

RULES
(Revised 2022)

1 Administration

The name of the Association shall be 'BOURNEMOUTH AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S BOWLING ASSOCIATION'.

2 The object of the Association shall be to promote the game of bowls and to encourage co-operation between affiliated Clubs.

3 **The Administration** of the Association shall be vested in:-

a) A Council consisting of the OFFICERS of the Association - PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, LEAGUE SECRETARY, MATCH SECRETARY, COMPETITION SECRETARY, LIFE VICE PRESIDENTS and two members of each affiliated Club. The Council shall meet twice yearly in order to manage the affairs of the Association. In the event of the nominated representative being unable to be present, a deputy can attend.

b) **Vice-President** The Vice President will be nominated by her Club in the following order:

Broadstone Wessex, Branksome Park, Boscombe Cliff, Highcliffe, West Moors, Wimborne, Milford on Sea, Bournemouth, Braeside, Ferndown, Lymington, Southbourne, Moordown, Verwood, New Milton, Pelhams, Argyll, Poole Park, Ringwood, Bournemouth Electric, Blandford, Swanage, Knyveton Gardens, Fordingbridge.

In the event of a Club being unable to provide a nominee, Clubs may, by agreement, swap with another Club. The Vice President will automatically assume the position of President the following year.

c) The Officers of the Association will meet when necessary to deal with urgent matters arising between Council Meetings.

Any recommendations made to be in accordance with the Rules, Policies & Procedures as laid down by the Council. All recommendations to be reported to the next Council Meeting for confirmation or amendments. 5 to form a Quorum.

d) The Association is non-profit making. All surpluses are used to maintain and improve Association Facilities. No surplus will be used or distributed other than to members on winding up or dissolution of the Association.

e) The Committee shall number 8 members in total.

If the number of Officers elected to the Committee fails to reach this number, additional Committee Members may be elected or co-opted to bring the serving number to 8.

4 **The Annual General Meeting**

of the Association shall be held in November. At this meeting the Officers for the ensuing year shall be elected. The Vice President will automatically be elected as President. The nomination for Vice President must be sent to the Secretary prior to the August Council Meeting. At the Annual General Meeting each affiliated Club to have one vote. In the case of the Officers, only the President to have a vote, unless any Officer attends as a delegate from her Club.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:-

- (1) To elect the Officers for the ensuing year.
- (2) To receive the Audited Statement of Account.
- (3) To consider the applications for affiliation, and to determine the affiliation and competition fees for the ensuing year.
- (4) To appoint 2 Checkers from Association Members.
- (5) To vote on Propositions previously discussed in Council.

NO Motions can be accepted from the floor.

All propositions should reach Hon. Sec. **by July 10th** in current year for inclusion at **August Council Meeting**.

Nominations for Officers to be received by **30th September** in the current year.

5. **Annual Payments**

ALL Fees to the Association shall be paid by a date determined by the Treasurer (in conjunction with the League/Comp Secretary) at the rates determined at the previous Annual General Meeting.

ALL players participating in B&DWBA games and competitions must be fully paid-up members of the Club they represent and be registered with the League Secretary with all appropriate fees paid.

6. **Treasurer's Duties**

The Treasurer shall receive all monies for the Association and pay same into the bank account opened in the Association's title. Withdrawals from the Association's bank account shall be made to a limit of £250 on one signature. Amounts exceeding £250 to be paid by cheque, signed by any two of the three signatories.

7. **Life Vice President**

The Association shall have the power to elect as a Life Vice President any person whose services to the Association have been such as to merit this distinction. This is a non-voting position.

8. **Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee shall consist of the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Match Secretary and two other members irrespective of the Clubs from

which the Officers come. These members shall each serve for two consecutive years and shall be appointed by the Clubs rotating in the following order:-

Bournemouth, Southbourne, New Milton, Poole Park, Lymington, Wimborne, Boscombe Cliff, West Moors, Moordown, Ferndown, Broadstone Wessex, Braeside, Highcliffe, Pelhams, Argyll, Verwood, Milford-on-Sea, Branksome Park, Ringwood, Bournemouth Electric, Blandford, Swanage, Knyveton Gardens, Fordingbridge.

9. Procedures

Any point of procedure not provided for in these Rules shall be decided by Council., but any such point decided must be submitted to the next Annual General Meeting for confirmation or amendment. No alteration or additions to the Rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, and one month's notice shall be given in writing to the Secretary, setting forth such alterations or additions which shall be stated in the notice of the business for the meeting.

