

Chester Over 60's Bowling League Constitution

1. Name and Affiliation

The League shall be called '**The Chester Over 60's Bowling League**' hereinafter referred to as the League.

The League shall be affiliated to the Cheshire County Bowling Association (CCBA) and the British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA).

2. Objectives

The objectives of the League shall be:

2.1. To develop and encourage bowling amongst men and ladies over 60 years of age.

2.2. To provide an efficient organisation of competitive and social bowling for bowling clubs and their members.

3. Membership

Any affiliated bowling club with public liability insurance and located within a five mile radius of Chester Cross.

All clubs shall be bound by the rules and bye laws of the League.

No club that has ceased to be a member of the League shall have any rights or interests in the property and funds of the League.

4. Officers

The officers of the League shall be:

a) Chairman, b) Vice Chairman, c) Secretary and d) Treasurer.

The officers shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

5. Committees

The **Executive Committee** comprises the elected officers and is responsible for ensuring that all rules of the League are implemented and arranging the Season's bowling programme.

The **Management Committee** comprises the Officers and one nominated member representative of each League Club. This committee is responsible for the constitution and rules of the League, the overseeing of these and the organisation of team bowls competitions.

6. Finance

League funds shall be held in a bank account as agreed by the League AGM.

There shall be at least three nominated signatures including the treasurer to the League bank account. Such signatures would normally be Officers of the League.

All cheques and money transactions shall be countersigned by two of the nominated bank account signatories.

The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of League funds as agreed by the Executive Committee.

The accounts shall be audited by the Auditor who shall be appointed at the AGM.

7. Subscriptions and Fees

Each registered league team shall pay an annual registration fee and any match or competition levies annually as agreed at the League AGM.

Clubs must pay all fees direct to the Treasurer before the end of the playing season.

8. Club and Team Registration

It shall be assumed that all teams playing in the most recent season will be included in the next season's League.

Clubs / teams wishing to withdraw from the League should inform the Secretary by the end of February prior to the beginning of the season.

Clubs / teams wishing to join the League should normally apply in writing to the Secretary before the League AGM. The application will be subject to approval by the AGM or the Management Committee.

9. Team and Player Registration

All team players must have BCGBA and CCBA registration numbers and these numbers are in the possession of the Secretary before playing in the League is possible.

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Team players are normally registered with the Secretary not later than the day of the first league match of the current season. Registration of additional/new team players is then possible before August 1st each season but thereafter any application will be considered as exceptional and must have the approval of the Executive Committee.

If a team drops out of the League after commencement of the season, players may be transferred to another team (a maximum of 2 players per team) subject to agreement by the Management Committee.

Players who have played 5 games or less for a team during the first half of the season, shall be eligible to register for a different team in the second half of the season. The Secretary should be informed at least seven days before the start of the second half of the season, after which no such changes will be allowed.

10. **Annual General Meeting**

The League AGM shall normally be held on an afternoon in October each year, the date and venue to be advised by the Secretary at the start of the current season.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least twenty one (21) days before the date of the meeting.

Nominations for Officers and other vacancies to be made, in writing, within seven (7) days of the AGM.

Items of any other business must be forwarded to the Secretary at least seven (7) days before the AGM.

If no nomination for a particular office or vacancy is received, nominations for that office or vacancy at the meeting shall be valid.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- 10.a. Receipt and adoption of annual reports from Chairman and Secretary
- 10.b. Presentation of audited accounts and the appointment of an Auditor
- 10.c. Election of Officers
- 10.d. Agreement of subscriptions for each team for the next playing season and entry fees for individual and doubles league competitions
- 10.e. Proposals for changes to team and competition prize monies
- 10.f. Presentation of trophies and prizes
- 10.g. Proposals for changes in the League Constitution
- 10.h. Proposals for changes in any League rules

11. **Changes to Constitution and League Rules**

Any proposed amendments to the League constitution or Rules of the League shall be notified to the Secretary for consideration at the Annual General Meeting. Proposals should be lodged with the Secretary at least 21 days before the AGM.

12. **Voting at Meetings**

Management Committee

Voting shall be restricted to one delegate per club.

Officers are not entitled to individual votes but the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote to be used in cases where the voting is declared equal.

AGM

Any changes to the Constitution and Match Rules will be by a simple majority restricted to a single card vote for each team represented at the meeting.

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1. Quorum

The quorum for the Management Committee shall be 6 valid voting members.

2. Expulsion and Discipline of Club, Team or Player

In the event of unacceptable behaviour during a game, the person complaining should submit their complaint in writing to the Chair/Secretary of the League. This matter will then be considered by the Executive Committee and appropriate action agreed. The individual in question and their team captain should receive written notification of action to be taken and a copy also sent to the Club Secretary.

The Management Committee may expel any Club, Team or Player whose conduct shall, in its judgement, be inconsistent with the objectives of the League, but before such power shall be exercised, seven days notice shall be given to the Club, Team or Player concerned and an opportunity afforded of showing cause before the Management Committee why the Club, Team or Player should not be so dealt with.

Any Club, Team or Player suspended, would have the right to appeal to the Executive Committee. Clubs, Teams or Players are to be allowed to carry on playing until such an appeal is being heard. Any appeal must be submitted to the Executive Committee within seven (7) days of the decision being received.

A copy of the appeal must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary.

3. Interpretation of Rules

3.1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to interpret rules if there should be any ambiguity concerning the interpretation of any rule.

3.2. The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.