



British Crown Green Bowling Association

Subject : Rules Revision Meeting

Date and Time : Saturday 21 January 2017 at 10.00 am

Location : Winnington Park Recreation Club, Park Road, Winnington,
Northwich CW8 4EB

A G E N D A

1. Welcome by the President
2. Chairman's Remarks
3. Apologies
4. Minutes of the Previous Rules Revision Meeting - 16 January 2016
(as circulated)
5. Matters Arising
6. Notices of Motion (unless specifically indicated, any changes to
Rules and Bye Laws passed at this meeting will take effect in 2017)

***Please note that on this occasion lunch will NOT be provided**

BYE LAWS

1. Bye Law 3b~1~ Page 34

1~ Delete 5~ and 6~ and insert a new 5~ to read 'The Chairman of Trustees' and a new Bye Law 3a~ 2~7~ to read 'Applications for Honorary Life Membership must be made in writing to the Chief Executive Officer.'

Proposed by Warwickshire & Worcestershire Counties Bowling Association

Supporting information:

The existing Management Committee provides for a membership of 50 (11 Officers, the Chairman, 16 County representatives, 1 Parks Association representative, 1 Ladies Association representative, 17 active Past Presidents and 3 active Honorary Life Members). Management Committee attendees are paid travelling expenses. Catering is funded by the BCGBA.

The potential attendance of so many (50) at Management Committee meetings cannot in itself generate rapid, effective decision making - rather it mitigates against this happening. A reduction in numbers of those who attend BCGBA Management Committee Meetings was put forward by Mike Tordoff in the Governance Paper 2 years ago. The proposal, with others, was well reasoned yet failed to be properly debated at the BCGBA Rules Revision AGM. This proposal recommends a move to a more focused approach to the work that falls to the Management Committee to respond to. It was one only of many sound recommendations to secure change to the BCGBA Management structure. No-one's ability or intellect was challenged rather the make-up of the Management Committee was clearly demonstrated to be excessive.

This proposal seeks to redefine the make-up of the Management Committee by removing the posts of Past Presidents and Life Members from the Constitution of the Committee and adding to strengthen the skills base by the post of Chairman of Trustees.

There is no doubt that considerable experience and knowledge is held by Past Presidents and Life Members yet if removed from membership of the Committee they could contribute as County representatives if they were so nominated by their County. Their experience and knowledge would not be lost. County representatives would be seen to be best qualified to work in a highly focused Committee environment.

The Governance Paper challenged strongly the 'maintenance of the status quo climate' and advocated change, an improvement in management approach and a strong ownership of decisions made by a smaller group of practitioners. This proposal seeks to continue the debate.

The AGM is invited to approve changes in the membership of the Management Committee set against the background of an opportunity lost 2 years ago.

2. Bye Law 5(e)~ Page 38

On line 1 delete 'monthly' and replace with 'quarterly'.

On line 2 delete 'no later than seven days after the end of each calendar month' and replace with 'by the due date'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mrs P Crowther

3. New Bye Law

'Each player will pay an Annual Playing Fee of 50p per player per Club.'

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr G Underhill

4. Bye Law 5(f)~ Page 38

On line 2 delete 'Financial Officer' and replace with 'National Registrar' and insert a full stop after 'July' and delete 'accompanied by the £15.00 fee'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mrs P Crowther

5. Bye Law 5(f)~ Page 38

On line 2 insert a new sentence after 'July.' to read 'The Club Fee shall be sent to the BCGBA Financial Officer by 31 July.'

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mrs P Crowther

Additional information:

In the event of Notice of Motion No.3 being carried, the words 'Club Fee' will need to be replaced by Players Annual Playing Fee'.