In general, any situation not covered by these rules will be decided by the Officers Committee and their decision will be final.

10. League – entry qualifications

A member may play for one Club only during any one season. Such member shall have paid all fees to her Club as a Full playing member.

All lady members MUST be registered with the B&DWBA League Secretary TWO FULL WEEKS prior to the start of the season. Failure to register will result in a penalty of 4 points per team.

Additional members MUST be registered with the B&DWBA League Secretary TWO FULL days (by email) prior to playing. Payment must be received within 14 days from receipt of email. Failure to register will result in a loss of 2 points per team.

Any new Club or team accepted for admission to the Leagues shall commence in the lowest division.

11. League Matches

Association Championships, Competitions, League Matches and Friendly games are played according to the Laws of the Game as laid down by the World Bowls Laws of the Sport Crystal Mark Latest Edition, Bowls England Regulations & Domestic Regulation for Bowls England. (Regulations can be found on the Bowls England website).

The League shall be divided into Sections comprising no more than ten teams and no less than six. The team winning the most points shall be declared winners. Two teams will be promoted/demoted from the final results to a higher/lower division. (except the Triples inaugural season).

All League matches are played on a Thursday and start at 2pm unless otherwise agreed by the two captains at least 48 hours before the commencement of the match. The default start time is

2.30pm. Matches must be played on the scheduled date as per fixture sheet unless postponed owing to weather or a team playing in the County Finals or Nationals. These games may be re-arranged when necessary but the League Secretary must be informed of such changes. These matches may commence at any time mutually agreed by the opposing Club.

Matches are 18 ends with two trial ends and visitor's mat.

Rink's scorecards are held by the number two and for triples it is held by the Skip.

Should a rinks team arrive with one player short the number one and two will have three woods each, with a deduction of 25% of that team's score being deducted at the end of the game.

If a triples team arrives with one short, the match will be played with nine bowls against six with no deduction at the end of the game. (see order of play at back of Rule Book).

****No Player who has played four or more times in a higher division in weeks 9 to 14 may play in a lower division nor alternate between rinks and triples for the last four weeks. If there are two teams in the same division they may not move players between teams in the last four weeks. Any teams violating this rule will have all points for the match deducted and the opponents will receive 6 points and keep all their shots. All score cards are to be kept and produced at the request of the League Secretary. In the event of a team violating the rule the match will be declared void and the opponents will receive 6 points and keep all their shots.**

If in the opinion of BOTH captains the weather is deemed to be extreme or bad weather is forecast, then it can be agreed to shorten the game to 12 ends. This **MUST** be decided **BEFORE START OF PLAY ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH. Once** decided this cannot be changed if the weather improves. Should no arrangement have been made before the start of the match and conditions deteriorate through the match the game can be stopped if 13 ends have been played and this will constitute the game.

The results of League matches must be emailed or telephoned to the League Secretary by 8pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in a 10 shot deduction from the total shots for each team concerned. Results cards to be sent in on the dates specified by the League Secretary in your season pack issued at the coffee morning.

Postponed (Weather)

In the event of extreme weather the designated person of the Home Team Club is to advise the visiting Club wet weather contact no later than 12 noon whether play will be allowed that day.

Where on account of extreme weather it is impossible, in the opinion of BOTH captains involved and/or the Controlling Authority, to start the match on the day appointed a re-arranged date must be agreed by the Clubs concerned and played within 3 weeks of the original date. If a match is postponed and an alternative date cannot be agreed between the teams then the HOME team shall offer 3 dates, being different days of the week excluding League days to the opposing team.

If the opposing team cannot accept, it shall not be regarded as a "conceded" game but the Home team shall receive 6 points and 10 shots, except when a match is postponed on the last day of the League 6 days including Saturday and Sunday shall be allowed. If, at the end of the season, the match is again rained off then each team shall receive 3 points and five shots.

The Home team is responsible for notifying the League Secretary of the rearranged date by phone/email.

When a match is **postponed** owing to weather conditions any number of replacements/changes to the rinks may be made. NO player having played in a team on the day of the original match may play in a re-arranged match in any other section. Any team violating the rule shall forfeit the match and be deducted 6 points and 10 shots, their opponents receiving 6 points and 10 shots.

