

Ulverston & District Bowling League

Rules

1.
 - a. That the association be called or style the ULVERSTON & DISTRICT BOWLING LEAGUE (U & D.B.L.) and shall be comprised of those clubs from Ulverston & District who subscribe to the Association an Annual Subscription.
 - b. All member clubs must be affiliated to Cumbria Crown Green Bowling Association (C.C.G.B.A.)
 - c. All playing members must be registered with the British Crown Green Bowling Association (B.C.G.B.A.)
 - d. All games played within the Association shall be governed by these rules and played under the 'Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls' as per current BCGBA handbook.
2.
 - a. The Association shall be governed by a League Delegate Committee, consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary and 1 representative of each club member. (This Committee shall hereafter referred to as the committee.)
 - b. No person other than those stated in Rule 2a unless invited or requested to attend by the Committee shall be present at a League Delegate meeting.
 - c. League Delegate meetings shall be called when deemed necessary by the General Secretary who shall give not less than 7 days notice to the Committee of such a meeting being called.
 - d. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture Secretary shall be ex officio.
 - e. Each of the member clubs shall have 1 vote on each motion at a League Delegate meeting. Should a vote result in a tie, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. The Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture Secretary shall not be allowed a vote on any motion at such a meeting.
 - f. The Committee shall have the power to impose a levy, including expulsion from the Association on any club or person, whether player or official who shall be guilty of non-compliance with any rule or instructions issued by it.
 - g. Any club not represented at a League Delegate Meeting, an Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may have a levy imposed upon it. Any club that, because of other Association commitments, cannot be represented at such meetings may, with the approval of the committee, be exempt from any levy.
3. An Emergency Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer and Fixture Secretary, or any 3 of these people, shall be empowered to deal with any matter of a sudden, urgent and important nature.
4. An Extra-Ordinary Annual Meeting (E.G.M.) must be called by the General Secretary, within 10 days of receiving a petition duly signed by the Chairman and Secretary of 3 clubs. Such petition shall state clearly the object of the requested E.G.M. No business other than that stated in the petition may be discussed at such a meeting. Four representative shall be permitted to attend such a meeting, but each club shall only be allowed 3 votes.

5.

- a. The A.G.M. of the Association shall be held in November at a venue and on such a date, to be decided by the Committee.
- b. The A.G.M. shall be called by the General Secretary who shall give not less than 14 days notice of same to each club, officials and other persons connected with the Association.
- c. All members of the Clubs currently in membership of the Association shall be eligible to attend the A.G.M. but each club shall only be allowed 3 votes on each motion.
- d. The Clubs and Teams forming the Association in the forthcoming season shall be confirmed at the A.G.M.
- e. At the A.G.M. the following shall be elected each year: Vice-Chairman, Fixture Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, President and Vice-President (s). The Chairman and Secretary shall be elected for a 2 year term in office and shall retire on a rotation basis.
- f. All subscriptions, fees, fines and other impositions recommended by The Committee for the coming season shall be confirmed at the A.G.M.
- g. The accounts of the Association for the past year, which shall have been audited prior to the A.G.M., shall be presented at the A.G.M.

6.

- a. Any Club wishing to join, or enter another team in the Association shall make an application in writing to the General Secretary, who will place it before the Committee for approval or otherwise. Each application must be accompanied by the appropriate guarantee deposit that will be returned at the end of the first season, provided the new club/team fulfils their obligation to the Association. Should the application be unsuccessful the deposit will be refunded immediately.
- b. Any Club wishing to withdraw a team/teams from the Association in the forthcoming season, must notify the General Secretary in writing, during the year and not less than 28 days prior to the A.G.M. Failure to do so may render the Club liable to annual subscription for the coming year and any other dues incurred on its behalf.
- c. Any Club or Team withdrawing from the Association for 1 or more years and wishing to re-join shall be deemed to be a new Club/team and must apply for election to the Association as per Rule 6 a)

7.

- a. No player shall be allowed to take part in any match until his registration has been received by the General Secretary. Each player must register on an official schedule of the Association and must pay a registration fee. The players name, address and BCGBA registration number must be stated on this schedule (along with other requested information where available). The schedule must be in the hands of the General Secretary not less than 24 hours prior to the start of the League Fixtures.
- b. Any player signing for a Club after the League Fixtures have commenced must be registered as per Rule 7 a) on the official schedule, which must be in the hands of the General Secretary for not less than 24 hours prior to that player playing in a match.
- c. A player may only be transferred from one Club to another if :- (1) both Clubs agree to the transfer and (2) such transfer is sanctioned by the Committee before June 30th. Any player so transferred will not carry any results to his new Club.

