

COLERAINE BOWLING CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1 Title

The name of the Club shall be 'The Coleraine Bowling Club' and the Club will be affiliated to the Irish Bowling Association and the Northern Ireland Provincial Bowling Association.

2 Objects

2.1 The objects of the Club shall be to promote, encourage and regulate the game of bowls. To achieve these objects the Club will provide and maintain the bowling green and all other necessary facilities.

2.2 The Club will provide other amenities for recreation and social fellowship among its members.

2.3 The Club is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of all its members. Every individual in its membership should, at all times, show respect for and understanding of the rights, safety and welfare of others, and in particular young people. They should conduct themselves in a way which reflects the principles of the I.B.A. and the guidelines set out in the Association's policy document, *'Protecting Children and the Vulnerable'* and the Sports Council's *'Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport'*.

3 Office Bearers

3.1 The Office Bearers of the Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Immediate Past President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary and match secretary, all of whom shall be ex-officio members of all committees.

3.2 All Office Bearers shall retire at each Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election.

4 Trustees

4.1 The property of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees.

4.2 The Trustees shall be elected at a General Meeting from among the members of the Club, as occasion may demand.

4.3 The General Meeting shall have power to remove any of the Trustees and all vacancies occurring by removal, resignation and death shall be filled at the same or next General Meeting.

4.4 In the case of any casual vacancy the remaining Trustees shall have power to act.

4.5 The Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property.

5 The Management Committee

5.1 The Management Committee shall consist of the Office Bearers and six other members.

- 5.2 The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees (not necessarily from among themselves) and delegate to any such Sub-Committee any of its powers, except the election of members, the disciplining and removal of members and the financial business and affairs of the Club.
- 5.2.1 The Convenor of any such Sub-Committee shall be a member of the Management Committee.
- 5.3 The Committee shall have power to make such Bye-Laws and Regulations and give such orders, as it considers necessary for the well being of the Club.
- 5.4 The Committee shall have control of the finances of the Club, power to engage, control and dismiss Club employees and have all administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these Rules.
- 5.4.1 Any disciplinary action taken against an employee must concur with current employment legislation.
- 5.4.2 It shall be the duty of the Management Committee to ensure that proper books of accounts and records are kept, so as to show with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position of the Club
- 5.4.3 The Committee shall have power to borrow, by way of overdraft or loan, such sum of money as the Committee considers necessary, from the Danske Bank Ltd. or such other Bank or Source as the Committee approves from time to time.
- 5.5 The Committee shall hold a meeting once a month to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the Club.
- 5.5.1 In the event of any matter arising which necessitates another meeting, the Honorary Secretary shall give at least three days notice of such meeting to each member.
- 5.6 The Committee shall have authority to permit the functioning of a Ladies' Bowling Section on such conditions as it considers proper and provided that all members of the Ladies' Bowling Section are Full Members of the Club.

6 Election of members to the Management Committee

- 6.1 Members of the Management Committee shall be elected, by the members of the Club, at the Annual General Meeting. They shall be elected to serve for three years and at the end of that period shall be eligible for re-election.
- 6.2 The names of those elected shall be placed, in alphabetical order, at the end of the list of members of the Committee. Each year thereafter the two members of the Committee at the top of the list shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election.
- 6.3 All nominations for vacancies on the Committee must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary, on the authorized Nomination Form, seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Each nomination form must be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee.
- 6.3.1 The nominee must be present at the Annual General Meeting unless a letter of apology, giving an acceptable reason for his non-attendance, is received and accepted by the Management Committee.
- 6.4 In the event of a tie in the election of members to the Committee the election shall be decided by drawing lots.

- 6.5 The Committee shall have authority to fill all vacancies among the Officers and members of the Management Committee between one Annual General Meeting and the next Annual General Meeting. The names of such co-opted members shall be placed on the list of members of the Management Committee in the same position for retirement as those whom they replace and their names shall be submitted for confirmation at the next General Meeting.

