

LINCOLNSHIRE EBF BOWLING ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND RULES.

1. The Association shall be called the Lincolnshire Bowling Association with its Headquarters in Lincoln

2. This Association shall be open to all Bowling Clubs in Lincolnshire.

3. The objects of the Association shall be to bring more closely together all the Bowling Clubs in Lincolnshire, to encourage the game and to encourage all clubs and Associations to hold friendly and competitive bowls competitions

4. Applications by Clubs for admission to the Association shall be made to the Honorary Secretary who shall submit the same to the Committee of the Association. Each application must be accompanied by the entrance fee. Applications are subject to green inspection.

5. Annual subscription shall be payable with competition entries on or before 1st September and shall be £12 + E.B.F. levy fixed by the E.B.F.

Clubs failing to pay within the time stated shall forfeit all rights of membership until all such subscriptions are paid.

6. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in Lincoln on the Second Saturday in October.

Each affiliated club shall be entitled to send four representatives to all General Meetings of the Association, but only one representative shall be allowed to vote. A quorum shall be formed when 15% of the Clubs are represented. Any six clubs may send a requisition to the Honorary Secretary to call a Special General Meeting of the Association. Such notice must state the nature of the business to be brought forward and if the committee consider it sufficient importance, they shall instruct the Honorary Secretary to call a meeting.

7a. At each Annual Meeting the Association shall elect from its members the following officers: a) President. b) Deputy President. c) Junior Deputy President. d) Chairman. e) Honorary Secretary. f) Treasurer. g) Publicity Officer. H) Competition Secretary. I) Match Secretary.

The President, Deputy President, Junior Deputy President, Immediate Past President, Chairman and Honorary Secretary shall be ex-officio of all Committees.

The Junior Deputy President will be elected annually and then automatically succeed to the office of Deputy President the following year and to the office of President 12 months later.

The 'step up' procedure to take effect immediately in the event of either the office of President or Deputy President becoming vacant during the year for any reason, If the office of Junior Deputy President or any other office becomes vacant during the year, the management Committee shall have the power to co-opt to fill the vacancy or vacancies.

b) For the purposes of the Committee representation the County shall be divided into 4 Sections, North: Grimsby/Louth/Scunthorpe, West: Lincoln/Sleaford/Grantham, East: Skegness/Horncastle/Boston Town, East: Spalding and villages to the south of Boston.

From each district one representative shall be elected for each ten clubs in membership in the district concerned. However, each section shall have at least two delegates. Two Auditors will be elected of which one shall not be an Officer of the Association.

Life membership of the Association may be bestowed on the Recommendation of the Management Committee to affiliated members in recognition of loyal service to the Association. They shall be permitted to attend Management Committee meetings and have full voting rights. Only past Presidents who were committee members before becoming President may remain on the Committee.

8. The selection of teams to represent the County shall be by a Selection Committee – such Committee to consist of the County President and County Honorary Secretary, County Chairman (non-voting), and the Captains and Vice Captains of the teams being selected.

9. The names of players for selection to the County Adams Trophy and Newton Trophy teams shall be nominated by the various Sectional Committees and forwarded to the County Secretary.

10. The Management Committee shall meet immediately after the Annual General Meeting to make arrangements for the next year. Meetings will be held in January, March, June, September, November. The Secretary will also call meetings when the need arises.

11. All nominations for officers must be in writing, signed by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Club making the nomination and to be sent to the Secretary by August 1st. Nomination papers will be sent to all Club Secretaries 28 days before the Annual General Meeting. When the nominations for these officers are in excess of the number of places to be filled, voting shall be by ballot.

12. The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of all business transacted at General and Committee meetings. At each Annual General Meeting he shall submit a Report of the years' work and the Treasurer shall present an account of the year's receipts and expenditure duly audited. The financial year will end on 30th July annually. Copies of the agenda and accounts shall be sent to each club in the Association at least 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting

13. The names and number of matches played by all county representatives shall be published in the following year's official yearbook.

14. Players and Team Captains representing the County shall be awarded a County Badge

after seven qualifying matches, i.e., Adams, Newton, Reg Wright, Derbyshire, Eversley, Nationals, Marquis of Bristol Trophy and Patrons Trophy

County Champions and Team Members representing the County at National Finals shall be entitled to a County Badge

Flashes will also be awarded after Four appearances in the appropriate trophy matches.

Players representing the County for each 100 appearances shall be awarded a 100 etc Tie. This also applies to Team Captains.

Friendly matches do not count as qualifying matches.

The Management Committee shall have the power to award a County Badge to affiliated members who, in their opinion, have made a useful contribution to the sport of bowls for the Association.

15. No alteration of or additions to the Constitution and Rules of the Association shall be made except at the General Meeting and 21 days' notice shall be given in writing to the Secretary setting forth such proposed alteration or addition, which shall be stated in the notice of business to be sent to each club at least 14 days before the meeting.