



East Hertfordshire Bowling Association

Affiliated To Bowls England

CONSTITUTION 2024

- 1 The name of the Association shall be the East Hertfordshire Bowling Association
- 2 The object of the Association shall be:
 - a) To adopt and enforce the laws of the game as laid down by the World Bowls Board and the rules of Bowls England.
 - b) To hold such competitions as may from time to time decided.
 - c) To hold Inter-Association matches and arrange such tours as maybe decided by the members of the Association.
 - d) To provide a safe environment in which children and vulnerable can enjoy taking part in a game of bowls. The Association seeks to underpin this joint child protection policy as procedure of the National Governing Bodies.
 - f) The Association adopts and agrees with the guidelines approved by Bowls England regards to male and female transgender persons and non – binary competing in the sport of outdoor flat green bowls. And follow all procedures set out in Regulation 9, 9A & 9B.
- 3 Membership shall be open to such clubs as the Council may decide to invite or accept. Only male members of the Affiliated clubs may take part in the affairs of the Association.
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 - a) The affairs of the Association shall be managed by a council consisting of: President, Vice President, Past President for the preceding year, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Competition Secretary, Hon Fixture Secretary, Communications, and one delegate appointed by each affiliated club.

Each club is allowed **ONE VOTE ONLY**. Delegates from six clubs to form a quorum.
The Names of all club delegates shall be sent to the Hon Secretary of the Association before the **14th January each year**.
 - b) The President, Vice President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Fixture Secretary, Hon Competition Secretary, Communication, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All officers shall be eligible for re-election, Nominations to be sent to the Hom Secretary by no later than **30th November each year**. Nominations will only be accepted from the Hon Secretary of the Affiliated Bowls Club/ Section with a letter of confirmation from the Governing Bodies if appropriate.
 - c) The council shall have full power to fill any vacancy amongst its officers during the year, and also have power to appoint sub – committees, the members of which may or may not be members of the council but must be members of an affiliated club.
 - d) The Hon Secretary shall give seven days' notice of all council meetings.
 - e) The Association shall have the power to elect Hon Life members of the Association for special services rendered to the game. Such life members shall have the right to attend all meetings but have **NO VOTE** except as a club delegate.
- 5 The Annual Affiliation Fee shall be paid not later than **1st March** of each year. Any club failing to pay the fee by **1st May** shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership until the whole of the arrears have been discharged. The fee may vary from time to time as the council may decide.
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 - a) An Executive Committee shall be elected from the council and shall consist of: The President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Hon Fixture Secretary, Communication, Hon Competition Secretary, and four delegates.
 - b) The Executive Committee shall deal with the affairs of the Association except those considered to be questions of principle and policy. It shall also select teams from nominations received for Association matches.
 - c) The Hon secretary shall have the right to summon an Executive meeting whenever in his opinion circumstances require it.

- 7** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of January each year fourteen days Notice of it and all General Meetings shall be given to all member clubs. If the Council shall determine Sufficient cause has been shown, a special General Meeting must be summoned on the requisition of a Member club to consider the business or grievance set forth in the requisition. The requisition must clearly state the nature of the matter at issue and be signed for and behalf of the appealing club by the officer bearing of the club. The notice calling such Special General Meeting shall State the purpose for which it has been summoned, and no other business shall be transacted at that Meeting.
- 8** It shall be competent to the Council or Special General Meeting to suspend or determine the membership of any club, but such club shall have the right to appeal to the Council against any adverse decision. Provided the appeal be signed by its officer Bearers and lodged with the Hon Secretary of the Association within Twenty- one days of the Council General Meeting decision. Such appeal shall state the grounds on which it is made.
- 9** Any member of an affiliated club call attend and speak at the Annual General Meeting and Special General Meeting but shall have **NO VOTE**.
- 10** The Hon Secretary shall keep a record of all business transacted at all meetings, and shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a report of the proceedings of the Association since the previous Annual General Meeting.
- 11** The Hon Treasurer shall prepare and submit to the Annual General Meeting a Financial Statement to the 31st December each year, Independently Examined and signed by a competent person or persons who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Copies of Statement of Accounts shall be sent to all affiliated clubs fourteen days before such meetings.
- 12** A Copy of the Constitution shall be sent to the Hon Secretary of each affiliated club.
- 13** The alteration of or addition to all or part of the foregoing Rules, shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose. Twenty- one days written notice Of the terms of such proposed alterations or additions which shall also be stated in the notice of business for such a meeting, shall be given to the Hon Secretary.
- 14** Any point arising not provided for in these rules, shall be referred to the Council whose decision shall be final.
- 15** **Dissolution**
- a) The affairs of the Association can only be wound up at an Annual General Meeting or an additional General Meeting called in accordance with rule 7 of the Association's rules.
 - b) In the event of the Association being wound up, in accordance with rule 15(a), then any remaining assets of the Association after discharge of the debts and liabilities shall be equally divided to the funds of the current Associated clubs.
 - c) The decisions about the transfer of assets will be taken at a General Meeting of the Association.

AMENDMENTS

31st January 2024

Remove: Hon Assistant Secretary from rule 4 (a) & (b) – rule 6 (a)

Add Rule: 2 (f) Transgender policy as adopted by Bowls England
Bowls England Regulation 9 Disciplinary & Misconduct