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**THE NORTH WALES COAST BOWLING LEAGUE**

**CONSTITUTION, RULES & REGULATIONS REVISED 2023**

**1. FORMATION AND NAME**

The league was formed in 1919 under the “NORTH WALES COAST AMATEUR BOWLING LEAGUE” comprising five clubs namely Rhyl, Llandudno, ***Colwyn Bay Cons***, Old Colwyn & Craig-Y-Don. In 2023 under the name of “NORTH WALES COAST BOWLING LEAGUE” there are 41 clubs (forty-one)

**2. CONSTITUTION**

The League shall consist of 41 (forty-one) properly organised Bowling Clubs within the North Wales geographical boundaries. All Bowling Clubs named in the past year’s leagues and any club that is properly proposed in writing and accepted at the league A.G.M.

Promotion & Relegation **will** **normally** be on a Two up Two down basis.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

The 41 affiliated Clubs are in order of Seniority of Membership.

(a) Will consist of the FOUR founder members plus those mentioned above. The seniority of Clubs (Teams) is as ***Appendix 4***

(b) **New Members** may be admitted into the league from properly constituted Bowling Clubs. Clubs entering two teams shall be treated as two separate clubs for the purpose of these Rules. Application to be made either in writing or by Email to the League Secretary before ***14th January***.

(c**) Resignation** Any Club or Team desiring to resign as Members of the league must give Email/written notice to the League Secretary no later than the ***14thJanuary*** in any year, or the club may be liable for that year’s membership fee if the league has not been notified of that club’s intentions.

(d) Any New Team coming into the league will normally enter the lowest section of the league.

(e) Recommendation by the Management Committee to the AGM that any person who has rendered significant service to the League be elected a Life Member. The number of Life Members not to exceed three. (Appendix 2)

**4. OBJECTS**

1. To foster the game of Bowls under strict rules and conditions
2. To promote and organise a League competition and other events provided by these Rules.
3. To affiliate to the Welsh Crown Green Bowling Association.

#### **5. MANAGEMENT**

The Business and Activities of the League shall be managed on a day-to-day basis by the Officers of the League (namely the Chairman; the President; the Secretary, and the Treasurer)

1. The Management Committee will comprise of the President; Chairman; Deputy President; Secretary; Treasurer; and 8(eight) representatives **2** (**two) from each of the Four divisions with 2(two) years affiliation to the league** appointed by the AGM.
2. The Management Committee of the League to meet at various times (as and when necessary) throughout the year to receive reports from all officers, regarding the administration of the league, correspondence received, and financial reports. In addition, the Management Committee would deal with any emergency matters such as complaints and objections. Paragraph 6 provides details of the procedures for the management of emergency business and objections raised.
3. The Management Committee meets annually in advance of the AGM to receive the League Secretary’s report and League Treasurer’s on the season and to consider any recommendations of the Committee and to formulate policy and proposals to be submitted to the AGM.

**6. EMERGENCY BUSINESS**

1. The Committee shall deal with any objections from any Club received in writing or by email to the Hon. Secretary. (additional substitutes e.g. ex-League Officers, Past Presidents etc. may be asked to assist and to enable a quorum)
2. The Club objecting may be represented by the Club Secretary or a Team Member.
3. A registered player may nominate another registered person to represent them.
4. No representative serving on the Management Committee shall attend should his or her Club, Team or Player be involved.
5. Any individual player or club, who is not satisfied with the ruling by the committee, must use the grievance procedure laid down by the W.C.G.B.A, before taking any form of action himself or themselves

**7. SUBSCRIPTION**

1. The Annual subscription for each affiliated Team shall be £60. Team subscriptions shall be paid by the **1st of June** each year, if any team has not paid by this date a fine of **£20.00** will be imposed and a further **£5.00** for each ***consecutive month that their dues remain unpaid.***

