



## **ADDENDUM TO THE 2022 BCGBA HANDBOOK**

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### **BCG LADIES COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS**

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### **BCG LADIES COMPETITION COMMITTEE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2022**

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**Dorothy Pearce Memorial Pairs** ~ Saturday 13th August at Fox Lane (Lancashire)

## BYE LAWS

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- 15a** Bye Law 15a has been deleted (moved to Laws of the game) and all other sections of this Bye Law have been renumbered
- 15g** In the events to which 15a is applicable permitted practice on the day will only be allowed to those conforming to this standard and any player transgressing will be dealt with under sub-clauses 15(h) and 15(i)

## MEMBERSHIP POLICY

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#### 3 League and Association Membership

All Leagues and Associations affiliated to one or more counties shall pay, via the county of their primary affiliation, an annual BCGBA fee of £10.00. The sum to be paid before the 30th June each year. Counties shall retain 5% of all such monies collected on behalf of BCGBA as an administration fee. Any League or Association failing to comply by that date will, together with all its registered members, shall be suspended from playing any form of competitive Crown Green Bowls until the sum due is paid. League or Association in default from the previous year shall remain suspended until all past dues are paid.

- 4 Heading deleted and all other rules renumbered

## SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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- 1 County teams shall each be composed of 24 male players, 12 playing at home and 12 away, the games all to be played on the same day, except for those against the Isle of Man and on the green of a Club with primary affiliation to the County Association. Players selected must be bona fide members of a Club affiliated to the County Association. The name of the Club must be placed after the player's name on the programme. No home team player shall be allowed to play in a County Match on a green of any Club of which he is a playing member, nor play for more than one County in any one season. Definition of a playing member ~ **One who pays a subscription to a Bowling Club or to a Bowling Section of a Sports or Social Club, someone who represents a club in an official league / cup match or is a member of an organisation which utilises the green of such Club or Section.** If this rule is transgressed then the game shall be awarded to his opponent 21 points to nil. If a green is considered unfit for play owing to weather conditions, the onus and responsibility for abandoning a match shall rest with the Referee and Groundsman. If a County Championship game cannot be played due to the green having been deemed unfit for play the game shall be played within seven days, at the same venue, the draw for the matches to stand. If due to adverse weather conditions the game at one venue has to be abandoned the rule in relation to playing both matches on the same day will not apply. Matches will not be abandoned before 4 p.m. If two County Associations are level at the end of the preliminary matches played, both in aggregate and points scored the County with the highest number of shots for will qualify for the semi-finals. If this does not separate Counties, the number of individual winners throughout the Preliminary Group Stages will be taken into consideration with the County with the greatest number of winners proceeding to the semi-finals.

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- 4 County Associations shall select their team at least 14 days before the dates of their matches, except when County matches are due to be played within 14 days, when the County Associations shall select their teams at least 7 days before the date of the matches. No County shall be allowed to adopt Rules which penalise in whatever form their opponents away team players or any Club for which they play so as to affect their opponents County away team selections. Home teams and reserves shall be allowed practice up to the day

of the match and also 15 minutes on the day of play, which shall terminate 5 minutes before the away team practice is due to start. No practice is allowed by away players once a green and teams have been officially exchanged subject to the rules in relation to normal competitive games. Should this action occur, then that player shall be barred from taking part in the relevant match. Half an hour's practice (which shall terminate ten minutes before the agreed time of start of the match) shall be allowed the visiting team and reserves on the day of play. After the commencement of the match, no further practice shall be allowed at that venue.

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- 5 Counties shall give at least **14** days' notice of their teams, reserves, venue and officials to their opponents and the National Administrator by entering all the details on the approved Bowling Results website before midnight on the Sunday **2** weeks prior to the match. Where such venues have more than one green, the one intended for play should be clearly indicated in the notice. No County shall play more than one match on one green during the same season.
- 7 **Approved** referees shall be appointed for all County Matches and they shall be paid agreed match expenses and a meal provided at the County venue. All expenses to be paid by the Referees Society Secretary. The Home County shall appoint two Assistant Referees to assist the Referee. The Home County will be responsible for providing all measuring equipment likely to be required by the referee.

