

**NORTH MIDLANDS LADIES
CROWN GREEN BOWLING LEAGUE
RULES 2022**

1. The name of the League shall be "The North Midlands Ladies' Crown Green Bowling League".
2. The objects of the League shall be to promote, organise and govern ladies crown green bowling.
3. The Officers of the League shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer. These shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
4. The business of the League shall be conducted by the Officers of the League and ONE member from each Club in membership. A quorum shall be formed when five or more members are present.
5. The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the closed season at such time and place as determined by the Management Committee. Only two votes per Club in membership allowed. Notices of Motion for any General Meeting shall be written and notified to the Secretary fourteen days before such meeting takes place. The Secretary shall give at least fourteen days notice of any General Meeting. The Management reserve the right to determine the League formation.
6. No League Rule shall be altered or rescinded unless the requisite notice has been given and a majority of members voting obtained at an Annual General Meeting.
7. All League fees and dues shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. Closing date for payment 31st July. Clubs making late payments will be fined £5.00.
8. All clubs must be represented at monthly meetings. Clubs not represented will be fined £5.00. Fines for consecutive absences to be doubled. Consecutive apologies are not accepted for delegates meetings, non-attendance is to carry a fine.
9. All matches controlled by the League shall be governed by the Laws of Crown Green Bowls as set forth by the British Crown Green Bowling Association. In League matches each club shall be represented by seven players, games to be 21 up singles, home and away matches must be played, one point awarded for each individual games won plus 2 points for home win and 3 points for an away win. In the event of a draw on shots, the home team shall receive one point, the away team two points.
10. All League matches shall be played under the supervision of the Captains of the competing teams whose duty it is to see that the games are played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the Rules of the League.
11. All League matches during April and September to commence at 6.00 pm (1800). All other matches to commence at 6.30 pm unless mutually agreed otherwise by both captains. Visiting teams shall be allowed 15 minutes for practice and exclusive use of the green for this purpose finishing five minutes before the time fixed to start the match. Final time for a player to play a League game to be 60 minutes from the scheduled start.
12. No game shall be cancelled without reasonable excuse, at least two players must be absent before shortage of player is used as a reasonable excuse. Seven days notice of cancellation must be given and the match must be re-arranged and played within 28 days, or forfeited by the team cancelling. No re-arranged games to be played after the last game of the season as per handbook and no more than two postponements will be allowed in any one season. On cancelling a game on the day of the fixture due to rain, the rearrangement time goes from 28 to 42 days but no later than 7 days after the end of the season (the last fixture date – see league schedule). Any team not playing their game within the proposed time i.e. on the day of the fixture or by rearrangement of 28 days or 42 days, the offending team will be deducted one league point per player, the complying team will receive full points and average points will be awarded to walkover rules. In addition, the offending Club will be fined £50.
13. Players may move from one team to another at any time during the season except for the last four scheduled games per handbook but no player shall play more than twice against the same team.
14. That players in the North Midlands Mixed Pairs Competition should be able to decide for themselves who leads and be able to swap places if they wish to.
15. When playing County, League or Competition bowls, a good standard of attire must be maintained, skirts or tailored shorts can be worn just above the knee. Shoulders to be covered. Flat enclosed shoes must be worn. Cycling shorts, short shorts and low cut tops are not acceptable. Anyone not adhering to this Rule will not be allowed to play. In the event of any member playing for a Mixed League, reference must be made to that particular League's dress code.
16. All score sheets to be forwarded to the League Secretary to arrive no later than the Friday following the game. Fines for late score sheets to be £5.00
17. Each Club in membership is required to accept two Annual Prize Presentation tickets non-returnable for each team entered into the League.

18. That any Trophy presented to either an individual or team be the responsibility of that individual or team.
19. Any person bringing the game into disrepute, on or off the green – the Management have the right to withdraw their membership.
20. In North Midlands League Competitions, home bowler to receive a 2 shot penalty.
21. Smoking and mobile phones are prohibited on the bowling green at all times.
22. In the event of any dispute arising during a match, it shall be referred to the two captains and if a settlement cannot be effected in any way, it shall be declared a no end.
23. No jack to be sent after time is called.
24. All cards must be shuffled by opposing captains.
25. No player shall play in more than one team or league on a Monday.
26. In the event of a team withdrawing from the league after League Fixtures have been submitted for publication, the offending team shall be billed for the relevant match fees. Deadline for withdrawal is 31st January.
27. Any team not playing their game within the proposed time i.e. on the day of the fixture or by rearrangement of 28 days or 42 days, the offending team will be deducted one league point per player, the complying team will receive full points and average points will be awarded to walkover rules. In addition, the offending Club will be fined £50.
28. If an exceptional situation arises whereby, after the draw has been made, a player cannot play the game or has to leave, then the name on the card can be changed to that of a reserve, provided that reserve is at the venue prior to the cut off time.
29. The league will not subsidise any competition financially.
30. New players can be entered into teams at any point during the season. If the billing date has passed, this will be notified to the treasurer and invoiced in arrears during the next season whether the player remains in situ or not and the amount will not be pro-rated. All players on the register at 1st June will be billed for and no refunds given. It is the team captains responsibility to ensure their registered players listing is correct.