##### 8 FINANCIAL CONTROL

1. The Treasurer shall keep full records of all the financial dealings on either computer or proper Account books and shall prepare the Annual Income and Expenditure account and balance sheet to be independently examined and submitted to the AGM for approval. All monies due must be paid to the League Treasurer who will pay all accounts and be responsible for all disbursements. Any monies received by other League Officials must be handed over to the Treasurer.
2. He/She will sign all cheques on behalf of the League.
3. All cheques will also be countersigned by ***one other member of the* Management.** The Treasurer will present a report on the accounts to the Management Committee at Committee meetings.
4. The Treasurer will recommend to the Management Committee at the meeting preceding the AGM of the League, the level of subscription required for the year ahead.
5. The Financial year shall end on the 30th November.

**9. MEETINGS**

(a) The **Annual General Meeting** of the league shall be held on the last Saturday in January of each year.

(b) Up to five (5) representatives from each club may attend.

(c) The Voting Powers to be ONE Club (Team) ONE vote.

(d) All recommendations and Notice of Motions to be carried by a straight majority.

(e) The Hon. Secretary to give fourteen (14) days’ notice when calling the AGM

**The Business of the AGM Shall Be**

* 1. Chairmans Welcoming Address
  2. President’s Opening Welcome and Remarks
  3. Apologies for Absence
  4. Condolences (silent Tribute for deceased members)
  5. **Minutes of the last A.G.M (to be read and approved)**
  6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
  7. Chairman’s Report
  8. Hon. Secretary’s Report
  9. Hon Treasurer’s Report consider and if approved, adopt the examined Accounts and Balance sheet.
  10. Honoraria of Secretary and Treasurer.
  11. Election of Officers:

1. President (The Deputy President being eligible)
2. Deputy President (To be nominated annually as per appendix ***4)***
3. Chairman (NB to be elected for THREE years)
4. Hon. Secretary
5. Hon. Treasurer
6. Two representatives from each Affiliated Division (A, B, C, and D) (All Teams to have two years Affiliation to the league) to serve on the Management Committee.
   1. Recommendations from Management Committee
   2. Motions received (To be lodged with the Secretary at least 14 days before the AGM and to be precisely stated in writing) with the appropriate seconder from an Affiliated Club within the League.
   3. The Chairman shall allow an amendment to any Notice of Motion and if carried it shall be considered as a notified amendment.
   4. Consider and approve the programme of League Fixtures for the ensuing year.
   5. Annual Subscriptions and Prize Money

**10. A Special General Meeting** of the representatives of the affiliated Clubs may be called any time by: -

1. The Management meeting on giving 10 days’ notice specifying the subject to be considered.
2. By Notice of Motion signed by FOUR Clubs specifying the subject to be considered. The meeting to be held within 21 days.

**11. Penalty for non-attendance.**

Any Club failing to have representatives at the appointed League Meetings shall be fined **£25.**

**No apology for absence will be accepted.**

**12. CONSTITUTION & RULES** The Rules of the Constitution and Management of the League are binding on ALL affiliated CLUBS and can only be altered or revised by a Notice of Motion by the Management Committee or any club at the AGM by their representatives. Fourteen days written notice of the AGM to deal with such motion to be sent to all Clubs giving a copy of such motion. All Notice of Motions should be accompanied by a Seconder (see point 13 on the Business of the AGM).

**13. MATCH DISPUTES** Any disputes as to the interpretation of the Match play Rules and protests as to the breach of the Rules shall be decided by the Management Committee.

The Secretary of the aggrieved Club or Captain to lodge a written protest with the League Secretary within 4 days of the match in question.

**PART TWO: MATCH PLAY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

**1. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION *See rule 2*.** The Management shall have the power to recommend according to the number of Member Clubs.

**2. POINTS AWARDS**

The points awarded in the league matches shall be:

* **(2)** Two points for a team winning the match on aggregate
* One aggregate point for each team if the match is a draw.
* One point for every individual game won, **including a penalty win for playing an unregistered player or an absentee player**.

