

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LADIES CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The above Association was formed in September 1979 by the members named below:

Mrs W Edwards	Chairman	Rowditch BC
Mrs W Ashton	Vice-Chairman	Mickleover BC
Mrs M Gardiner	Secretary	Rowditch BC
Mrs J Scrimshaw	Treasurer	Mickleover BC

Clubs forming the league were as follows

Allestree - Mickleover - Pastures Hospital - Rolls Royce – Rowditch

LEAGUE RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1 The Association shall be known as the South Derbyshire Ladies Crown Green Bowling Association and the object of the Association shall be to stimulate interest in the game of Crown Green Bowling.
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 - a. The Annual General Meeting will be held in the last two weeks of November, subject to room availability.
 - b. The Annual Subscription fees shall be decided at the AGM
 - c. Invoices for registration fees will be sent to all Clubs for payment by July 31st
 - d. Clubs shall submit any proposals for alteration of League Rules and Regulations to the League Secretary by 30th August. Notice of proposals and a copy of the audited Statement of Accounts shall be sent to all Clubs 14 days before the AGM. Attendance at the AGM is open to all members. Clubs shall have ONE official delegate with the right to vote.
 - e. Any motion passed at the AGM will stand for a minimum of two years
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 - a. The Officers of the Association shall consist of - Chairlady, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary and three others to form an Executive Committee and these shall be elected at the AGM.
 - b. Non-office holding Committee Members to serve for two years minimum.
 - c. The League shall be regulated by the Executive Committee and their decision shall be final in all disputes. The Executive Committee is empowered to deal with any matter appertaining to League operation not provided for in these Rules and Regulations.
 - d. The Executive Committee shall meet monthly. Any matters from Clubs to be in writing to the League Secretary.
 - e. A Delegate's Meeting will be held on the first Thursday in September. This is for the return of all trophies won the previous year.
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 - a. Application for entry to and withdrawal from the League must be received by the Secretary not later than October 31st prior to the season in which the team will compete.
 - b. Any new team entering the League must start in the lowest division.

- c. The League composition shall comprise of no more than 40 teams.
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- a. Any Club not represented at a Delegates Meeting shall be fined £5.
 - b. A meeting shall be held in February for Player Registration and fixture re-arrangement. No alteration of fixtures shall be allowed during the season for any reason other than the circumstances described in Rules 8 a(i) and 8 a (ii).
 - c. Clubs having more than one team in a division shall arrange that all matches between these teams are played by the end of July. If any such match is delayed the Fixture Secretary must be notified at once. The Executive Committee shall investigate contravention and arrange a date on which the match shall be played.

REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

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- a. Clubs shall register their playing members with the Secretary at a fee to be decided at the AGM. No player shall be registered without her knowledge or consent.
 - b. A player must be registered at least three days before the match in which she plays. No transferring between clubs during the season.
 - c. In the event of a Club playing an ineligible player they will be fined £5 and the game shall be forfeited to the opponents.
 - d. Where a club has more than one team in the same division the club shall, at the time of registration (see Rule 4), nominate which of the teams in that division is deemed the “higher team” and which is deemed the “lower team”. This definition shall be relevant in the application of Rules 6e and 6f whereby the “higher team” shall be interpreted as the team in a higher division and the “lower team” shall be interpreted as the team in the lower division.
 - e. A player in a lower division may assist a team in a higher division, however, if the player plays more than three times, she will be ineligible to revert to playing in the lower division unless she has a zero or minus average for all the games she has played in the season in the higher team.
 - f. If a Club has more than one team entered in the League, players who have attained a plus average after three matches will not be eligible to play for a team in a lower division.

CONDUCT OF MATCHES

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- a. All matches to be played under British Crown Green Bowling Association Rules on the date agreed before the printing of the fixtures. Any re-arrangements shall be governed by the provision of Rule 8.
 - b. Clubs to be responsible for the good conduct of both players and spectators.
 - c. No smoking whilst playing on the green. The use of ‘E-cigarettes’ on the green is also not allowed.
 - d. Teams shall consist of eight players and games shall be singles of 21 up. A minimum of six players per team is required to play a match.

If a team is only able to field 6 or 7 players and unable to borrow from another team one player can play twice. This player to be selected at random from a minimum of 4 players by the opposing captain and is to play in the first and last game of the match. This concession to apply only 3 times per season.

