

Sheffield & Hallamshire Crown Green Bowling Association

Bye Laws

- 1 The name of the association shall be **THE SHEFFIELD & HALLAMSHIRE CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION.**
- 2 All bona-fide bowling clubs in the city of Sheffield and within a radius of twenty miles of the said city shall be eligible to become members of the Association, the Executive Council of the Association reserving the right to refuse any application and determine the meaning of the words “radius of twenty miles”.
- 3 The objects of the Association shall be to encourage the pursuit of the game of bowls in the city of Sheffield and district, to promote and control competitions for that purpose and establish a sporting and social understanding between the clubs of the district.
- 4 The officers of the Association shall be elected annually and consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary and League Secretary/Registrar, In addition the Association shall appoint two Auditors. All Officers of the Association must be bona-fide members of an affiliated club. An Executive council consisting of one representative from each club, for the time being a member of the Association shall be constituted. The Association may in General Meeting elect Life Members.
- 5 The Executive Council shall appoint an Emergency Committee consisting of six members of the Council together with the President and Officers to deal efficiently with any business arising between Council meetings. The Council shall also have power to elect any bona-fide member of an Affiliated Club where necessary. Meetings of the Council shall be held on an agreed date of each month, or as many as necessary. A fine of £2 shall be levied for non-representation.
- 6 At the annual General Meeting only Officers of the Association, including Life Members, one delegate from each club in membership shall be eligible to deal with any business and to vote upon same, in the event of the votes being equal the proposition shall be lost.
- 7 The President shall take the chair at all meetings, in the event of his absence the Vice President shall take the chair.
- 8 A minute of any meeting shall not be rescinded unless 7 days notice to do so has been given and then only if agreed by a two-thirds majority.
- 9 general Meetings of the Association may be called at the discretion of the Executive Council, or by the requisition from not less than six clubs affiliated to the Association, but at least one General Meeting shall be held in each year and the Secretary shall give 14 days notice of any Ordinary General or Extra-Ordinary General Meeting to the Secretary of each club being a member of the Association.
- 10 The Affiliation fee shall be as agreed from time to time at the Annual General Meeting, which is payable on admission to the Association and shall be due at the Annual General Meeting, clubs will be held responsible by the Association and such fees shall be paid on or before the 31st August in any

year. Fines for non payment shall be £2 if not paid by August 31st, £5 if not paid by October 31st and £10 if not paid by 31st December. Any club not cleared by the Association by 31st December shall apply for re-election to the Association.

- 11 The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Monday in the month of February each year, or as near to that date as may in the opinion of the Executive Council be most convenient.
- 12 the accounts of the Association shall be audited by two auditors and a printed copy of the report and balance sheet shall be sent to each club in membership together with a notice of the Annual General Meeting.
- 13 No Bye-Law of the Association or rule of any competition shall be altered, rescinded or added to without the consent of at least two thirds of the present and eligible clubs to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- 14 Notice of any amendment or alteration, either of the Bye-Laws of this Association or the of any competition, together with the names of the proposer of every such amendment or alteration shall be given in writing to the secretary before the date of the Agenda Meeting.
- 15 All games shall be played under the laws of the British Crown Green Bowling Association.
- 16 Any club raising an objection shall do so within three clear days after the day of the match, Sunday shall not be counted as a day and the objection to be made in writing to the Association Secretary along with the sum of £5, Which sum shall be forfeited should the Council or Committee consider the objection groundless or frivolous.
- 17 Each club shall be in possession of a copy of the Bye-Laws and Association Competition Rules and be bound thereby, in case of wilful infringement of any such Bye-Laws, Rules or Laws of the Game by any club, such club may be liable to fine or expulsion from the Association.
- 18 All players will be registered as played by the Registrar, no player shall play in the last two fixtures for a club unless previously registered by that club. Before a player can play in the semi-final or final of the Telegraph, Ledingham or Bingham Competitions they must have played in one League match, or in a previous round of that Competition prior to the Semi-final.
- 19 A player may play for two affiliated clubs provided one is Tuesday League and the other is Saturday League, except as provided for in Rule Bye-Law 20 or by special registration to be decided by the Council. The penalty for breach of this Bye-Law will be suspension, fine or both as determined by the Council or Committee.
- 20 After giving seven days notice to the Secretary of the club affected, a bona-fide member of any club may under exceptional circumstances have his registration cancelled, application to be made to the Association Secretary who will place the same before the Council. The latest day for application will be the last day in June.
- 21 No member of any club affiliated to the Association shall play in Association matches unless financially sound with his club.
- 22 No member of any club not financially sound with the said club shall be allowed to play for any other club affiliated to the Association.

- 23 All money belonging to the Association shall be banked in that name.
- 24 All significant accounts shall be paid by cheque and the signatures of at least two of the following names to sign, President, Secretary and Treasurer. A receipt must be obtained for all accounts paid in cash.
- 25 The Secretary and Competition Secretary shall be granted working balances.
- 26 The financial year of the Association shall end on December 31st.
- 27 The Association shall have printed every year, a fixture card with the Bye-Laws and Competition Rules at the lowest cost. Each club in membership of the Association shall purchase at least ten.
- 28 Any matter not provided for in these Bye-Laws shall be dealt with by the Council or the Executive Committee.
- 29 Male and Female players shall be permitted to take part in all competitions promoted by the Association.
- 30 All member clubs will make their greens available for any Association matches.
- 31 All competition fees to be sent direct to the Treasurer.
- 32 Clubs are to ensure that all team Knock-out Trophies and all Merit Trophies held by club members are available for presentation at finals. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10 being incurred.
- 33 All clubs who have finished first or second in a league, have won or been runners-up in an Association Knock-out competition must purchase at least one ticket for the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation, failure to comply will result in any prize money being withheld.
- 34 All players who play in Association matches shall pay a £2.00 registration fee.
- 35 All teams playing in the Ledingham, Bingham or Telegraph knock out competitions, must pay green fees to the host club, the green fee to be the price set by the Sheffield Recreation Department for team matches.
- 36 That all secretaries write to the Association notifying them of any player barred from their club, as they would if a player was not financially sound with their club.