6. Bye Law 5(f)~ Page 38

Last paragraph to be numbered 5(f) (i)

On line 1 of last paragraph delete 'Bye Law 5(e)' and replace with 'Bye Law 5(f)'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mrs P Crowther

7. Bye Law 5(g)~ Page 38

On line 3 delete '£15.00' and replace with '£20.00' (to increase by a further £5.00 in 2018)

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr G Underhill

8. Bye Law 9a~ Page 42

On line 2 delete '£7.00' and replace with '£15.00'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr G Underhill

9. Bye Law 17~ Page 49

Delete the first sentence and replace with 'The Management Committee shall have the power to alter any Bye Law, Laws of the Game, County Championship Competition Rules or Individual Merit Competition Rules under good housekeeping but not rescind or amend any Bye Law or Rule without the consent of at least two-thirds of those voting at a General Meeting.'

Proposed by Greater Manchester County Crown Green Bowling Association

10. Bye Law 20~ Page 50

Delete the existing Bye Law and replace with:

'On misconduct being proved to the satisfaction of the Management Committee they shall have the power to

- Caution
- Reprimand
- Suspend
- Fine
- Expel

any Association, League, Club, Officer, Official, Player, Spectator or Affiliated Organisation, who shall infringe any Rule or Bye Law, or whose conduct shall, in their opinion, render him/her or them unfit for membership.

The Management Committee shall decide whether a Player, Club or Affiliated Organisation shall be dealt with first by being summoned to appear before the Management Committee to explain his/her or their conduct, and given opportunity to advance his/her or their defence unless in the opinion of an emergency Management Committee such matters are serious enough to warrant immediate action.

In the case of misconduct meriting National Suspension or expulsion, at least two-thirds of the Management Committee then present must vote in support for suspension or expulsion. Anyone so summoned to appear before the Management Committee shall be entitled to receive notice of at least seven days, in writing by Recorded Delivery or E-mail from the Association Secretary, giving particulars of the breaches of conduct being the subject of complaint.

Where a Player and/or spectator is found guilty of infringement of any rule or Bye Law, the BCGBA Management Committee would endorse the following interpretation of the term 'suspension'.

For the period determined appropriate by the Management Committee such player or spectator shall be suspended.

Such person MUST NOT

- Play or Represent any Member Club/League/Associations/Associate Members
- Play or Represent any Affiliated Member Club/League/Associations/Associate Members
- Play or Officiate in any BCGBA Competitions, Championship or Individual Merit Competitions

For the duration of the suspension the person, club, league or Associations MUST NOT

1. Participate, take part, engage, join, get involved, play a part, play role, be a participant, partake, contribute, take part in any event or activity
2. Be an active member of any Club, Affiliated Club or Affiliated League or Associate Members within BCGBA
3. Be permitted to attend, organise or manage any event where crown green bowling takes place.

The Management Committee when deciding the suspension may consider elements of the suspension as listed, but not limited to the above, when deciding the suspension.

Should any Individual, Member Club/League/Associations/Associate Members fail to manage compliance of the suspensions at their venues they shall be considered guilty of misconduct.

The management committee shall keep a record and notify all membership of the decisions where National Suspensions are imposed.'

Proposed by Warwickshire & Worcestershire Counties Bowling Association

Supporting information:

The terminology used by BCGBA 'Global Ban' 'National Ban' 'Participating' and 'Suspension' has been subject to individual interpretation likely to cause further infringement.

This paper seeks to clarify and offer terms where misconduct is proven.

11. Bye Law 25~ 2(a) Page 51

On line 2 after 'trousers' delete 'grey or'.

Proposed by Potteries & District County Bowling Association

Supporting information:

With so many different shades of grey being worn at all County Matches and other events, we feel that it would be simpler if only black trousers were the recommended dress code.

COMPETITION RULES

Senior County Championship

12. Rule 1~ Page 66

On line 1 delete the word 'male'.

Proposed by Staffordshire County Bowling Association

Supporting information:

The reason for this is because we have a very strong lady player who doesn't wish to play in the ladies team and the men's manager wants to include her in his squad. Also, it is felt that we should move with the times in terms of 'equality' with no segregation.

13. Rule 1~ Page 66

On line 4 after 'Association.' insert a new sentence to read 'Any match must be played on grass and not an artificial surface.'

Proposed by South Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information:

All the County wants to do is stop County Matches being played on artificial surfaces.