- e. Evening matches shall start at 7-00 pm on greens that have floodlights. Where greens do not have floodlights: matches shall start at 6-30 pm up to and including 12th May and from 1st August until the last day of the season. Matches played on greens without floodlights may start earlier by mutual agreement. Where Clubs have floodlights these may be switched on when either Captain deems it appropriate.
- f. Before the start of the match, opponents and order of play shall be determined by the Captains.
- g. Captains shall act as referees and shall agree before the start the number of jacks on the green.
- h. If a player is not available when called, five minutes grace shall be allowed. If, after five minutes, no nominated player is available reserves must be played or the game shall be forfeited.
- i. The visiting team shall have use of the green for fifteen minutes before the start of the match and shall set the mark on the first end of each game.
- j. The winner of each end shall score one point for each bowl she has nearer the jack than her opponent's nearest bowl, and she shall lead out the jack at the succeeding end.

When measuring, the adjustable end of the measures, as approved by the BCGBA, must be taken to the jack.

Only the winner of the end shall signal the result to the scorers who must sit together.

The team with the highest number of points shall be classed as winners of the match.

Points to be awarded as follows:-

- 1 point for each game won
- 2 points for a HOME win aggregate
- 4 points for an AWAY win aggregate
- 1 point for a HOME DRAW aggregate
- 2 points for an AWAY DRAW aggregate

- k. At the end of each game the completed result sheet should be agreed and signed by both captains. The home team is responsible for entering the results on the Association Results website. <http://bowlingresults.co.uk/sdladies/> Each team will have a password for entering results which must be done within 4 days of the match. A £1 fine will be imposed on the home team for any late entered results in the first instance and £2 for subsequent occurrences. The home team must retain the result sheet in case of a query by either the away team or the league secretary.

1. A second green can be used if the nominated green is unfit for play, provided that both Captains agree, without the need for Committee approval.

RE-ARRANGED MATCHES

- 8 a(i) Matches shall be played on the day fixed and approved by the Clubs concerned at the annual Fixture Meeting except for the cancellation due to inclement weather or a groundsman's decision: or as defined in 8 a (ii) below. Clubs failing to fulfil a fixture shall be fined £3 and receive no points. The opponents shall be credited, at the end of the season, with their average points gained home or away as the case may be.
 - a Each team shall be allowed the facility to re-arrange 3 matches per season due to unforeseen circumstances, provided that a minimum of 24 hours notice is given to the opposing Captain and that the opposing Captain agrees. The re-arranged game shall take place within 21 days of the original fixture and the Fixture Secretary shall be informed of the change by the re-arranging Captain within 24 hours of the change being made.
 - (ii) b. If a match is commenced and left unfinished it must be continued on a mutually agreed date. Substitutes shall be allowed for any player who has not commenced her game in the match, but such substitutes shall not have previously played in the match. A game started and subsequently abandoned must be played by the original players on the re-arranged date and the score shall stand as at the time of the abandonment.
 - c. The home club Captain shall notify the Fixture Secretary of their arrangements under (a) and (b) above in writing. In the event of both teams failing to agree a new date for the match the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee for a decision.

OBJECTIONS AND DISPUTES

- 9 a. Objections under these rules must be made in writing to the League Secretary within fourteen days of the match. The Executive Committee's decision shall be final.
 - b. A member of the Executive Committee who is also a member of the club in dispute shall be excused for the duration of the hearing.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP – PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

10. a. The Championship of each division shall be decided by the highest number of points gained under Rule 7j.
Should any two clubs have an equal number of points in any division when all matches have been played , the order of precedence shall be determined by:-
 - i The team having won most matches
 - ii The team having drawn most matches
 - iii Dividing the aggregate number of points scored for by the aggregate number of point scored against
- b. Normal procedure in promotion and relegation shall be that the top two teams in any division shall be promoted to the division above, and the lowest two teams to

be relegated, but the Executive Committee reserves the right to amend this arrangement as they think fit and decide the league constitution.

- c. The winner of the trophies belonging to the Association will be held responsible for their safe custody during the period of their possession. Such trophies must be returned to the Association at the September Delegates meeting properly cleaned for presentation to the new recipients. Failure to comply with the above shall result in a fine of £3 plus the cost of repair.
- 11 a. League prize money shall be paid by cheque, which will be made payable to the Club concerned unless informed otherwise.
b. Prize winners or, in exceptional circumstances, their representative must attend the South Derbyshire Ladies League Presentation Evening otherwise the prize money will be forfeited.
- 12 Competitions supported by the League shall achieve a minimum number of entrants to ensure the running of the competition:
 - League Merit minimum 20 entrants
 - League Doubles minimum 16 pairs
 - Ladies Charity minimum 16 pairs
- 13 All entrants for all competitions must be registered with the South Derbyshire Ladies League.
 - 14 All entrants for the League Handicap Competition shall receive a handicap based on the league position of the team for whom they have played the majority of their league games during the current season.