
NORTH LANCS & FYLDE COUNTY BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Subject : Special Meeting
Date and Time : Sunday 9 January 2011 at 11am
Location : Canberra Club, Samlesbury

Affiliated clubs and leagues are invited to send two representatives to discuss and vote on the following notices of motion to the BCGBA Rules Revision meeting. Your votes will provide a mandate for the North Lanes & Fylde representatives to BCGBA.

A G E N D A

BYE LAWS

1. **Bye Law 3a~2~1 Page 32**
On line 4 delete 'Management Committee' and replace with 'AGM'.
Proposed by North Lancashire & Fylde County Bowling Association
2. **Bye Law 3b~1~5 Page 34**
On line 2 after 'Association' insert 'but they shall not be entitled to claim expenses'.
Proposed by North Lancashire & Fylde County Bowling Association
3. **New Bye Law 5(c)~ and re-number the remainder of Bye Law 5 Page 38**
'In submitting their NR1A Form, each Club will submit a £1 playing levy for all playing members whether these members are members of another Club or not. (This amount to be reviewed annually.) The £1 to be forwarded to the County Secretary by 30th June of each year, and to be used in the following areas: 15% to go back to the County Associations and BCG Ladies Association and British Parks Association to assist them with finances and pay for the administration of collecting & organising for the new competition. (In short each County Association would get 15p for every £1 collected which equates to the 15% allocated in the proposal.)'
Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr M Farlow
4. **Bye Law 5(f)~ Page 40**
On line 2 delete 'accompanied by the £10.00 fee'.
Bye Law 5(g)~ Page 40
Delete the first sentence and replace with 'All Clubs shall pay an annual BCGBA fee of £10.00. Collection of fees shall be the responsibility of the BCGBA Financial Officer utilising the NR1 Forms database.'
Proposed by Warwickshire & Worcestershire Counties Bowling Association
Supporting information :
The collection of the BCGBA £10 fees does not sit comfortably with the responsibility of the Member Counties. NR1 Forms have been in use for the last few years and a database for BCGBA presents itself in this way year on year. The forms are of no measurable value whatsoever to Member Counties. It is now time for responsibility for the annual collection of these fees to be managed by the BCGBA. It is a matter for the BCGBA, not for Member Counties, to suspend Clubs that fail to pay by 30th June. The BCGBA should now manage the process.
5. **Bye Law 5(l)~ Page 42**
On line 1 delete '£6.00' and replace with '£7.00'.
Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr A Whitworth
6. **Bye Law 5(l)~ Page 42**
On line 3 after 'member' insert a full stop and delete the remainder of the sentence.
Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr A Whitworth
7. **New Bye Law 5(o)~ Page 42**
To assist with the future finances of the BCGBA, all bowlers who are members of a bowling Club and who should be listed on the NR1A Form, pay an annual fee to the BCGBA of £1 (this amount to be reviewed

annually by the Finance Committee). The £1s to be forwarded to each County Secretary by its affiliated Clubs by 30th June of each year.

Proposed by Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information :

- *With no disrespect intended towards the Officers of the BCGBA (who put in many hours for little reward)*
- *The BCGBA need proper FULL TIME Officers who are paid accordingly*
- *This money would benefit bowlers and Clubs*
- *Realistic grants could be made available*
- *Clubs would be able to apply for loans and repay at low interest rates*
- *Money would be put back into the Counties to aid the development of Crown Green Bowling*
- *We would not have to go cap in hand to sponsors*

8. Bye Law 9~ Page 43

On line 2 delete '£50.00' and replace with '£75.00'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr A Whitworth

9. Bye Law 11~(b) Page 43

On line 4 delete '£6.00' and replace with '£8.00'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr A Whitworth

10. Bye Law 17 Page 50

On line 4 delete 'at least two-thirds' and replace with 'a simple majority'.

Proposed by North Lancashire & Fylde County Bowling Association

11. Bye Law 25~2 Page 51

On line 2 after 'Matches' insert '(Senior, Junior, Veterans and Supplementary), including away practice.'

Proposed by Warwickshire & Worcestershire Counties Bowling Association

Supporting information :

There have been inconsistencies at both the Veterans County Final Day and during practice periods for an away team at one or more Senior County matches. In order firstly to enhance the BCGBA's image, secondly to secure consistency in approach and finally to avoid officer prevarication on the issue of attire it is proposed to include formal County practice periods for County Matches and to refer additionally to the Supplementary County Championship.

12. Bye Law 25~2(a) Page 51

On line 1 delete from ',' to 'or' and replace with 'and in'.

Proposed by Staffordshire County Bowling Association

Supporting information :

It is felt that it is increasingly difficult to judge whether trousers are truly grey due to the variances in the colour grey. A single colour of black would be easier to police.

13. Bye Law 25~2(b) Page 51

Delete the existing Bye Law and replace with 'Shirts: County Associations to determine the style and design of their County shirt, which must be collared and may include the County's insignia, player's name, Club insignia, sponsors insignia and / or manufacturers insignia. This to apply for County representative games only. Collared shirts to be worn for finals days of all tournaments organised and run by the Association.'

Proposed by Staffordshire County Bowling Association

Supporting information :

A number of Counties have implemented new and innovative designs for their Junior County teams. This has allowed for increased sponsorship in some cases and it has also been welcomed as a key tool in marketing the game. It is felt that this should now be extended to include teams competing in the Senior County Championship.