- d. The Secretary of the any Club who receives an application for transfer must, within 3 days of receipt of application, forward same to General Secretary who will place same before the Committee for consideration.
- e. Any player signing for more than one Club in the Association in any one year shall be suspended from all matches for the whole of that year.
- f. Any Club guilty of playing an unregistered, or otherwise ineligible player, will be liable to severe imposition by the Committee.
- g. All Clubs shall display in a prominent position a full list of registered players along with an up to date record of that season's wins and aggregate scores, for perusal by visiting teams.
- h. Each Club must provide suitable measuring equipment to determine the outcome of contested ends. 'Approved Measures' as per BCGBA Handbook.

8.

- a. The Association league fixture programme shall start no earlier than the last Wednesday in March and shall be progressive until the last scheduled fixture which shall be not later than the first week in September.
- b. All matches shall start at 6.00pm throughout the season, unless both teams agree otherwise.
- c. Each Team shall consist of 10 players and the team sheet numbered 1 to 10 opposite the players name. For the first match of the season competing teams shall be drawn together by an official in charge of the team sheet.
- d. For all League matches, after the first one of the season, and for all K.O. Cup matches, players shall play in merit order, with players with the most wins at the top and remaining players to follow in order of wins. In the event of 2 players having the same number of wins then the player with higher aggregate shall play in the higher position. If still tied then players should be listed in alphabetical order.
- e. Clubs failing to provide a 10 player team may be liable to a fine and/or other imposition by the Committee for each absentee throughout the season.
- f. In all matches visiting teams shall be allowed 15 minutes practice immediately before the scheduled start of the match.
- g. All games shall be played with the winning score at 21.
- h. The visiting players shall lead the 'jack' to start all games.
- i. No more than 4 'jacks' shall be allowed on the green during each match, unless both Captains agree to more.
- j. Match points shall be as follows:- each winning player shall score one point. Teams shall score 3 points for an away win, 2 points for a home win, 2 points for an away draw and 1 point for a home draw.
- k. Qualifiers for League Play-offs will be the top two players from each team, such players having recorded the highest number of wins. Where players have the same number of wins, the highest aggregate will apply. If qualifiers are unable to play, team substitutes will be allowed, provided they have attained a top four position.
- l. In the event of teams tying at the end of the season with equal points, the promotion, relegation and championship will be decided by most wins. If 2 or more teams tie then drawn matches will be taken into account. Should the situation still be undecided then the team with the highest aggregate score (chalks for divided by chalks against) shall be deemed to be the highest placed team.

- m. Promotion and Relegation will be on the basis of '2 up and 2 down" involving the top 2 teams from a lower division and the 2 bottom teams from a higher division. Should the occasion demand, the Committee shall decide the action to be taken.

9.

- a. The visiting captain shall have preference regarding the order in which the games are played, with the exception of the first 2 games which shall be selected by the home captain.
- b. If a captain names his vice-captain on the team sheet this indicates that he wishes him to be on the green at a different time to himself. Captains with choice of games should oblige whenever possible.
- c. A player when called on to play (if present) must, within 5 minutes commence. Failing to do so, his name shall be removed from the team sheet and his place be taken by a reserve player.
- d. Any player failing to report by the deadline, which shall be 90 minutes after the scheduled start of the game, shall have his name removed from the team sheet and his place taken by that of a reserve.
- e. In the event of any player or reserve failing to report. The player against whom he is drawn shall be awarded the game 21-0 and also have the game point. The player so awarded a game shall not have the result entered into his aggregate score, but the absentee's end of season score will include the 21-0 score against him.
- f. No player shall play for more than 1 of his clubs teams in corresponding numbered fixtures.
- g. Any game in which an ineligible player has taken part shall be awarded to his opponent 21-0 along with the game point. The player so awarded a game shall not have the result entered into his aggregate score.
- h. Any player playing for a club with more than 1 team in the same division must play according to his points and/or aggregate score regardless of which team he plays for. In the event of a club having teams in different divisions, a player from a higher division must play as top man, in the first game only, for a team in a lower division, and afterwards according to his points and/or aggregate score.
- i. The first 2 games of a player coming down from a higher division will count towards his aggregate score in the lower division, the league championship and merit prizes. No player from a lower division can carry wins for that division into a higher division.
- j. The Captain of each team shall ensure the result of each match is received by the Fixture Secretary within 24 hours of the match finishing. Failure to do so may result in a levy being imposed on the offending club(s). The Fixture Secretary will arrange for the results to be published in the Press.
- k. The Secretary of each Club shall ensure the Fixture Secretary receives, within 24 hours of the completion of the league fixtures, the names and scores, for and against, of the players to represent their Club in the League Play-off matches.

