

AUGHTON AND DISTRICT SENIOR CITIZENS' BOWLING LEAGUE

RULES AS AT 31st JANUARY 2024

1. The League shall be named "**The Aughton & District Senior Citizens Bowling League**" and will be governed by the laws of the "British Crown Green Bowling Association", and will be affiliated to the "Lancashire Crown Green Bowling Association". All members in the Leagues and Competition matches organised by the said A&D.SCBL must be life members of a recognised Bowling Association administered by the BCGBA and be in possession of a Membership Card. Any team playing a member who is not so registered shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 10 of these Rules.
2. **The Main League shall consist of** a number of Teams as agreed at the AGM, and shall form Three Divisions of an equal number of Teams where possible. From the Season 2024, the League shall consist of a maximum of 30 Teams forming **Three Divisions of Ten Teams**, known as Division One, Division Two, and Division Three.
3. **At the AGM** the Team Captains shall appoint annually, a President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Two Auditors, as they think fit. The Trustees of the League shall be Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
4. At least one Representative from each Team (normally the Captain) shall form The League Committee, and the Representative shall attend all League Meetings with the power of One Vote per Team. The Chairman will have the Casting Vote if required.
5. **The Executive Committee** shall consist of the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, and shall have full powers to deal with all matters relating to these Rules and any other League matters. If necessary, disputes unable to be settled will be dealt with in accordance BCGBA rules and guide lines.
6. **The Annual Registration Fee** shall be £45.00 per team. Fixture Cards shall be available on the Website for downloading and printing as required. Entrance Fees to Competitions shall be:- Presidents Main £1.50 per Person: Pairs Competition £3.00 per Pair.
7. **Cups and Cash Prize Monies** awarded, shall be decided by the Executive Committee annually.  
From the Season 2024, Cups and Cash Prizes shall be provided by the League on the following basis:-  
  
**Division Winners Cup** for all Three Divisions of the Main League.  
Prize Money shall be as decided by the Executive Committee.  
  
"**Player of the Year**" Award for all Three Main Divisions only. The Prize Money will be £20.00 each Division.  
Players must have played 60% of Main League games (11 in 2024).  
  
**The Presidents Main and the Pairs Competition Cup.**  
These are self-financing competitions, the Prize Monies will therefore be calculated based on the cash raised by the number of entries received and divided accordingly between the Winners, Runners up and losing Semi-finalists in each competition.
8. **The Annual General Meeting** shall be held on the last Wednesday in January each year. Any Team not represented without reasonable explanation shall not be considered as members of the League when fixtures are arranged. The date of subsequent meetings shall be arranged at the current meeting. **The minimum number of Meetings** shall be three per year, namely the AGM on the last Wednesday in January, the Registration Meeting on the first Wednesday in March, and the Summer Meeting on the next Wednesday after the end of all League Matches each year. Any Team not present at a League Meeting and not offering an apology shall be fined £2.00. All Motions and Propositions to be put before the AGM meeting for consideration, shall be put in writing and signed. They shall be in the hands of the Hon. League Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, with a Seconder, otherwise will not be placed before the meeting.
9. **The Maximum registration of players shall be 20 per Team** with a minimum age of 55 years attained prior to the start of the first match of the Season. The names of all Team Players to be registered must be entered on a **Team Registration Form** which is to be completed in type, downloaded from the Website and e-mailed to the Secretary at least one week before the Registration Meeting each year. During the Season all Application Forms to register **Additional Team Players** must be similarly completed and be in the hands of the Secretary before being allowed to play in any League or Competition Match. Member Teams can register, and play, Gentleman and Lady Members whose ages comply with the League Rules.  
**Any Player who wishes to change Clubs** after the Registration Meeting (but before the 30<sup>th</sup> June in the relevant year) and requires to play for a team at his/her new club, not with-standing that he/she has already played for his/her old club, shall be entitled to request a transfer to play for his/her new club. He/she shall put his/her request in writing to the League Secretary, who shall forthwith refer it to the Executive Committee for approval, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed.  
A registered player may **play four matches for a higher team** in his/her club providing that the teams are in different divisions. Should he/she play more than four matches for a higher team, he/she is then considered a member of the higher team. Not with-standing the above, no player shall play for more than one team in the same week. No application to register a new player for any club shall be accepted after 30<sup>th</sup> June each year.
10. Any Team playing a non-registered player shall automatically forfeit the Match and be Fined £10.00. (The opposing Team will be awarded the 12 or 13 points available). **Any Fines imposed by the League** upon clubs for non-observance of these Rules shall be paid to the Treasurer at or before the next League Committee Meeting.