14. Rule 7~ Page 68

On line 2 delete 'paid an agreed match fee, together with travelling expenses' and replace with 'paid agreed match expenses'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr D Williams

15. Rule 7~ Page 68

On line 4 delete the sentence beginning 'The Home County shall' and replace with 'The Home County shall appoint two Assistant Referees to assist the Referee.'

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr D Williams

16. New Rule 13~ Page 69

'County Away Team Players will not be allowed to play at a venue where he is a member of the Host Club.'

Proposed by Cheshire County Bowling Association

Supplementary County Championship

17. Rule 1~ Page 108

On line 5 after 'Sections' delete the remainder of the sentence.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr B Jennings

18. Rule 8~ Page 109

On line 1 after 'Senior' insert 'and Junior' and delete 'Championship' and replace with 'Championships'

On line 4 delete 'Isle of Man' and replace with 'Third in Section 4'.

Delete the last paragraph commencing 'The draw for'

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mrs P Crowther

Senior and Junior Individual Merit

19. Rule 10~ Page 122

Delete the existing rule and replace with 'Referees appointed for the BCGBA Individual Merit final days shall be allowed match expenses, and BCGBA shall be responsible for payment.'

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr D Williams

Junior County Championship

20. Rule 1~ Page 131

On line 1 after '24 players' insert 'in Division 1'

On line 2 after '12 away,' insert 'and 20 players in Divisions 2 and 3, 10 playing at home and 10 playing away,'

Delete the existing Rule 3 on page 132 and replace with a new rule 3 to read

‘The Counties shall be divided into 3 divisions and shall play the other Counties in their division one match (home and away) and be awarded two points for a win and one point for a draw. The fixtures shall be determined by a draw made at the Management Committee’s discretion to conform with an agreed formula.

The County finishing top of Division 1 shall receive the Jim Grant Memorial Trophy and the second placed county the Eddie Elson Cup. The Counties finishing top of Divisions 2 and 3 will be promoted to Divisions 1 and 2 respectively and the Counties finishing bottom of Divisions 1 and 2 will be relegated to Divisions 2 and 3 respectively. In the case of a tie for a position in the group the higher placed County shall be determined by the best average according to the number of points scored for, over those scored against.’

Proposed by North Midlands Bowling Association

Additional information:

Under this new proposal the Supplementary Competition and semi-finals and final would be discarded.

Supporting information:

We realise this is a big change for people to get their heads round but we feel it is for the good of the game and will ensure that we get closer games for everyone to enjoy. All junior team sport that we know, including football, rugby, cricket, hockey and netball involves putting teams in leagues of ability. We do this within our county leagues.

Let’s get this system in for junior county bowls.

21. Rule 1~ Page 131

On line 6 after ‘year.’ insert a new sentence to read ‘Any match must be played on grass and not an artificial surface.’

Proposed by South Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information:

All the County wants to do is stop County Matches being played on artificial surfaces.

22. Rule 3~ Page 132

On line 17 delete ‘the’ and replace with ‘a’.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr P Ashmore

Supporting information:

In the event of a team dropping out of the junior county championship and leaving an additional group of 3 teams, this will allow the matches to be played in a similar format to Group 4.

23. Rule 6~ Page 133

On line 2 delete ‘paid an agreed match fee, together with travelling expenses’ and replace with ‘paid agreed match expenses’.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr D Williams

24. Rule 6~ Page 133

On line 3 delete the sentence beginning ‘The Home County shall’ and replace with ‘The Home County shall appoint two Assistant Referees to assist the Referee.’

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr D Williams

Veterans County Championship

25. Rule 8~ Page 160

Add a new sentence to read ‘All matches must be played and completed. Failure to do so will result in the offending county, or counties being fined by the Management Committee.’

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr M Potter

26. New Rule 10~ Page 162

‘Any match must be played on grass and not an artificial surface.’

Proposed by South Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information:

All the County wants to do is stop County Matches being played on artificial surfaces.

Centenary Mixed Pairs

27. Rule 7~ Page 181

Delete the existing rule and replace with ‘The Management Committee will decide the venue.’

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