

appoint a Secretary for the competition. It may also make recommendations on changes in or additions to League Rules and Competitions.

(d) Disputes or interpretation of Rules

The Committee shall initially adjudicate on any dispute whether arising from or in connection with League fixtures or Competitions, clarification of Rules or any other matters requiring early or immediate decision.

However, excepting those occasions when the Committee's decision is challenged under Rule 12, a Club in membership or an individual from such a Club and a party to such an adjudication may, providing written notice is given to the Secretary within 21 days of advice of the decision, appeal against the Committee's findings. The dispute shall then be referred to the Appeals Committee whose judgement shall be final.

(e) Voting

The President shall have only a casting vote. All other members shall have only one vote even though they hold a plurality of positions.

A simple majority shall carry any proposal.

10. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Committee shall comprise three members who shall be chosen from amongst the current Life Members and the three most recent past Presidents by the Honorary Secretary as the occasion demands.

The Appeals Committee shall;

(1) deal finally with appeals against Management Committee decisions and with other matters which have been referred to them regarding the Constitution and Rules, Bowls regulations, and disputes which cannot be resolved by the Management Committee.

(2) have authority to call witnesses and acquire such documents as may be necessary.

(3) maintain their own minutes of meetings.

11. QUORUM

The quorum for the transaction of business shall be:

General Meetings Ten Clubs in Membership.

Management Committee and Sub-Committees ...

At least 50% of Committee members.

Appeals Committee All three members.

12. SEVERANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Upon any breach of these Rules, it shall be competent for the Management Committee after due investigation of the facts and, if need be, the examination of witnesses and relevant documentary evidence, to suspend or determine the membership of any Club. But such

Club shall have a right of appeal to the AGM or a Special General Meeting convened for that purpose, against an adverse decision, provided that the appeal, signed by the office bearers of the Club and stating the ground or grounds upon which it is made, is lodged with the Honorary Secretary of the League within twenty one (21) days of the Committee's decision.

13. DUTIES OF HONORARY SECRETARY AND HONORARY TREASURER

(a) The Honorary Secretary shall keep a record of business transacted at all General Meetings and at all meetings of the Management Committee and at any other Committee or Sub-committee that may be appointed other than the Appeals Committee and shall submit to the AGM a report of the proceedings of the League since the previous AGM.

(b) The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the League and shall render to the AGM a precise account of the income and expenditure of the past year, audited and signed by two competent persons who shall be elected at each AGM.

(c) The financial year of the League shall commence on the 1st December. The funds of the League shall be deposited at a Bank approved by the Management Committee. All authorities to withdraw shall be signed by the any 2 of the following: the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Secretary, the President, the Senior Vice-President or the Honorary Assistant Secretary.

14. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The League fully accepts its legal and moral obligations to exercise its duty of care and to protect all children and vulnerable adults participating in its activities, and to safe guard their welfare. We are committed to do this by acknowledging that:

* the welfare of the child/vulnerable adult is paramount.

* each child/vulnerable adult has the right to protection from abuse.

* each child/vulnerable adult has the right to be safe, and to be treated with respect and dignity

We shall use our best endeavours to ensure that:

* all allegations of abuse are taken seriously

* the response to them is swift and appropriate

* our policies shall be reviewed regularly

* a Child Protection Officer to whom members can address any concerns is appointed.



Rules and Constitution updated to AGM 2004

1. The League shall be called the "North Yorkshire E.B.A. Bowling League".

2. AFFILIATION

The League shall be affiliated to the English Bowling Association and subject to this Association's laws.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the League shall be:

(a) to promote, foster and safeguard the amateur, flat green game of bowls;

(b) to hold League matches according to the fixture chart;

(c) to hold League Championships annually in single-handed, pairs, triples and fours competitions, and any other competitions constitutionally agreed to by any Annual or General Special Meeting;

(d) to interpret, when called upon by Affiliated Clubs or members thereof, difficult or doubtful questions of law and practice, and arbitrate in all differences referred to the League between and among Affiliated Clubs.

(e) to exercise its duty of care to protect all persons under 18 years of age and vulnerable adults involved in League organised activities.

4. MEMBERSHIP

(a) Membership of the League shall be open to all Clubs in North Yorkshire that play the flat green game, either on private greens, on greens attached to licensed premises, or on other public greens; provided that such Clubs use a green at least forty yards square with ditches and banks, except that the absence of banks shall not in itself preclude any Club from membership. The Management Committee may authorise a modification of the normal requirements in special cases and subject to appropriate conditions.

(b) In the event of a green being declared unfit for play either before the commencement of, or during a season, the Club affected may, with the approval of the Management Committee, be allowed to play on any green of their choice provided that the green so chosen conforms to this Rule.

(c) Applications for membership must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the League and should be accom-

panied by a list of office bearers of the Club, the address of the Honorary Secretary and the location of the green.