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11. All matches shall consist of ten players per Team. Games are to commence with four players per Team and to proceed on a continuous basis. Games shall be 21 Up and shall be **played on Wednesday afternoons commencing at 1.30pm.** or as agreed by both Captains. The names of Team members shall be allocated and such members shall play. Any absentee may be substituted before the game starts, but the opposing Captain should be notified of any such substitution as soon as possible.
12. In League Matches a period of **15 minutes practise time** shall be allowed for **Away Teams** player prior to commencement of the Match. The Home Team Captain or Official to ensure the Home Team vacate the green at this time. (The Away Captain is to be allowed on the green, for practise, **after 1pm**)  
**No practice shall be allowed before the Presidents Main or Pairs Competition.**
13. When Competitions are held on neutral greens, the club responsible for that Green shall organise, and supervise the running of the games. Scratch Times shall be strictly applied.
14. In all League Matches the **Visitors shall bowl first. Standard In-date Jacks** shall be used in all League and Competition games.
15. Only the Winner of each end shall signal the result to the Scorer. One Scorer per team per individual match.  
**The Scorers shall cross-check the scores every five ends.**
16. **Only one Measurer from each Team**, nominated by its Captain, shall be allowed on the green to carry out this function. Any differences regarding playing rules to be agreed between the two players alone, with no outside interference other than the Captains if necessary. If agreement cannot be reached, the League Secretary shall be informed, in writing within 5 days with details. No other persons to be allowed to intervene in the matter.
17. In a match where **a Referee is appointed**, no one shall be allowed on the green except at the referee's discretion.
18. **Match Results for The Leagues** shall be set by the total of **Team Points** plus points awarded for the **Highest Aggregate Score.** Team Points = 1 Point per winning player. Highest Home Aggregate = 2 Points. Highest Away Aggregate = 3 Points. Should the aggregate scores be equal then the Home Team shall be awarded 1 Point and the Away Team 2 Points.  
**The League position** in each of the Divisions shall be determined by the weekly accumulation of these Points. At the end of each Main League Season, the Top Two Teams in Division Two shall move up to Division One; the Top Two Teams in Division Three shall move up to Division Two. The Bottom Two Teams in Division One shall move down to Division Two; The Bottom Two Teams in Division Two shall move down to Division Three.
19. The **Home Team Captain** shall **complete a Match Results Card, which is signed by both Captains.** The card is to be retained by the Home Captain in case of any dispute. The said result to be entered by the Home Captain onto the Aughton League Web Results page within 3 days of the match being played. Away Captains may input the results if necessary. Any dispute not able to be settled by the Captains (only) must then be referred to the League Secretary for Arbitration, accompanied by the Result Card for that match. **Please note that this Rule will be applied.**
20. **The President's Main Cup and the Pairs Competition Cup.** Prize Monies will be self- financing as much as possible, and will depend upon the number of entries to each Competition. The Competitions will take place after the Main League Season, on the following two consecutive Wednesdays; one week Pairs and one week Singles. There will then be two Finals Days on the following two Wednesdays, one Pairs Finals and one Singles Final Day. The maximum number of entries to the Presidents Main (Singles) shall be 64 Persons, and to the Pairs Competition shall be 32 Pairs. All Pairs entrants must be from the same Club, but not necessarily from the same Team. No substitutes shall be allowed after the first round. Prize Monies will be as listed in Rule 7.
21. If a League **game in progress is postponed** due to unforeseen circumstances, the points scored by each player shall count and the position of the Jack marked. Rule 9(10) of the Laws of Crown Green Bowling takes preference.
22. Any League match which must be postponed, shall be rearranged by the Captains involved for a mutually convenient date, and **must be played within 21 days** of the original date. Other than for inclement weather agreed by both Captains, there must be a notice period given before any postponement. Failure to give such notice will result in the Team seeking postponement forfeiting the match.  
**The inability to raise a full team shall not be a reason for postponement.**  
**NB:- The League Secretary must be informed of any postponements within 48 hours.**
23. Any dispute concerning the League shall be sent to the League Secretary which shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 5 of these rules.

Keith Whittaker.  
League Secretary.

3rd February, 2024.