

# **BARKSTON ASH AMATEUR BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

## **RULES – AUGUST 1996 (REVISED JANUARY 2011)**

1. The title of the Association shall be the Barkston Ash Amateur Bowling Association
2. The primary object of the Association shall be to further the game of bowls
3. An **Executive** consisting of a President, Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Treasurer and one representative from each club in membership, shall govern the Association. **The Executive Committee** consisting of the President, Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Treasurer shall have decision-making powers but will be answerable to the Executive. Life members are entitled to attend meetings, but have no vote, except at the Annual Meeting. In the event of a tie in voting, the President, or any person acting on their behalf, shall have a casting vote.
4. The President, Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
5. A meeting will be held annually in January/ February being the combined Annual General Meeting and Rules Meeting. Each club in membership shall be entitled to send 2 representatives in addition to the delegate, all being entitled to vote at the meeting. Meetings of the Executive will be arranged as required and shall be known as Delegates' Meetings. Any club failing to be represented at any Delegates meeting shall be fined the sum of £5.00 for each offence, unless the Secretary has previously received apologies for absence.
6. The Finances of the Association shall be vested in the Executive and the accounts shall be audited and submitted to the Annual General Meeting.
7. Notice of any proposed amendment or alteration to the rules shall be given, in writing to the Secretary, by 30<sup>th</sup> September. The Secretary shall send notice thereof to all clubs in the Association, within 14 days of that date. No rules shall be altered, rescinded, or added to, without a majority vote of the members present.
8. Each Club shall be bound by the Rules of the Association and all games shall be played in accordance with the rules and conditions of the British Crown Green Bowling Association. Willful infringement of these rules, by any club or member, shall be dealt with in such a manner as the Executive think fit.
9. The Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting at any time on receiving a requisition, signed by the Secretaries of not less than 5 clubs in membership, stating the business to be submitted to the Meeting.
10. Any clubs desiring to join the Association may do so on being dully proposed and seconded by two clubs already in membership and approved by the Association. Any team desirous of withdrawing from the Association shall give at least 21 days notice to the Secretary before the Annual General Meeting.

11. An Annual Registration Fee in respect of each team, is payable when invoiced. Invoices will only be issued at the discretion of the Executive and Committee.
12. A copy of the current rules must be available, and on display, at all Inter-Club Matches, and Merit competitions, to be consulted should any dispute arise. Failure to do so may result in a £5 fine.
13. For Presentation Night, every club must purchase a minimum of two tickets, the cost of which will be added to the usual invoice towards the end of the season.  
Any Individual, or club, failing to attend on Presentation Night to collect their trophies will forfeit any prize money that may be due.
14. All fees or fines can be waived at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
15. Any correspondence, be it comment or complaint, from club (or individual member) to the Executive (or any member of the Executive Committee) must be **only via Club Secretary to Association Secretary**. Any correspondence other than by this route will not be considered. This excludes queries regarding re-arranged or postponed matches, which only the Fixtures Secretary can deal with.

#### **Rules governing the INTERCLUB and MERIT Competitions**

- LM1. The Constitution of the Leagues and details of play shall be determined at the AGM/Rules Meeting, when entries have been ascertained.
- LM2. All matches shall be played on dates agreed by the Secretaries of the clubs in membership. The fixture list shall be completed by the end of March in each year and confirmed by the Executive.
- LM3. On Saturdays, play shall commence not later than 2:00pm evening matches not later than 6:30pm. All matches shall be played on the day and date so designated, unless the green is deemed unfit for play, or if either team is involved in the Yorkshire Cup competitions. In the event of a postponement, the home team captain must inform the Fixtures Secretary within 48 hours. Teams who have players playing for other clubs in the Yorkshire Cup, shall not rearrange matches to accommodate them. Any re-arranged match should be played within 21 days, but if within the first week there is no mutually agreed date set, the home team captain must inform the Fixtures Secretary, who will then have power to either extend the 21 day period to allow a mutually agreed time, or set a date when both teams are available. Failure to play will result in a "no points" award to the offending Club or to both.
- LM4. The competing teams in the interclub competition shall consist of 10 players. Every player must be a registered member of the club they represent. No person shall be allowed to take part in Interclub matches or Merit competitions unless he/she is an amateur and a bona-fide member of a club in membership, and is registered with the Fixtures Secretary at least 7 days prior to playing.
- LM5. No Player shall be allowed to bowl for more than one club in any one year except with the permission of the Executive Committee. Transfers will be considered in some circumstances, but only if both the clubs involved, are in agreement. Should transfer be approved, seven days must elapse between registering and playing for the new club.
- LM6. The captains of competing clubs shall decide any questions of play and all matters of dispute, but must agree upon a third person to act to referee, whose decision shall be final.

