

NORTH EAST LEEDS VETERANS BOWLING ASSOCIATION

ASSOCIATION RULES (Amended 2011)

1. The title shall be "**NORTH EAST LEEDS VETERANS BOWLING ASSOCIATION**" herein referred to as this association.
2. The object of the Association is to promote the game of bowls amongst Ladies and Gentlemen, 60 years of age and over, who are members of Bowls Clubs in the Leeds District.
3. The Association will comprise of a League with one or more Divisions.
4. The Association will be governed by an Executive consisting of a President, Vice president, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary and four Committee Members, all to be elected at the annual General Meeting for a fixed term not exceeding 3 years.
5. Nomination for office must be made in writing to the Secretary before 15th September each year.
6. Every person nominated must be a member of a club in membership with this Association.
7. The finances of this Association shall be vested in the Executive; the Treasurer shall keep the accounts, Audited and submitted to the Annual General Meeting in October / November.
8. Two meetings shall be held annually, the general Meeting in October / November and a delegate Meeting in March. The Agenda of the Annual General Meeting to include the Presentation of the Trophies, and consider the Rules of this Association.
9. The league Fees shall be determined at the annual General Meeting and paid to the secretary / Treasurer at the march Meeting.
10. Each Club or Team in membership must send two Delegates to each league meeting. These Delegates shall be entitled to one vote each; also elected members of the Executive shall be allowed one vote each. Any Club or Team failing to send Delegates to either of these two meetings shall at the discretion of Executive, be liable to a fine of £1.00.
11. No Rule shall be altered, rescinded or added, without the consent of the majority of Delegates present at the Annual General meeting or the Delegates Meeting.
12. Notice of amendments or additions to these Rules and League and Cup Rules, must be sent in writing to the League Secretary before the 15th September each year. The Secretary must notify all Clubs or Teams of such amendments at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
13. Every Club or Team shall be bound by the Rules of this Association. Any contravention of these Rules by a club or Team, the Executive therefore shall deal with any member.
14. Any matter not provided for in the foregoing rules, shall be dealt with by the Executive and their decision shall be binding.

LEAGUE RULES 2011

1. All Games played in Association shall be under the Rules issued by the British Crown Green Bowling Association.
2. League Matches to start at 1.30 pm on Thursdays: Eight (8) players shall constitute a team, any selected player not being on the Green by 2.30 pm that place must be taken by a reserve or forfeit 21 points in which case the match to be marked "21 absent" any team not fielding a full team shall be fined £1.00 for each player.
3. In League Matches the team with highest aggregate points shall be deemed the winner. At the end of the season, the team with the highest total aggregate will be the division champions.
4. If two or more teams tie with equal aggregate points on completion of the season fixtures, the team with the lowest Aggregate points against shall be adjudged the Division Champions.
5. Matches postponed due to unforeseen circumstances are to be arranged mutually by the clubs concerned as soon as possible, failing this the executive must fix a date.
6. Last Fixture Date published on the fixture Card will be regarded as the final date for all clubs to complete the league matches.
7. No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team or more than once for the same team on a given fixture date irrespective of when the matches are actually played.
8. Any Team that is unable to fulfil its entire fixtures commitments may forfeit any prize money won in the season and may be fined £25.00. If the Executive Committee deems that the Teams lack of commitment has had a

detrimental effect on the League they may declare the offending teams results null and void. Nothing in the above shall implicate the offending Teams opponents.

9. All Clubs register all Members who are eligible to play in the League at the Delegates meeting held each year in March. The penalty for not complying with this rule will be a fine of £10.00 per Team.
10. With the executive approval a player may transfer from one club to another during the season provided that permission is given by the Clubs concerned. The Secretary must be notified so that transfer may be approved or otherwise by the executive up to the 31st July.
11. Registration of new Members to be allowed until 1st August
12. Any Club entering two (2) teams in the League shall be require to nominate four (4) Starred Players who will not be eligible to play for the Clubs 'B' team. Any starred player contravening this rule shall lose their points to show 0-21.
13. Home Team players may practice on the Green up to ten (10) minutes before the Match is due to commence. ANY PLAYER CONTRAVENING THIS RULE CANNOT PLAY IN THE MATCH.
14. All club captains will have a copy of the British Crown Green Bowling Association Rules in case any question of rule requires decision.
15. Smoking on the Green is not permitted by any Player whilst Bowling in a Match Organised by the NEL Vets BA.

TEAM CUP COMPETITIONS & MERITS

1. The League will run two Cup Competitions, one competition between the First & Second division will play for the (Steve Varley Cup) and one between the Third & Fourth Division the (John Mulkerin Cup).
2. There will be a handicap of ten (10) points between the First & Second Division and ten (10) points handicap between Third & Fourth Division in each competition.
3. Any Player who represents his / her Club in the Steve Varley Cup may only play in the Steve Varley cup for that season. This Rule also applies to players who start in Competition in the John Mulkerin Cup. They also may only play in the John Mulkerin Cup.
4. Cup Matches will start at 1.30pm and prior to the start the Captains will nominate one player who will play an 11 up in case of an aggregate tie.
5. Any Team Player who has played three (3) matches in an 'A' Team cannot play for the 'B' Team in a cup round.
6. The Captain of the winning team is responsible for sending in the completed result sheet to the Fixtures Secretary as soon as possible.
7. All Association members who are members of one than one Club and do not state this when registering with the Association and plays in a Cup match on a green where he / she is a member will lose their points which will be shown as 21-0 against.

When two teams from the same club are drawn together in any Cup Round (Excluding Semi Finals or Finals) the venue will be their own Green.

All Merit and Cup Finals must be played as the Fixtures card

8. All Merit must indicate the Clubs of which they are members on the entry form.
Entrants in the Pairs Merit must both play for the same Club in League Fixtures
9. Any member playing in Merit matches must report in person to checking in point before scratch time and in case of the Pairs Merit both players must report in person.
10. Any entrant for the Pairs merit applying as ANOTHER shall not be accepted.
11. The scratch and start times for both the singles & Pairs Merit will be 12.45pm and 1.00pm respectively.
12. A substitute will be allowed in the Pairs on the Final Day provided the Player has not taken part previously in the competition and that the circumstances requiring substitution was unforeseen.
13. All Pairs & Singles Merit Preliminary's and Finals games will be played to a full 21 points up.
All matches must be completed on the same day.
14. Ron Renton Trophy an award for the player with the most league wins in any division in one season. If more than one player with the same amount of wins the player with the highest Average comes into play to find the winner.