The team manager will represent the League at all Inter-League meetings.
23. **Trophies** The League has a number of Perpetual Trophies, awarded annually that cannot be won outright. The League will make awards to the winners at the AGM. It will arrange for inscriptions of winners to be put on the trophies. Trophy winners will be responsible for the safe keeping and return of the trophies to the League as required by the Secretary.  
In addition to the perpetual awards individuals and teams will receive a keepsake award at the AGM. Detail of Awards are set out as follows:

Separate awards for both A & B teams	
Team Winners	Perpetual trophy
Aggregate individual	Perpetual trophy and Keepsake
Runner up	Keepsake
Pairs team	Perpetual trophy and Keepsake x2
Pairs team runner up	Keepsake x2