7 Membership

- 7.1 Members of the Club shall be divided into four categories - Full Members, Junior Members, Non-Playing Members and Honorary Members.
- 7.2 The election of Full Members, Junior Members, Non-Playing Members and Lady Associate Members to the Club shall rest with the Management Committee. Honorary Members will be elected as set out in Rule 8.5 hereinafter provided.
- 7.3 A person seeking admission to membership of the Club shall be proposed by one Full Member and seconded by another. His name, address and relevant details, with the names of his proposer and seconder, shall be submitted in writing to the Management Committee, via the Honorary Secretary. The Management Committee shall have power to accept or reject such proposal. The mode of election shall be by a simple majority.
- 7.4 The names and addresses of the persons proposed as Full Members, Junior Members and Non-Playing Members shall be displayed on the clubhouse notice board for at least one week before their election and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between their nomination and election.
- 7.5 On the election of a new member the Honorary Secretary shall: -
- 7.5.1 inform the applicant, in writing, that his application to membership of the Club has been accepted and that he should familiarise himself with the Constitution and Rules of the Club a copy of which is on the Clubhouse Notice Board and Club Website.
- 7.5.2 request payment of the first annual subscription.
- 7.6 If the application as detailed in Rule 7.3 has not been successful the applicant shall be informed accordingly, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary.
- 7.7 No person shall have the rights to the privileges of membership until the annual subscription has been paid.
- 7.8 If, at the time a candidate has been duly proposed as a Full Member, the limit of such membership as set out in Rule 7.9 hereinafter provided has been reached, the proposed member's name shall be placed on a waiting list of prospective members. When vacancies arise prospective members will be considered for election in the order in which the Honorary Secretary has received their nominations.
- 7.9 The limit of the numbers of Full Members of the Club shall be decided at a General Meeting of the Club. The present limit is 110 (one hundred and ten).
- 7.10 All members shall carry membership cards while on Club premises.
- 7.11 An alphabetical list of the names and addresses of every member of the Club shall be displayed on the clubhouse notice board. This list shall be updated as required and at least annually by the 30th day of June.

8 Classification of Members

- 8.1 Membership of the Club shall consist of the following classifications.
- 8.2 ***Full Members*** shall be persons who are 18 years or over on the 1st day of April in the current year and who have full voting rights in the affairs and management of the Club.
- 8.3 ***Junior Members*** shall be members who are under 18 years on the 1st day of April in the current year. They shall be entitled to attend General Meetings of the Club but shall not have any voting rights. They shall be entitled to full use of the clubhouse facilities, except as restricted by application of the current Registration of Clubs (N.I.) Order with regards to access to certain areas through age.
- 8.4 ***Non-Playing Members*** shall be persons, male or female, who are over 18 years of age on the 1st day of April in the current year. They will not be entitled to attend General Meetings and they shall have no voting rights. They shall be entitled to all privileges and the use of all facilities with the exception of the playing facilities provided by the Club. However, they will be entitled to play for the Coleraine Bowling Club shortmat team in its league and cup competitions.
- 8.5 ***Honorary Members***
The Management Committee shall have power to elect distinguished bowlers or those who have distinguished themselves by public or bowling services or services to the Club, as Honorary Members of the Club, for such periods as it shall determine. Honorary Members, who shall not exceed ten in number at any one time, are entitled to attend (without voting rights) the General Meetings of the Club. However, if such Honorary Members were Full Members of the Club at the date of their election to Honorary Membership or if they are elected Office Bearers they may exercise the right to vote.
- 8.6 The total number of members not having voting rights in relation to the affairs of the Club shall not exceed three times the total number of members having such rights.