- (d) Clubs proposing to join the League must either be affiliated to the Yorkshire C.B.A. or be prepared to affiliate on acceptance.

A Club affiliated to the Yorkshire C.B.A. but not accepted by the League may become affiliated to the League for a nominal fee of £5 to retain the membership proposal on the table. During this period of affiliation, to the League and providing that a club is eligible to play Yorkshire CBA competitions on its own green, then such a club will be able to enter League Competitions and play rounds both Home or Away.

If this provision does not apply, the club will be able to enter the League Competitions but will play all rounds away from home on greens which are accepted by the County until such times as it fulfills the previously stated Yorkshire CBA competitions requirement.

The approval or otherwise of applications shall be at the discretion of the Annual General Meeting of the League after considering the recommendations of the Management Committee.

- (e) Clubs playing on municipal or other public greens must have permission from the appropriate Authority allowing them the use of a rink or rinks for competitive matches.

Clubs already affiliated to the League or Clubs intending to apply for affiliation to the League who propose to playing on a municipal or other public greens upon which another affiliated Club is currently playing, shall not be affiliated to the League until such other Club has been informed of the application and has not, in the opinion of the League, offered any bona fide objection to the affiliation.

- (f) Life Members of the League may be elected at the AGM in recognition of outstanding service to the League provided that there shall not be more than ten (10) such members at any one time. Written nominations for Life Membership shall be submitted to the Honorary Secretary not less than twenty-eight (28) days before the next Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee shall consider these nominations and make recommendations to the AGM.

- (g) There shall be no age limit, either for League matches or Competitions.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

All Clubs affiliated to the League shall pay an annual subscription, which shall be fixed by the Annual Gen-

eral Meeting. The annual subscription shall be paid not later than the 1st of April the following year. Any Club failing to pay the subscription by the due date shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership until the whole of the arrears owing by them have been discharged. In this event the Management Committee may take such disciplinary action as they consider necessary.

Any Club desiring to withdraw from membership of the League shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

6. GENERAL MEETINGS

(a) Annual General Meeting

(referred to in the Rules as AGM)

The AGM of the League shall be held in December (or at such other time as the Management Committee may fix if in their opinion special circumstances warrant such a change) at a place to be determined by the Management Committee for the appointment of Officers and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly done at an AGM.

(b) Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting of the League may be called;

1. at any time on the instructions of the Management Committee

2. on receipt of a request to the Honorary Secretary from an affiliated Club, signed by the Office holders of that Club and supported in writing and signed by the Office holders of at least seven other affiliated Clubs. Such a Meeting must convene, within six weeks of the Secretary's receipt of the request.

- (c) A proposal intended for inclusion in the agenda of a General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than six weeks before the date of the meeting.

Changes to the Constitution and Rules may only be made at a General Meeting.

- (d) At least twenty one (21) days before a General Meeting, a notice to attend the meeting, specifying the business to be transacted thereat and signed by the Honorary Secretary shall be sent to every Club, and to all other persons entitled to be present; provided that want of service of the notice in any case shall not affect the validity of the meeting.

7. ATTENDANCE AND VOTING PROCEDURES AT GENERAL MEETINGS.

- (a) Each affiliated Club may appoint one Voting Representative to attend and speak and cast one vote as directed by his Club.

- (b) A Management Committee member may attend and speak in the capacity and cast one vote only, no matter that he holds more than one position on the Committee. He shall not also act as his Club's Voting Representative.

- (c) Life Members and the three immediate Past Presidents may, providing they are not present as a Voting Representative or a Management Committee member, attend, speak and cast one vote.

- (d) Any member of an affiliated Club who is not represented in the above categories may attend and speak but not vote.

- (e) A proposal to change the Rules and Constitution will require a two thirds majority to be carried. Any other proposal will require a simple majority.

- (f) Voting shall be by show of hands unless the Meeting determines otherwise.

8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- (a) At each AGM there shall be elected such Officers as may then be determined including (a) a President; (b) a Senior Vice-President; (c) a Junior Vice-President; (d) an Honorary Secretary; (e) an Honorary Treasurer; (f) an Honorary Assistant Secretary; The offices of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer may be held by the same person if so determined.

- (b) If a vacancy occurs prior to the next AGM in any of the offices aforesaid, the Management Committee shall have the power to fill such vacancy and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next AGM or Special General Meeting convened and held for the purpose of filling the vacancy.

9. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(referred to as **the 'Committee'**.)

- (a) The Committee shall comprise:-
Officers of the League,

Two members elected by Clubs in each of the three areas (known as Yorkshire County Districts) which come under the jurisdiction of the League.

- (b) The Committee shall, subject to these rules, be responsible for the general control and management of the affairs of the League and shall have power to appoint sub-committees for such purposes and with such powers as they may from time to time determine. It may make suggestions on planning and policy.

- (c) It shall also be responsible for all administration of the Team Tournament in accordance with the Rules agreed (by simple majority) at the AGM and