**3. FINAL LEAGUE TABLE**

In the event of a tie on points gained, the team with the best aggregate scores **“FOR”** and “**AGAINST”** for all matches played shall be declared the league champions, this also applies to the league runners-up and relegation.

**4. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

(a) All club secretaries are required to lodge with the Secretary a list of club players to be registered for each team for the season with their B.C.G.B.A number on the date specified and in any case three (3) days before the first match. The Secretary is also to include the name of each team captain along with a telephone number for the captain.

(b) The registration forms can be ***the amended computer lists already on the computer (i.e., last year’s lists updated)*** It is the CLUBS responsibility to make sure these lists are ACCURATE.

(c) Clubs entering TWO teams must complete separate lists for each team. ‘B’ Team players may be selected for ‘A’ team matches......however if a ‘B’ Team player plays **(3)** Three times for his/her ‘A’ team his/her registration will be automatically transferred from ‘B’ to ‘A’ **PLEASE NOTE: -** If a ‘B’ team player has played on a specific date for his/her ‘B’ team he/she ***cannot play*** for his/her ‘A’ team on the same day. **PENALTY**: -game is forfeit.

(d) The closing date for registration of players for the season shall be the **30th day of June** every season.

1. The registered player must be a bona fide member of the Club and is permitted to make one Transfer to another Club providing he/she has only played not more than ONE match for the original registered Club rule 15(d) to apply.
2. Any club may register a new player (with BCGBA number) any time after lodging the list, but Three days prior to the inclusion of the player in a match/team, but in any case, not later than the **30th of June.**

**5 MATCH FIXTURES**

(a) After the fixtures have been adopted at the AGM, all the match fixtures will be binding on all clubs and teams. Should the ‘A’ Team be withdrawn from the League the ‘B’ Team will automatically take on the ‘A’ Team’s position in the League.

{b}No change to the fixtures unless a justifiable reason is given in writing to the league secretary fourteen (14) Days prior to the opening fixtures. Unfit greens to be inspected by League Officials

(c) **Any subsequent rearrangement of a fixture by any two (2) Teams must be arranged and played within fourteen (14) days following the original date, unless authorised by appeal to the league secretary. (If an amicable date cannot be arranged within the fourteen (14) days of the original date of the match, the league Secretary will set a date, if the match is still unable to be played, it will be referred to the Management Committee).**

(d) No team shall have the power to award or concede a league match to the opposing team. (***Any disputes will be dealt with under Rule 13 of the Constitution)***

(e) **The HOME CARDS** will be numbered 1-10 to link up with the Opponents 1-10 the **FULL DRAW** to be carried out **BEFORE** the Match starts. **SCRATCH** will be on a when called basis (*Captains to take a* ***COMMONSENS****E approach*). If for any reason a player is unable to be present or is likely to be absent when called, Captains may name a substitute and advise the opposing Captain the name **BEFORE** the scratch time is called. Once a player is scratched, he/she **CANNOT** take part in the match.

(f) **STARTING TIMES** All ***Matches to commence at 2:00pm unless previously arranged and agreed***

**6. MATCH TEAMS/Games**

1. All match teams will consist of TEN (10) players. **If unable to fulfil TEN (10) players, THE TEAM WILL GO WITH WHAT THEY HAVE. NO PENALTY APPLIES.** All games to be **21 up** and played under the rules of the game as stated by the **BCGBA.**
2. Visiting Teams to have first cast of the jack.
3. FOUR JACKS LIMIT unless otherwise agreed by both Captains only FOUR games shall be played at the same time.
4. Jacks should be **STANDARD “2 full”** and **in date** and Home Clubs must provide a minimum of six Jacks for the visiting Team’s practice. Club’s MUST ensure that Jacks are ‘stamped’ and kept up to date.