10.

- a. In the event of any match being postponed for any just cause, the match must be re-arranged within 7 days and played within 28 days. The 'home' Captain must inform the league of the new date.
- b. No individual games can be played either before or after a match. In the case of a postponement the whole match must be played, or if a match has commenced, the remainder must be played as a whole.

- c. No match is to be cancelled prior to the scheduled starting time of the match unless the green keeper has closed the green.
 - d. If a Club fielding more than 1 team, on any one match night, has cause to postpone a match due to lack of players then the team(s) placed highest in the division or position must play it's/their match(s) with the lower team(s) having their game postponed. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a fine or other imposition on the offending Club.
 - e. Players disagreeing during a match must immediately notify the team Captains of the dispute. In the case of an unsettled dispute during a match, advice must be sought by the Secretary of each Club informing, in writing within 3 days of the dispute arising, the General Secretary who will place the dispute before the Committee, whose decision shall be binding.
 - f. All players and non-playing Captains shall adhere strictly to the rules of the game during the period of the match.
 - g. All players shall pay a match fee for each league game played. The money accrued shall be added to the funds of the Association. The Secretary of each Club shall be held responsible for the collection of such fees and the forwarding of same to the Treasurer of the Association on demand.
11. All subscriptions, fees and other dues from each Club shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Association on demand and, in any case, not later than 7 days before the completion of the league fixture programme. Clubs who fail to meet this deadline will be liable to a heavy fine which, if still unpaid at the time of the A.G.M. will cause the Club(s) to be struck from membership of the Association. The Secretary of each Club will be held responsible for all money due to the Association.
 12. Any player reported by his Club as having failed to meet his obligations shall be debarred from taking part in Association activities unless the circumstances are such to cause the Committee to agree to the re-instatement of the player concerned. The season's defaulting players must be reported to the Committee at/or before the October meeting of the League Delegates.
 13. Referees shall be appointed, through the Referee's Society, for the K.O. Cup Final and the League Play-Offs. The decision of the said Referee shall be binding in all matters under their jurisdiction.
 14. The Committee, or should the situation demand, the Emergency Committee, shall have the power to decide anything not provided for in these Rules.
 15. No alteration to domestic rules (or playing rules unless approved by the BCGBA) shall be valid unless made at the AGM of the Association for that purpose. The Secretary must advise each Club representative not less than 7 days to such a meeting of any motion to alter same.
 16. Any future rule changes regarding the structure of the Association would require a two thirds majority of votes cast at an A.G.M. of the Association.
 17. Winners of trophies shall give a signed guarantee by 2 bona fide Club Officials to replace any loss or damage which may have occurred to such trophy whilst in their possession and safe keeping.
 18.
 - a. Any Club or individual shall have the right of appeal against any decision of the League and nothing shall affect this right.
 - b. Such appeal must be made in writing, and 2 copies sent to the Secretary within 10 days of the appellant accompanied by a deposit of £20. On receipt of the appeal, the Secretary must arrange a Board of Appeal. For this purpose, Cumbria Crown Green Bowling association shall be the appeal body.

- c. The Board of Appeal shall consist of not less than 3 members, who shall have no connection in an official capacity with the parties involved.
- d. All parties will be informed of the day, date and time the appeal will be held.
- e. The Board of Appeal shall have the power to vary the imposed penalties, should they feel they are unreasonable or unjust.
- f. No appeal shall be entertained, unless the Board of Appeal is satisfied the decision of the League is contrary to the Rules of the League.
- g. The party winning the decision of the Committee, shall be reimbursed reasonable expenses actually incurred. In the case of an appellant being successful, the £20 deposit shall be returned.
- h. The decision of the Board of Appeal shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.

Fees/Fines

1. Application by Club or Team to join the League	£10.00
2. Team subscription to League each year	£25.00
3. Player Annual Registration Fee	£1.00
4. Players green fee per game	£0.40
5. K.O. Cup Entry Fee per Team	£10.00
6. Protest deposit per occasion	£10.00
7. Cost of League Handbook. First 15 free, extra charged at £1 each	
8. Failure to field 10 players (per absentee)	£1.00
9. Non attendance of an A.G.M. or E.G.M.	£10.00
10. Non attendance of a delegate meeting	
a. £3 first absence, £5 second, all others £10	
11. Failure to settle season's accounts on time	£20.00

Changes to Rules

2022 Season – Rules 8c and 8e changed to 10 players (was 12 and Rule 8e stated man). Fees/Fines
Rule 8 amended to 10 players