### **SENIOR AND JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT COMPETITION RULES**

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- 1 The number of competitors from each County shall be decided annually by the Management Committee. Competitors in the Senior Individual Merit Competition shall be male only. Competitors in the Junior Individual Merit Competition shall be male or female. The contestants shall be determined by their success in their respective County Merit Competitions, strictly in order of merit and the Junior Merit shall be confined to competitors who shall not have reached the age of 18 years on the 1st January of the year of the Competition. Qualifying rounds for the Senior Individual Merit must be played by **a date agreed by the Management Committee**. When a County Association submits the names of their competitors to the Association National Administrator they must also submit the names, in order of merit of two substitute competitors and these substitutes can be utilised to replace any of the originally named competitors who are unable to take part. No other substitutes to be used. Non appearance on finals day or misuse of substitutes may lead to disciplinary action.

# JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

Please refer to the BCGBA website ([Competitions / Junior County Championship](#)) for the full set of rules

- 1 County teams in the Premier Division shall be composed of 24 players, 12 playing at home and 12 away. County teams in Division 1 and Division 2 shall be composed of 20 players, 10 playing at home and 10 away. Players shall not have reached the age of 18 years on 1st January of the year of the competition. The games all to be played on the same day and on the green of a Club directly affiliated to the County Association and a list of all such affiliated Clubs to be sent to the BCGBA National Administrator on or before 1st April in each year. Players selected must be bona fide members of a Club affiliated to the County Association. The name of the Club must be placed after the player's name on the programme. No home team player shall be allowed to play in a County Match on a green of any Club of which they are a playing member, nor play for more than one County in any one season. Definition of a playing member: **One who pays a subscription to a Bowling Club or to a Bowling Section of a Sports or Social Club, someone who represents a club in an official league / cup match or is a member of an organisation which utilises the green of such Club or Section.** If this rule is transgressed then the game shall be awarded to his opponent 21 points to nil. If a green is considered to be unfit for play owing to weather conditions, the onus and responsibility for abandoning a match shall rest with the Referee and Groundsman. If a County Championship game cannot be played due to the green having been deemed unfit for play the game shall be played within seven days at the same venue, the draw for the matches to stand. If due to adverse weather conditions the game at one venue has to be abandoned, the rule in relation to playing both matches on the same day will not apply. Matches will not be abandoned before 4 p.m.
- 5 County Associations shall select their team at least **14** days before the dates of their matches except when County matches are due to be played within **14** days; when County Associations shall select their teams at least **7** days before the date of the matches. No County shall be allowed to adopt rules which penalise in whatever form their opponent's away team players or any Club for which they play so as to affect their opponents County away team selections. Where a venue has more than one green, the green intended for play should be clearly indicated to their opponents. No County shall play more than one match on one green during the same season. Home teams and reserves shall be allowed practice up to the day of the match and also 15 minutes practice which shall terminate five minutes before the away team practice is due to start on the day of play and half an hour's practice (which shall terminate ten minutes before the agreed time of the start of the match) shall be allowed the visiting team and reserves on the day of play. No practice is allowed by 'away' players once a green and teams have been officially exchanged, subject to the rules in relation to normal competitive games. Should this action occur, then that player should be barred from taking part in the relevant match. After the commencement of the match no further practice shall be allowed at that venue.
- 6 Counties shall give at least **14** days' notice of their teams, reserves, venue and officials to their opponents and the National Administrator by entering all the details on the approved Bowling Results website before midnight on the Sunday **2** weeks prior to the match. Failure to comply with the above will incur a fine of £20.00 on the defaulting County. The draw thus arrived at shall be strictly adhered to unless with the consent of the two captains and the referee. Not less than two reserves shall be named on the programme and no other player shall take part in the match until the named reserves have been called upon to play. The home players only shall be numbered according to the programme.
- 7 **Approved** referees shall be appointed for all County matches and they shall be paid agreed match expenses and a meal provided at the County venue. All expenses to be paid by the Referees Society Secretary. The Home County shall appoint two Assistant referees to assist the referee. The Home County will be responsible for providing all measuring equipment likely to be required by the referee. The Referee, the 2 Assistant Referees, a nominated Home Team Official and an Away Team Official form a committee of 5 to control any verbal abuse around the green with an announcement before the Match that Verbal Abuse of Juniors will not be acceptable and immediately reported to the Referee to avoid distress.