- LM7. Only the aggregate points scored by a team shall be recorded in all inter-club matches.
- LM8. A club having two teams in the Association shall, before the season commences, submit the names of its 10 players, 6 of whom will be starred by the Executive and be eligible for 'A' team matches only. Similar principles apply to clubs having three or more teams in membership. A request to change the starring of players will be considered by the **Executive Committee** only up to the half-way point of the season.
- LM9. The order of play shall be exactly as drawn, and not at a captain's discretion. This excludes late arrivals and early leavers by gentleman's agreement between both captains.
- LM10. Any player due to play in an inter-club match, must be present no later than one hour after the scheduled time for commencement of play \*eg. no later than 3pm. For an afternoon match and 7.30pm for an evening match). At this time, a substitute must be provided, otherwise his/her opponent will claim the game 21-0 and 'Absent' must be recorded on the results sheet against the missing player's name.
- LM11. No member of a visiting team may practice on the opponents' green for 7 days to playing in a Match, or Match Competition, which is under the control of the Association. However, if a player plays in a match fixed by the Executive or a recognised Bowling Association, such play shall not be regarded as practice. On match days, two ends practice only, is allowed to visiting players.
- LM12. In Merit competitions, neutral greens shall be considered neutral to the club the player represents, and not to the individual.
- LM13. Visiting teams in the league competition shall be given lead of Jack. In merit competitions, players must toss for lead of Jack. Standard Jacks, as defined by BCDGA must be used in all competitions.
- LM14. After each inter-club match, the home club shall be responsible for sending the result sheet, fully completed and signed by both captains, to the **Fixtures Secretary** by first class post. Should a result sheet not be received within 4 days, a fine of £5 may be imposed at the Fixtures Secretary discretion.
- LM15. The league shall consist of 2 or more divisions (currently 4). Normally promotion and relegation is on the basis of 'two up and two down' but the Executive Committee is empowered to increase or decrease the number promoted or relegated should it be expedient to do so. Any new team joining the Associating will start in the bottom division.
- LM16. Should two or more teams have the same number of aggregate points at the end of the season, the team with the greatest points difference ('points for' minus 'points against') will be declared the winner.
- LM17. No Player is allowed to play in two teams in the League on the same day, including re-arranged dates.

- LM18. Any player, must have played in a minimum of 4 of his/her completed club matches in the Barkston Ash League in that season, before being eligible to play in the Merit Competitions. The same restriction applies to the eligibility of players in the semi-final and final of the team cup competition. In a doubles merit, the partners shall be from the same registered club.
- LM19. A Selection Committee, as decided by the Executive Committee, will select the players or club teams for Inter-League matches.
- LM20 The Dress Code (as per YCCGBA Rule 33) should be observed generally in all matches but will be strictly observed in finals (both team cup-ties and individual merits)

**Rules Governing the BARKSTON ASH and JACK COOK TROPHY Competitions**

- C1. The competing teams shall consist of 10 players, every player being a registered member of the club they represent.
- C2. Regarding starred players, the same principles apply as in league matches (see Rule LM8)
- C3. When a club enters more than one team, a player may move **up** to a senior team but **not down** from one **in which they have played**.
- C4. No player is allowed to play in two teams on the same day, including re-arranged dates.
- C5. All Teams from all divisions will enter the qualifying round of the Knockout Competitions. Winners proceed to the BARKSTON ASH TROPHY. Losers will enter the JACK COOK TROPHY
- C6. In both competitions, all matches will be played on neutral greens (i.e. neutral to the clubs.) The greens will be drawn at random from all greens made available by the delegates at the meeting.
- C7. Lead of the Jack shall be determined on the toss of a coin between captains, the winner electing to have Jack on either even or odd numbered games.
- C8. Handicapping will apply as follows :-
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| Division 1 Teams | Scratch |
| Division 2 Teams | +15     |
| Division 3 Teams | +30     |
| Division 4 Teams | +45     |
- C9. Singles Play. Winners determined on total aggregate (including any relevant handicap).
- C10 In the event of a tie, a previously nominated player from each team will play each other to decide the winner (15 up). If teams are from different divisions, the player from the lower division team will receive one point start for each division separating the teams. Leader of Jack decided by toss of coin.

**Currently the Singles and Pairs Merits are each played independently on one day, and played down to the winner.**

**The Preliminary rounds of the Barkston Ash and the Jack Cook Competitions are played on Saturdays, later rounds on Friday evenings and the finals on Sundays.**

**Two Saturdays are left vacant for Yorkshire Cup Matches.**

- X1 The Executive is the sole interpreter of these rules. Should any question or dispute arise in connection with these rules, the Executive shall decide. That decision shall be final, and there shall be no further appeal either at law or otherwise.
- X2 Any matter not provided for in the foregoing rules shall be dealt with as the Executive consider appropriate. The decision shall be final, including any matter which does, or is likely to bring the Association, any member club, or any registered player, into dispute.

#### **Conditions Governing the Lord Lascelles Challenge Trophy**

Lord Lascelles states:-

‘Should the Barkston Ash Amateur Bowling Association cease to exist, the trophy shall be returned to me or my Executors, to be disposed of as may be thought desirable.’

The Lascelles Trophy is awarded to the winners of Division 1 and the Pedley Trophy to the winners of Division 2.

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A Hedley  
(Hon Secretary)