

The Gwynedd Seniors Crown Green Bowling Association

Constitution and Playing Rules (Updated 14th November 2024)

Affiliated Clubs:

Bangor – Beaumaris – Benllech – Bethesda – Caernarfon - Conwy – Craig y Don – Criccieth – Dwygyfylchi – Gorse Hill Legion– Holyhead – Llandudno – Llanfair P.G. – Llanfairfechan - Llanrwst – Menai Bridge – Penmaenmawr - Peibio.

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 six representatives from the affiliated Clubs. A quorum for any meeting (bar the Annual General Meeting), will be six, with a minimum of three being 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 and 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, the 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 November of 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 Annual General Meeting. There will be a League Pre-Season Meeting in March each year. The Management Committee will meet as required during the year.

5 – The Annual General Meeting: - Representation.

The President of the League is an honorary position and is not subject to election. The Annual General Meeting will elect a **Chairman – Vice Chairman – Secretary – Fixture Secretary –**

Treasurer, Gwynedd Vets Inter County Team Coordinator being elected or reaffirmed by nomination from its Clubs, when appropriate. The seven officers together with the six representatives from the Clubs elected at the Annual General Meeting, 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 Annual General Meeting. 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 Annual General Meeting. Nominations, to fill vacancies in the 6 (six) representatives, can be nominated and seconded from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

6 – Proposals – Notice of Motions and Record of Meetings

Any Proposals or Notice of Motions as recommendations by the Management Committee or by the individual Clubs (duly seconded) for the inclusion in the Agenda, must be forwarded to the Secretary, in writing, at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting or through an Extraordinary General Meeting and will only be accepted from Clubs (not from individual members of Clubs). Proposals or amendments to the Notice of Motions, listed at meeting, will be accepted and voted on, only if a seconder from the floor is received.

At the Annual General Meeting, 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 payments and receipts for the past year, duly audited. The Secretary will keep a true record of business transacted at all the meetings of the League.

7 – Extraordinary General Meetings:

An Extraordinary General Meeting 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 Extraordinary General Meeting 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 Annual General Meeting or by calling An Extraordinary General Meeting. Each proposal will require the support and seconding of any Notice of Motion, by a separate Club (In the case of an Extraordinary General Meeting the quorum requirement is 6 Clubs). Any proposal will be discussed and a vote taken. Any changes to existing Rules will be decided on a show of hands or if requested, based on one vote per each affiliated Club – Team. If the vote is tied, then the Chairman will have the casting vote. Following voting, those amendments, which are carried, will be incorporated into the Revised Rules and Constitution and take immediate effect.

9 – Resignations:

Resignations of Clubs – Teams playing in the League 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 accepted.

10 -Subscriptions:

The level of the annual subscriptions will be decided at the Annual General Meeting and **must be paid in full prior to the last day in May of the season.** The Treasurer will propose the level of the subscription as part of his report at the Annual General Meeting.

The subscription for the 2023 season being £35.00 per team.

11 – Club Registrations:

All Clubs must be registered with the Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association and have paid their annual membership – affiliation fee by the required date.

12 – Registered Players.

Registered players must be bona fide members of their Club and have attained their 55th Birthday on or before the time of registration. As the selection of the teams for the Welsh Inter County Veterans Competition matches, must be from players who are 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 on one list. There will **be no restrictions** on players playing for their Clubs A – B – C - D teams whether they are in the same or different divisions, during the season, **except for the last 2 fixtures of the season**, when no free movement will be allowed. Please note that the data base places registered players in 1 – 2 or 4 lists as appropriate, headed T1 – T2 – T3 – T4 as appropriate, with the number of games they have played for each team shown. Teams who have a player on the Result Sheet as NOT LISTED (NOT REGISTERED) will have the game result changed to WALKOVER and will have one point deducted from their final team score

13 – Postponement of Games:

Games can only be cancelled in the event of inclement weather, bereavement, or if the game is effected by the playing of the Colwyn Bay Bowling Festival. No other reason is allowed. In the event of inclement weather, the home team captain will have the final decision whether the match is to be played or not. Re-arrangement will be the responsibility of the home team, with **all** cancelled matches having to be re-played within 14 (fourteen) days of the postponement. Any team failing to fulfil a fixture within this period, will be fined £20.00. If the home and away captains cannot agree a suitable date to play the match within the 14 day period, the Fixture Secretary must be informed and he and the Chairman, will stipulate a date the match must be played on. If one of the teams fails to turn up on that date to play the fixture then that team will forfeit the points and aggregate.

If a team cannot field a full team of 8(players) on the date of the Fixture, they must fulfil the fixture, with the number of players they have available to play.