**7. ABSENTEE**

The penalty for an absentee shall be 21-0 to the absentee’s opponent; this also applies to a team who plays an unregistered player. A player drawn against an absentee, or an unregistered player shall be awarded a score of 21-11 towards their averages.

**8. PRACTICE**

The visiting team only to be allowed the use of the green twenty (**20)** minutes before the game starts for **fifteen (15**) minutes.

**9. POSTPONED MATCH**

In the event of inclement weather, the Home Club officials are responsible for the decision as to whether the green is in a fit state to play. The match is to be rearranged in accordance with **(Rule 5 c)** and **a new date shall be agreed immediately**; the home team captain must inform the league secretary. (**If an amicable date cannot be arranged within the 14 (fourteen) days of the original date of the match, the league Secretary will set a date, if the match is still unable to be played, it will be referred to the Management Committee**).

**10. ADJOURNED MATCH**

If the match has commenced and rain has stopped play, the question of finishing the match on the day scheduled shall be determined by the captains, if they fail to agree one **(1)** hour after stoppage owing to rain the match shall be adjourned and an agreement to another date and time must be agreed immediately and the home captain to inform the league secretary.

**11. DEFINITION OF ADJOURNED**

(a) The scores of the individual games, which have been completed, shall stand.

(b) If there are four or less games in play and uncompleted such games must be resumed from the spot where they stopped play, and all games to be played off the original cards marked from the point of breaking off.

(c) In the event of one player of an uncompleted game being absent on the re-rearranged date, his opponent being present shall be credited with a win, the absent player being credited with the score at the time the match was adjourned, such score to be recorded in the match result. Or if two players of an adjourned game are absent two substitutes shall be allowed the uncompleted game to be declared void and the game restarted.

(d) Individual games **not commenced** on the original date then if any player (s) in the original team (s) is\are absent, **substitutes will be allowed on the rearranged date**.

(e) No player having played on the original date shall be allowed to play as a substitute on the rearranged date.

**12. MARKERS**

Each captain shall select markers who shall score the card and compare the score on the cards every three **(3)** ends. If the markers cannot agree on the score, then they must go back to where they last agreed, and the game will start from that point. (BCGBA rule 3.4)

**13. MEASURERS** The captains shall appoint their measurers, but in the case of a dispute either player shall have the right to call for a measure by the two C**aptains.**

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**14. LAWS OF THE GAME**

Every game in the league must be played under the laws of the B.C.G.B.A

***NB* Law 10 No Mobile phones or pagers to be taken/allowed on the green and Law 11 Smoking is NOT allowed on the green in the game of Crown Green Bowls.**

**15. MATCH RESULTS**

(a) The home Captain (or Team member) must post the results on to the Website as soon as is possible preferably on the day of the match.

(b)Team Captains should keep a record of the score and preferably sign a card or book to agree on the match result (to eliminate disputes).

(c) The Fixture Secretary will check that results have been updated.

**16. CLUB OFFICERS**

At the A.G.M the Teams will provide the Secretary with names and Address of officials.

**17. LEAGUE RULES**

(a) A copy of the league rules will be supplied to all clubs.

(b) A reissue of the rules will be made every fifth year ***(or as necessary).***

(c) Amendments will be provided between years of review.

(d) A copy of the rules **SHOULD** be displayed on the Club’s Notice Board.

**18. DRESS RULES/CODE**

1 **For all League/Cup matches**

(a) Suitable footwear must be worn. No player is to wear hard or block-heeled footwear, sandals or other open-toed footwear or any footwear must not be worn whilst on the green in any match under the Association’s jurisdiction with heavy tread that will damage the green **(BCGBA Handbook Byelaw – Players Dress)**

(b) Players must not be topless or wear vests; tailored shorts may be worn.

(c) Nothing in these rules shall prevent exceptions being made for any individuals with a relevant disability.

