

Lancaster Bowling League Constitution Rules 2023

- C. The league shall be called the 'Lancaster Bowling League' and shall be affiliated to the North Lancashire and Fylde County Bowling Association, as should all member clubs.
- C1. Applications for membership of the League will be considered from any team able to play its matches on Tuesday and, where necessary, Thursday evenings. Such applications to be received, at the very latest, one week before the Annual General Meeting. Each division of the league, whenever possible, should consist of ten teams. If the number of teams in the league is not divisible by ten, then the construction of the lower divisions shall be decided at the AGM, taking into consideration recommendations from the Match Secretary.
- C2. Any Crown Green Bowling Club who have, or wish to have, a team playing in the Lancaster Bowling League must provide equal toilet facilities for both male and female bowlers at the venue of their team's home matches.
- C3. The League shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of:-the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Match Secretary, Competitions Secretary and any voluntary committee member(s) and a Management Committee consisting of the above plus one representative from each division. The Executive shall consider and adjudicate upon all routine matters falling within the League Rules and the Management Committee shall be convened to deal with any matters considered to be outside the remit of the Executive Committee. The quorum of each committee shall be 66%.
- C4. The annual league subscriptions per team, (including fixture books), shall be decided at the AGM, upon advice from the Treasurer and/or Auditor/(s).
- C5. The League Accounts shall be closed on 31st October, each year, for the preparation of the Balance Sheet. A copy of which, together with an agenda shall be sent to each club at least four weeks before the Annual General Meeting. All teams must pay any outstanding accounts, owing by them to the League, by the 30th April; defaulting teams to be dealt with by the Executive Committee.
- C6. Proposed amendments/additions to the Constitution or League Rules to be submitted, by letter, signed by Proposer & Seconder and sent as an attachment to an email or failing that by post. This to be received by the League Secretary on or before 30th November. All such proposals shall first be considered by the Executive Committee, who shall make such recommendations as deemed advisable. To be accepted, proposals must be approved by a majority of those entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
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- C7. An Annual General Meeting to be held during the fourth week in January at a venue, previously decided by the Executive Committee, to receive the Annual Reports and Balance Sheet and to elect the Officers for the forthcoming year. This meeting will confirm, amend or reject proposed amendments of, or additions to, the Constitution or

League Rules; accept or reject applications for membership of the League and accept resignations of members from the League. Also to decide if there should be a change to League, Trophy and Handbook fees and to agree upon the construction of the League for the forthcoming season. Each team shall be allowed one vote at the AGM. The voting shall be by card only and tellers shall be appointed. All clubs wishing to continue their membership of the league must attend the League AGM. A letter of apology for absence may be accepted provided that all relevant papers are attached. Any club not attending the League AGM and not having sent a letter of apology together with the required papers will be deemed to have withdrawn from the League.

The Officers of the League shall be entitled to vote, Ex Officio, except that the Chairman shall only vote in the event of an equality of votes being cast on any question. All newly elected Officers take Office immediately upon election and have ex officio voting rights; in order that the voting strength of team delegates shall not be diminished by the appointment of team members to League Office, such delegates' votes may be exercised by proxy for the remainder of the meeting.

C8. At least one (1) member from any team receiving Prize Money should attend the Presentation Evening, no matter which league is organising it.

C9. The League Secretary must call a Special General Meeting or a meeting of the Management Committee, at any time, on receipt of an official written & signed request from not less than five, (5), Member Clubs or by instruction from the AGM. The full powers of an AGM shall be extended to any such meeting.

C10. Any matter arising for which the aforesaid rules do not provide shall be dealt with by the Management Committee whose decision shall be accepted as final by all parties.

C11. The League will not tolerate abuse directed towards the League and/or its officials. Such incidents will be investigated by the Executive Committee, who will decide if disciplinary action is required.