In extenuating circumstances any teams whose green s 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 8(eight) players and matches' both in Division 1 and Division 2, will consist of 1 Doubles Match (**which must be played in the first round of matches played**) and 6 (six) Singles Matches. Each captain will nominate two of their players to play in the doubles match, but the singles matches will be drawn by the two captains. **The cards are not to be numbered, it is a random draw.** If one of the teams is a player short, **one** of the doubles players may play a singles match against the opposing team, **but for no more than two matches per season.** The player doubling up will retain the game aggregate for both himself and the team. If a team turns up with 6 (six) players, the other doubles player, can if he / she so wishes, play another singles match, **but his / her score will not count, either for himself / herself, or the team.** That match will show in the results, as a 21/0 win on the scoresheet for the other team and as a 21/10 aggregate win, for the player who was drawn against an absent player. Similarly if a team turns up with less than 6 (six) players, those un-played games will go down as 21/0 wins for the team and 21/10 wins for the player(s) who are drawn up against an absent or absent player(s).

14.1 – Teams:

As of 2023 a new team rule will be applicable. This will be that if a team turns up to play with 7(seven) players, they will be allowed to nominate a player to play twice in the Doubles and Singles matches. That persons winning – losing score will count both for the team and the individual player in the aggregates tables. However the results computer will then **deduct 1 (one) point from the final team score.** So for example if a team wins 9/0, the computer will automatically adjust the score to 8/0.

15 – League Matches:

The League will consist of Two Divisions. Matches will be played on Tuesday mornings and afternoons and will start at 2.00pm or if a Club has a C team – 10.30am, 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 4 (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 matches (Doubles and 2 Singles), 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. If such an event occurs, it will result in the game being awarded 21/0 for the team and for individual averages, the score will count 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 time of the game.

20 – Representation:

The League Management Committee will appoint 2 (two) representatives 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, two points for the highest overall team aggregate and one point each, if the overall aggregate is equal. However, as per **Item 14 - Teams, 1 (ONE) point will be deducted from teams winning – losing score if they turn up for the match a player short.** The results system will automatically deduct 1 (one) point from the teams winning or losing final points score. The match result, must be logged by the home team, using the team code, into the League database system, using **Bowls Results (<https://bowlsresults.co.uk>) – North Wales – Gwynedd Seniors** site.

22 – Inter League Matters:

The League will appoint a Team Manager and two Selectors, to be responsible for the selection and management of its representative teams / Venues to play their Inter League matches against Wrexham – Deeside and Glyndwr. The three Clubs chosen to host the three home matches, will be paid £40, by the Treasurer to cover the Light Refreshments provided for both the Home and Away Teams. The Team Manager will report to the League Management Committee on all matters connected with the selection and team performance and make a report at the Annual General Meeting.

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 Annual General Meeting. 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 awards, individuals and teams will receive keepsake award at the Annual General Meeting. Details of the awards are set out as follows. Separate award for both A and B teams – players.

Division 1 and 2 Team Winners

Division 1 and 2 Singles Aggregates Winners

Division 1 and 2 – Pairs Aggregates Winners.

24 – Gwynedd Veterans Team Knockout Cup – Fee - Playing Rules.

At the Pre-Season Meeting of the Gwynedd Veterans Bowling Association held on the 7th March 2023, it was unanimously agreed by all Affiliated Clubs present, to run a Gwynedd Veterans Knockout Cup Competition from the 2023 season onwards. The fee and rules for the said competition were set and unanimously agreed by all Affiliated Clubs present. These were:

The fee per Club entry would be £15.00

All entry fees would be given out as Prizemoney, as determined by the Management Committee.

All rounds will comprise of 8 (eight) singles matches

Entry into the competition would be restricted to Clubs playing within the Gwynedd geographical area. It is not mandatory for a Club to enter the Cup competition, if they did not wish to do so.

All players playing in the Cup Competition must have attained the age of 60 or over, when they play.

All rounds up to the Semi – Finals will be played on a Four Home – Four Away basis.

The match winner will be determined by the team with the best combined overall aggregate score. If tied, then by the team with the highest number of individual wins. Then if still tied, the team with the best home or away winner.

The Semi – Finals and Final will be played on a suitable afternoon, within the normal League Season.

The choice of green will be determined by the Management Committee or, if requested, by any potential sponsor.

All results must be entered on the Bowls Results website as soon as possible after the playing of matches.

If a sponsor is attained, then the trophy will be given the sponsors name and listed on all Social Media sites and posters issued.

The Management reserve the right to nominate the Gwynedd Veterans Cup Winners to represent the association, in the WCGBA Veterans Team Finals Day, in place of the Gwynedd Veterans Division 1 League Winners, if that team is not allowed to play in the competition, due to British - Welsh CGBA regulations.

Management Committee as of the 12th November 2024.

President – Mr Mike Ormond

Chairman – Mr Reg Chapman

Vice Chair – Vacant

Secretary – Mr David Mathias

Fixture Secretary – Mr Mike Ormond

Treasurer – Mrs Ann Banks.

Club Delegates – Mr Dave Walsh – Mrs Christine Price – Mr David Goode – Mr Gwynfor Parry – Mr David Edwards – Mr Terry Smith.

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