2 **For Presidents Day and the Qualifying Round**

**Only Shirt or Polo Shirt should be worn with casual trousers/skirts.** **NO JEANS, LEGGINS, or TRACKSUITS will be allowed. ENTRY WILL BE REFUSED.**

**19. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS**

Any problem that is not covered in the rules the Management Committee has the power to act and make decisions.

**LEAGUE CUPS, SHIELDS AND AWARDS**

**1. CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The Championship shields will be awarded to the winners/Runners up of the respective sections and presented at the Presidents Day, Prize money determined by the Management Committee will also be awarded ***(see appendix 1 )***

**2. LEAGUE AVERAGE WINNERS**

The shields will be presented at the Presidents Day along with prize money. ***(see appendix 3)***

Individual average records will be decided on the MOST number of wins in League matches. In the event of a tie, aggregates would decide.

**3. PRESIDENTS DAY**

Each average winner shall play in a end of season knockout competition, the winner will be awarded the Lew Lloyd shield and prize money (***see appendix 1***), dates will be fixed by the Secretary, ***all teams*** must be represented in the Presidents Day competition, if not a fine of **£15** will be imposed and ***all Teams*** ***must be represented at the Presentation of Awards on Presidents Day, if not represented, a fine of £25 will be levied***. A *referee may* be appointed for the Final Day. ***Qualifying rounds will be played on TWO neutral greens down to the last four. The Final eight will play on the Presidents green with HOME players 2 back (as well as their handicap)***

1. **The Qualifiers and Presidents Day start and scratch time is 2.00 pm.**
2. The Player in each team who has the best record will be expected to enter. If this player is unable to attend the team must send a substitute (see above re non-attendance)
3. Handicaps for the Competition will be as follows Section ‘A’ (scratch) Section ‘B’ (+2) Section ‘C’ (+4) and Section ‘D’ (+6). **All qualifiers on President’s Day will play off scratch as per vote at 2019 AGM.**
4. Players who receive a bye in the Qualifying rounds will be given 10 minutes practice.
5. The 8 quarter finalists shall have 10 minutes practice any time before 2.00pm.
6. **NO PRACTICE** is allowed on the Selected greens for the Qualifiers within 7 days prior to the Competition (**unless in a Match fixture**)

**ALL CUPS AND SHIELDS ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE LEAGUE AND SHOULD BE ENGRAVED BY THE WINNERS BEFORE THEIR RETURN TO THE LEAGUE AND**

**ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE DONE TO THEM WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF**

**THE INDIVIDUAL OR CLUB *(See Appendix 1)***

4. Rules for the ‘May Ashenden’ Knockout Trophy Competition (*see appendix 5*)

***Appendix 1***

**TROPHIES HELD BY THE LEAGUE**

**The Lord Colwyn Shield Division ‘A’ Winners**

**The Jack Foxcroft Shield Division ‘A’ Runners-up**

**The Waterworth Cup Division ‘B’ Winners**

**The T.H Davies Memorial Cup Division ‘C’ Winners**

**The Glyn Ellis Shield Division ‘D’ Winners**

**The Lew Lloyd Shield Presidents Day Winner**

**The W.E. Richards Shields x 4 Division “A, ‘B’, ‘C’ and D” Average Winners**

**The Presidents Badge**

**The May Ashenden Shield Cup Competition (No longer played)**

**The Presidents Badge**

***Appendix 2***

**Life Members**

Mrs. Betty Hope

**Appendix 3**

***PRIZE MONEY***

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| **League** | **Division ‘A’** | |  | | |  | |  | **£100.00** | | | | **£80.00** | |  | | | |
|  | **Division ‘B’** | |  | | |  | |  | **£100.00** | | | | **£80.00** | |  | | | |
|  | **Division ‘C’** | |  | | |  | |  | **£100.00** | | | | **£80.00** | |  | | | |
|  | **Division ‘D’** | |  | | |  | |  | **£100.00** | | | | **£80.00** | |  | | | |
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|  | | **Averages** | | **Division ‘A’** | | | **Winner** | | | | | **£80.00** | | | |  | | |
|  | |  | | **Division ‘B’** | | | **Winner** | | | | | **£80.00** | | | |  | | |
|  | |  | | **Division ‘C’** | | | **Winner** | | | | | **£80.00** | | | |  | | |
|  | |  | | **Division ‘D’** | | | **Winner** | | | | | **£80.00** | | | |  | | |
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***Presidents Day***

