

MIDDLESEX BOWLING ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION & RULES - COMBINED MANAGEMENT BOARD

1. TITLE:

The Association shall be called Middlesex Bowling Association.

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of the Association shall be:-

- (a) To promote, foster and safeguard the game of bowls in the County of Middlesex.
- (b) To adopt and enforce the Laws of the game. To hold Annual and/or other Championships in Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours and any other competitions as laid down by Bowls England in accordance with the Laws of the Sport.
- (c) To interpret when called upon to do so by affiliated clubs, or members thereof, difficult or doubtful questions of law and practice of the game and to arbitrate in all differences referred to the Association for that purpose, arising between affiliated clubs and their members or between the members of affiliated clubs without discrimination in accordance with the equal opportunities statement.
- (d) To advise affiliated clubs on all matters concerning the laying-out of up-to-date greens of proper dimensions.
- (e) To hold Inter-County and other matches.
- (f) To encourage all clubs to have a CRB checked Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Officer. The Associations policy in this respect will take account of Bowls England regulation no. 7.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

- (a) Membership of Bowls England and the County shall be by way of affiliation and shall be open to all clubs in the County provided such clubs possess a green the dimensions of which, along with the banks and ditches, conform to the standards laid down in the laws of the game.
- (b) All bowlers, male and female, shall be deemed to be members of said club and shall pay all affiliation fees due. Clubs must provide County Secretaries with lists of members, one male and one female.
- (c) Clubs playing on municipal greens must possess a permit from the municipal or other authority allowing them the use of rinks for competitive purposes.
- (d) Clubs admitted to membership shall be eligible to enter the Association's competitions in accordance with the Competition Bye Laws.
- (e) Applications for admission to the Association and thereby to Bowls England shall be made to the Administrator accompanied by the name of the club and the names and addresses of its office bearers, together with an entrance fee as prescribed by the executive council.
- (f) Clubs admitted to membership shall be notified to that effect by the Administrator who shall also send them a copy of the current year book. The annual subscription shall be on the basis of Club membership on 30th September or on affiliation to the Association at the rate of a sum per playing member as shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting (plus any affiliation fee to be fixed by Bowls England) payable to the Hon. Treasurer by the 1st November each year. Any club failing to pay the subscription by the 1st November in any year shall forfeit all rights and privileges and cease to be a member of the Association and of Bowls England.
- (g) The Association shall have the power to elect Honorary Life Members for special services rendered.

4. ADMINISTRATION:

- (a) The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Council consisting of the following: Both Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents, General Secretaries, Treasurers, and one further officer to be appointed by each section, together with the Bowls England Representative/s. The Executive Council to meet twice a year or when

deemed necessary in addition to an Annual General Meeting to be held in November or December each year. Fourteen days notice shall be given of all Annual General Meetings and 20 shall form a quorum. The Executive Officers, members of the Men's General Purposes Committee, Ladies Executive, and two delegates from each club (one of each gender) shall have power to vote at all General Meetings.

- (b) In addition to the above an administrator will be elected and will act as the point of contact with Bowls England.
- (c) The men's and ladies sections will continue and will manage those matters related to matches, competitions and any other issues which relate only to the relevant section and will continue to have their own rules for that purpose. Both the men's and ladies sections will have their own Bye Laws until such time as they combine under one President.

5. COUNCIL IN APPEAL:

All disputes from whatever cause arising will be settled by the appropriate General Purposes Committee with a right of appeal to the Executive Council. Where disciplinary matters are concerned these will be considered taking into account Bowls England regulation no. 9 in this regard.

6. THE SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S DUTIES:

- (a) The Secretary / Administrator shall keep a record of the business transacted at all meetings and carry out all other secretarial duties in accordance with the decisions and directions of the Association and shall submit a report to the Annual General Meeting of the proceedings of the Association since the previous Annual Meeting.
- (b) The Treasurer of each section shall render to the Annual General Meeting a precise account of the income and expenditure of the past year, reviewed and signed by two competent persons elected at that section's Annual General Meeting (hereinafter called independent examiners). Copies of the Annual Reports and Financial Statements shall be sent to each affiliated club fourteen days before the Annual Meeting.
- (c) A Special General Meeting of the Association may be convened at any time by the Executive Council or on receipt by the General Secretary signed by 15 accredited delegates of different clubs, setting out the proposition or propositions to be submitted. Fourteen days notice of any Special General Meeting to be submitted by the Secretary of the Association, and shall set forth the precise business to be transacted. 20 shall form a quorum.

7. DISSOLUTION:

A motion for Dissolution of the Association shall be given to the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for this purpose. Any property remaining after discharging all debts shall be used for the benefit of bowls.

8. ALTERATION OF RULES:

Alteration of or addition to all or any of the foregoing rules shall be made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting convened for the purpose and four weeks notice of the terms of such proposed alteration or addition, which shall also be stated in the notice for such meeting, shall be given to the General Secretary. All such notices must be submitted by clubs through their Hon. Secretary to the General Secretary.

The constitution and rules with alterations to date will be printed and published in the Association Year Book, and such printing and publication shall be deemed sufficient notice and binding on the constituent clubs.

9. ASSETS:

The assets of the association shall be vested in the Presidents, and both Secretaries and Treasurers.