Abandoned matches

When a match is **abandoned** owing to weather conditions both teams concerned shall play the sides selected, (so far as this is practicable) from the original match. If anyone of the original players in a rink is not available one substitute will be allowed per rink. Players, however, should not be transferred from one rink to another. The substitute should play in any other position other than Skip, and the other members of the rink can rearrange their positions as necessary.

Conceded matches

A team conceding a match will not receive any points or shots and the opponents will receive 6 points and 10 shots. Any team conceding 2 matches in a season will be withdrawn immediately from the League. All games played will be null and void. Teams may re-apply to join the League or waiting list the following season.

12. Two Teams

Should there be at any time TWO teams from one club in the same division such teams may not play each other in the last four matches of the season.

13. New Entrants

Any new Club or team accepted for admission to the League shall commence in the lowest Division.

14. Scoring

Each winning rink on either side will receive 2 points. The overall winning side will receive 2 points., maximum 6 points available.

To resolve a League position in the event of a draw either on a rink or overall, the points will be shared equally. In the event of a tie in the number of points won, shots will be taken into consideration. The winning team to be that with the greater shot difference. (difference between for and against THROUGHOUT THE SEASON). In the event of an absolute tie the number of games won will decide the League position. All shots on all 18 ends must count. There will not be any reduction on the first two ends.

15. Association Championships

The Competitions shall be for Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours, and entrance fees will be set as per rule 4.

16 Singles Championships

The entrant for this will be the Club's house Champion from the previous season. If this player is not available then the runner up can be entered but the unavailable Champion cannot play in any other Championship teams.

17. Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships.

The runner up in the singles (or if not available), then any person of the Club's choice to have the privilege to nominate a partner from her Club for the Pairs. The selection of the players for the TRIPLES and FOURS is at the choice of the individual Club.

18. Substitutions

The players taking part in the first game (Pairs, Triples and Fours) shall constitute the original team and they should normally play together throughout the Competition. One player may be substituted in any discipline (except Singles), provided that they have not already played in the Championships and that they are a Full Member of the Club requiring the substitution. They may play in any position except Skip.

Any player withdrawing from a team MAY NOT play in any other team or return to the original team.

19 Play Arrangements

Singles	Game to be 21 shots, with four bowls for each player
Pairs	Game to be 21 ends with four bowls for each player
Triples	Game to be 18 ends with three bowls for each player
Fours	Game to be 21 ends with two bowls for each player

20 Competitions

Lilian Lynex Two wood singles, 21 ends. Played on a set date with the Final played at B&DWBA Championships (time/weather permitting).

Officers Cup open to Club Captains, Secretaries and Committee members of B&DWBA. Players to arrange the early rounds to semi-final stage.

Trodd Trophy 4 wood "Open Pairs" 21 ends Played on a set date to a conclusion (weather permitting).

For all of these Competitions any player absent 15 minutes after the start time shall forfeit the game to their opponents.

21 Dress Code

For League and Championships regulation white/coloured trousers, regulation white/coloured cropped trousers, tailored white/coloured shorts or regulation white/coloured skirts must be worn. NO LEGGINGS, JEGGINGS, JEANS OR CUT OFFS.

For friendlies the dress code is still WHITE trousers/cropped trousers, tailored white shorts/skirt.

ANY PLAYER not conforming to this rule will be disqualified.

League Matches and B&DWBA competitions

Club may wear coloured shirts that have been registered with Bowls Hampshire or Bowls Dorset. ALL players in a team MUST wear either their coloured shirts or ALL players shall wear white.

Headwear must be white.

Regulation shoes to be worn.

Friendly matches

White clothing only is permitted above the waist. Tops to have a collar and Association cravat to be worn.

22 B&DWBA Badge

Qualifications to be 3 games – 1 game only to count in one year irrespective of the number of games played. Officers qualify for badge on election. Badge to be worn on cravat. New loyalty Friendship Badge to be awarded after 12 games played since 2015.

"A" First		"B" First	
A(3)	B(2)	A(3)	B(2)
Lead			Lead
	Lead	Lead	
Two		Two	
Lead			Lead
	Lead	Lead	
Two		Two	
Lead			Lead
	Lead	Lead	
Two		Two	
Skip			Skip
	Skip	Skip	
Skip			Skip
	Skip	Skip	
Skip			Skip
	Skip	Skip	
No Deduction in Score Penalty is 9 bowls against 6			

NOTES

** For leagues with only eight teams may not move people after week 11.