COMPETITION RULES

Senior County Championship

14. Rule 1~ Page 67

Delete the last sentence and replace with '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.'

Proposed by Staffordshire County Bowling Association

Supporting information :

This situation nearly occurred last season between Staffordshire and Shropshire. Due to the cost, administration in finding a suitable green within 7 days, arranging catering etc, a solution based upon the existing performance of the teams should be taken into account.

15. Rule 4~ Page 68

On line 6 after 'match' insert a full stop and delete the rest of the sentence. On line 11 delete the sentence beginning 'Half an hour's practice' and replace with 'No practice is allowed at the chosen venue on the day of the game for either home or away teams.'

Proposed by Staffordshire County Bowling Association

Supporting information :

Staffordshire CBA feel that the advantages borne by preparing a green to a home County's requirements are negated by allowing away players to practise the green for half an hour prior to the game. It is difficult enough to find a venue largely unknown to the opposition, but this is made largely irrelevant if away players become familiar with the green and conditions prior to the game. Many good bowlers will be able to pick up subtleties and pace very quickly.

16. Rule 7~ Page 69

On line 3 delete 'tea' and replace with 'meal provided at the County venue'.

New Rule 12~ Page 69

'Each County Association should provide, at their home venue, a meal after the match has been completed for the players and officials listed on the official match sheet and any representatives of the competition sponsors who may be in attendance. Each County is liable to pay for the cost of the meal for their team and officials at either venue. The minimum cost of the meal per head will be agreed annually by the Management Committee. Failure to provide a meal after the match will result in that County paying a fine equal to the minimum cost of the meal per head plus £1 for each player or official of both Counties listed on the official match sheet, and the matter will be referred to the Management Committee who will have the power to increase the fine.'

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr S Davies

17. Rule 9~ Page 69

On line 2 delete '£5.00' and replace with '£10.00'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr A Whitworth

18. New Rule 12~ Page 69

'All Counties must provide a buffet meal for both teams and officials after every match. Failure to do so will incur a £200 fine.'

Proposed by North Lancashire & Fylde County Bowling Association

19. New Rule 12~ Page 69

'No League or organisation who play under BCGBA Rules to play any League competitions on the first Sunday of the month as this is a designated day for Senior County matches to be played.'

Proposed by Derbyshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supplementary County Championship

20. Rule 1~ Page 102

At the end of the Rule add a new sentence to read 'The Senior Supplementary County Championship shall be contested by bowlers up to the age of 25 years on 1st January of the year of competition.'

Proposed by South Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information :

It will allow Counties to look at bowlers who have left the junior scene to see if they are good enough for the Senior County team for the following season.

Senior and Junior Individual Merit

21. Rule 1~ Page 114

Add a new sentence at the start to read 'Both Senior and Junior Merits shall consist of 64 players.'

Proposed by North Lancashire & Fylde County Bowling Association

Junior County Championship

22. Rule 1~ Page 125

Delete the last sentence and replace with '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.'

Proposed by Staffordshire County Bowling Association

Supporting information :

This situation nearly occurred last season between Staffordshire and Shropshire. Due to the cost, administration in finding a suitable green within 7 days, arranging catering etc, a solution based upon the existing performance of the teams should be taken into account.

23. Rule 8~ Page 127

On line 2 delete '£5.00' and replace with '£10.00'.

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr A Whitworth

Veterans County Championship

24. Page 156

Delete all rules and replace with the Senior County Championship rules as per page 67 and at the end of Rule 1 add 'who have reached the age of 60 on 1st January in the year of the competition.' Delete Rule 10 of the Senior County Championship and replace with 'All Veterans County Championship games shall be played in the mid-week (day to be set by the Management Committee) in the first week of the month commencing with the first month being May.'

Proposed by South Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information :

To allow more bowlers to play in the County Championship and also to allow Counties to play at home on greens they know, and will stop veterans having to play 3 or more games in one day after travelling a great distance and setting off from home as early as 6am.

25. Rule 1~ Page 156

On line 2 delete 'and venue(s)' and add a new sentence to read 'Each County Association shall be given the opportunity to host the championship which will be held in the county of the Immediate Past President on greens chosen by his / her County Association.'

Proposed by South Yorkshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information :

This would enable bowlers to try different venues and also varying the travelling times each year.

26. Rule 8~ Page 158

Delete the existing Rule and replace with 'In the event of a second team of a County Association participating to make a final stage of 16 teams the second team will not play in the same Group of 4 as their first team.'

New Rule 9~ Page 158

'An open draw will take place to determine the four groupings on the day of the Veterans County Championship'.

Proposed by Warwickshire & Worcestershire Counties Bowling Association

LAWS OF THE GAME

27. Law 5.4 Page 183

Add a new sentence to read 'Where disability or infirmity prevent a player from delivering jacks or bowls directly from hand then a mechanical aid, of a type approved by the Association, may be used to provide assistance.'

Proposed by Derbyshire County Crown Green Bowling Association

Supporting information :

Should this proposal be agreed, then suppliers to be invited to submit such aids for approval prior to use. Approved aids to be listed under their commercial names elsewhere in the Official Handbook.

28. Appendix A - A Standard Jack Page 190

Add a new paragraph to read:

'4. Jacks are not to be stamped on more than four occasions. The first three, in date order, to be made on the bias side with the fourth and final one being made on the non-bias side. The expiry date on that stamp will indicate the year after which the jack is no longer legal.'

Proposed on behalf of the Management Committee by Mr G Ollerenshaw