**Winner £150, Runner-up £70, Semi Final 2\* £40 and Quarter Final 4 \* £20**

***Appendix 4***

***The Affiliated CLUBS in order of Seniority of Membership***

1. Old Colwyn
2. Craig Y Don A
3. Llanrwst ‘A’
4. Highbury
5. Penmaenmawr A
6. Rhos Park ‘A’
7. Conwy ‘A’
8. St Asaph
9. Denbigh
10. Mochdre Park
11. Dyserth
12. Bangor City
13. Llanfair PG
14. Blaenau Ffestiniog
15. Beaumaris ‘A’
16. Bala
17. Llanrwst ‘B’
18. Rhos Park ‘B’
19. Bethesda
20. Fron Park
21. Vardre ‘A’
22. Pen Y Groes
23. Holyhead
24. Grove Park A
25. Beaumaris ‘B’
26. Colwyn Bay RBL
27. Benllech
28. Sunny Rhyl
29. Conwy ‘B’
30. Mochdre Park ‘B’
31. Vardre ‘B
32. Bryn Newydd A (2018)
33. Craig Y Don B (2018)
34. Grove Park B (2019)
35. Bryn Newydd B (2019)
36. Penmaenmawr B (2019)
37. Criccieth (2023)
38. Llandudno (re-join 2023)
39. Min Y Don (re-join 2023)
40. Rhos on Sea (2023)
41. Rhuddlan (re-join 2023)

Contd. Appendix 4

Summary of Clubs who have recently left the league:

Kinmel Bay left the League 2015 – re-joined 2017 – left 2021.

Rhyl left the league 2016 – A founder member.

Penmaenmawr B- left the league 2016 – re-joined 2019.

Trefnant joined 2015 - left the league 2017.

Rhuddlan left the league 2018 – A founder member – rejoined 2023.

Penrhyn New Hall (B) – joined 2014 - left the league 2019.

Penrhyn New Hall A – joined 2014 – left 2021.

Caernarvon left 2021.

Eirias Park – left 2021.

Llandudno A left 2021 – founder member

Llandudno B left 2021.

Llysfaen left 2021.

St. Asaph B left 2021.

Min y Don left 2021 rejoined 2023.

Copperfields left 2022.

Abergele 2014 – left 2023.

**Appendix 5**

**NWCBL Rules for May Ashenden Trophy**

**Knockout Competition**

* Entry will be on a voluntary basis
* Entry fee will be £10.00
* Competition will require a minimum of 16 entries
* Competition will be played 5 home and 5 away
* Teams will be handicapped according to League position
* Competition will be run on a Friday night or by arrangement within one week before or after specified date
* Teams to be numbered in playing order and matched up at start of match
* Start time will be 7pm scratch when called or by arrangement between Captains
* Practice as per NWCBL Constitution Part Two – Match Play Rules and Regulations – Rule 8 – The visiting team only to be allowed to use the green for 15 (fifteen) minutes before the time fixed for the league match to start
* Aggregate score to count. In the event of a draw in Aggregate (including Handicap each team to nominate 2 (two) players to play 11 (eleven) up. If still a draw match to be replayed the following Friday
* Prize money will be enhanced by £200.00 from the NWCBL making minimum prize money of £360.00. **Paying out Winner and Runner-Up**

A fine will be imposed for withdrawing from the competition without good reason.

The Final will be played on the NWCBL Deputy President’s Green and Dress Code as per rules in NWCBL Constitution will apply.