

# LEICESTER & DISTRICT BOWLS LEAGUE - CONSTITUTION

## 1. Name

- The name of the league shall be 'Leicester & District Bowls League'
- The League shall be affiliated to Bowls Leicestershire

## 2. Aims and Objectives

- 2.1 To promote the League within Leicestershire.
- 2.2 To provide all its services in a way that is fair to all member clubs.
- 2.3 To maintain an up to date website.
- 2.4 To field League representative sides when applicable
- 2.5 To ensure equal opportunities regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, religion or other beliefs

## 3. Membership & Subscription

- 3.1 Membership shall be open to all affiliated Bowling Clubs in Leicestershire.
- 3.2 Clubs wishing to join shall apply for membership to the Hon. Secretary. All applications shall be voted on by the Council, after consultation with all clubs and ratified at the delegates meeting. Approval shall be by simple majority.
- 3.3 Member Clubs shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting, unless the applicable subscription has been paid.
- 3.4 Each Member Club shall pay an annual subscription. The amount to be agreed at the AGM and is payable by April 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- 3.5 Failure to make the payment of the annual subscription shall result in any points gained in matches played prior to the payment being automatically forfeited.

## 4. Running of the League

- 4.1 The affairs of the League shall be conducted by the Council:
  - a. The Council shall consist of the Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Results Secretary and Match Secretary.
  - b. All Council Officers must be *bona fide* members of a Member Club.
  - c. Council members, with the exception of the Chairman, shall be elected annually at the AGM. Their term of office shall be for one year.
  - d. The Chairman is decided annually by alphabetical rotation of the member Clubs.
    - i. Appointment is confirmed at the delegates meeting & takes office at the AGM.
    - ii. In the event of a member Club declining their nomination the rotation will move to the next Club alphabetically.
  - e. At Council Meetings each Council Member shall have one vote. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have an additional casting vote.
- 4.2 In the absence of the Chairman at any meeting a Vice Chairman shall be appointed for the duration of that meeting. In the event of a tied vote the Vice Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 4.3 The Council shall deal with the day to day running of the league, including disputes or grievances arising.
- 4.4 A quorum for Council Meetings shall be 3.
- 4.5 The Council shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the Council Members
- 4.6 The Hon. Secretary shall give a minimum of 14 days notice of General Meetings to all member clubs.
- 4.7 Each Member Club shall be represented by one delegate. Council members may also act as Delegates.
- 4.8 At all Delegate and General Meetings each Member Club shall have one vote. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a casting vote.
- 4.9 The AGM shall be held in **week 5 (standardised weeks) (SW)**. Dates for delegate meeting(s) **which will be in week 47 (SW)** and AGM shall be decided at the AGM.

- 4.10 The AGM shall, if thought fit, approve the minutes from the previous years AGM, receive reports from the Chairman; Hon Secretary; Hon. Treasurer (annual accounts); Result Secretary; Match Secretary; agree subscription fees for the following season and consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
- 4.11 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by an application in writing to the Hon. Secretary supported by at least 25% of the member Clubs.
- 4.12 The Constitution shall only be changed by majority vote at a General Meeting.
- 4.13 Proposals for changes to the Constitution shall be submitted, in writing or email, giving names of proposing and seconding Member Clubs, to the Hon. Secretary and included in any notice calling a General Meeting.
- 4.14 A quorum for a Delegate or General Meeting shall be 50% of member clubs (rounded up)

## 5. League Finances

- 5.1 The financial Year of the League shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> October to the 30<sup>th</sup> September
- 5.2 The financial business of the League shall be the responsibility of the Hon. Treasurer.
- 5.3 The signature of the Hon. Treasurer alone or authorised council member is required for withdrawals up to £200. Two Council member signatures shall be required for sums above £200.
- 5.4 A financial statement shall be presented to the AGM each year and at any earlier time if deemed necessary by the Hon Treasurer or Council
- 5.5 All monies of the League will be banked in an account held in the name of the Leicester & District Bowls League.
- 5.6 All Member Clubs shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Leicester & District Bowls League.

## 6. Discipline and appeals

- 6.1 Every Member Club, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of and undertakes to comply with the Constitution and Rules of the League.
- 6.2 Disputes or grievances shall be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, within 14 days of the incident.
- 6.3 All disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with Bowls England Regulation 9 (Misconduct). The full wording of Bowls England Regulation 9 may be viewed online at <https://www.bowlsengland.com/about-us/rules-and-regulations>
- 6.4 Should any Member Club be expelled then no part of any annual subscription shall be refunded and any property of the League must be returned.

## 7. Dissolution

- 7.1 Any proposal to dissolve the League shall be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary. This shall include the names of the proposer and seconder, and must be supported and signed by at least 25% of the Member Clubs.
- 7.2 A proposal to dissolve the League shall only be passed through a 2/3 (two thirds) majority at a general meeting called in accordance with the constitution.
- 7.3 In the event of dissolution all debts will be cleared using League funds. Any shortfall of funds shall be dealt with as outlined in League finances (article 5.6)
- 7.4 Any assets remaining after all debts are cleared shall be given to another league with similar objectives within Leicestershire or to Bowls Leicestershire at the discretion of the Council.

Confirmed & signed by Steve Bacon (Hon Secretary) 28.01.2026

*Steve Bacon*