

# **Sheffield & Hallamshire Crown Green Bowling Association**

## **Merit Rules**

- 1 Merits are open to all players who are bona-fide members of clubs affiliated to the Association, With the exception of the Junior Merit. The entry fee shall be decided by the Executive Council.
- 2 Prizes to be determined according to entry.
- 3 A sufficient number of greens will be selected for the preliminary rounds and all players' names shall be drawn from one 'hat'. Should players from one club be drawn together in the first round to be played, the last drawn to be put back into the 'hat'. Should any player be drawn on his own green, his name will be put back until he is drawn on a neutral green. No practice shall be allowed on the green selected for seven days before play is scheduled to take place, other than play in scheduled league and cup competitions.
- 4 If a player is a member of more than one club, he must name them on his clubs entry form, or he may be disqualified.
- 5 The Association shall appoint a referee, two measurers and any other officials they consider necessary for the final game.
- 6 Players not on the green at scratching time will be deemed to have scratched from the competition irrespective of whether play is possible or not. When a postponement is necessary those players present at scratching time and the representatives of the clubs whose green they are to play must agree on a new date which must be acceptable to the club and to a majority of the players concerned. This procedure is to be repeated should a second or subsequent postponement be necessary.
- 7 All games shall be played under the Laws of the 'British Crown Green Bowling Association.
- 8 All merit fees to be sent to the Association Treasurer.
- 9 The length of cast in the Junior Merit shall be a maximum of 36 metres.
- 10 Players in the Junior Merit must be male and under 16 on the date of the Junior Merit Final.
- 11 In the Doubles Merit, substitution of one player only in a pair is permitted in the first round. Substituted players must go forward if successful. The player who becomes the substitute must not figured in the draw with a different partner.