9 Annual Subscriptions

- 9.1 The Annual Subscription shall be reviewed at each Annual General Meeting. This subscription shall include the International Bowling Association Levies and the Northern Ireland Provincial Bowling Association capitation fees.
- 9.2 Annual Subscriptions shall be due and payable on or before the 30th day of April in each year. No member shall represent the Club in any League or Cup match or take part in any Club competitions, after the 30th day of April, unless the member has paid his Annual Subscription in full. If any subscription remains unpaid at the 31st May in any year the Secretary or his Deputy shall write to the member concerned indicating that if the appropriate subscription is not paid within fourteen days, his membership will be terminated and it will be necessary to re-apply for admission to membership.
- 9.3 New members applying for Full Membership, and who have never previously played for Coleraine Bowling Club, may be granted half price rates as agreed at the Annual General Meeting. This applies only to their first year at the club; their annual subscription rate will return to full price the following year.
- 9.4 Full Members who are over 18 years and under 25 years of age on the 1st day of April, in the current year, may be granted concessionary rates as agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

10 Meetings

- 10.1 The financial year of the Club shall end on 30th September and the Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 15th December for the following purposes:-
- 10.1.1 To receive the Annual Report of the Management Committee.
 - 10.1.2 To receive the Annual Accounts and the Auditor's Report thereon.
 - 10.1.3 To elect the Officers, Trustees (if necessary), Members of Management Committee, Auditor and Representatives to the I.B.A. and the N.I.P.B.A.
 - 10.1.4 To receive and discuss any motion. Any notice of motion must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary before the 1st day of November in the current year. The notice of motion must be signed by the proposer and the member seconding the motion.
 - 10.1.5 To discuss any other relevant business.
- 10.2 At least fourteen days notice of the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meetings shall be given in writing, to members entitled thereto, setting out the business to be transacted thereat.
- 10.2.1 Any amendments to any motion must be submitted to the Honorary Secretary, in writing, seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. Any such amendment must be signed by the proposer and seconder.
- 10.3 Special General Meetings may be called at the request of the Management Committee, or on requisition to the Honorary Secretary signed by at least ten Full Members and stating the business to be brought forward. The Honorary Secretary shall call the meeting within twenty-one days of the receipt of the request or requisition and shall state the business for which the meeting has been called. No other business shall be transacted thereat. Notice of such meeting shall be given as set out in Rule 10.2.
- 10.4 No alteration or addition to the Constitution and Rules of the Club shall be made except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting at which two - thirds of those present and voting shall be deemed necessary to carry the motion.

11 Standing Orders for Meetings

- 11.1 The proposer of any motion or amendment shall not be allowed more than ten minutes to make his presentation and each succeeding speaker not more than five minutes.
- 11.2 The time limit may be extended if the consent of the meeting is obtained.
- 11.3 No member shall address the meeting until called upon by the President.
- 11.4 When the President rises to speak all members must take their seats.
- 11.5 The decision of the President on any matter of procedure shall be final.
- 11.6 All motions shall be put from the chair when, in the opinion of the President, sufficient time has been given for discussion. The decision on any question will be taken in accordance with Rule 12.3 hereinafter provided.
- 11.7 It shall be open to any member, at any time during a discussion, to move "That the question be now put" and if a majority are in favour of this, the question shall be put to a vote, provided that the proposer shall have a right to reply.

12 Mode of Voting

- 12.1 In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside at all General Meetings and

Management Committee Meetings. If both are absent, those members present shall elect a Chairman.

- 12.2 When voting at a General Meeting no proxies shall be allowed.
- 12.3 Save as in Rules 7.3 and 10.4 heretofore provided and in Rule 13 hereinafter provided, voting shall be by a show of hands, the majority to carry. If, however, a majority of the voting members present wish any question under discussion to be put to a vote by ballot that mode shall be adopted.
- 12.4 The presiding officer at all meetings of the Club shall have a deliberate vote and in the case of equality, a casting vote.
- 12.5 At all Committee and Sub-Committee Meetings a majority of the members of such Committee shall form a quorum.
- 12.6 At all General Meetings twenty-two Full Members shall form a quorum.

13 Discipline of Members

13.1 The following shall constitute a breach of Club Discipline:-

13.1.1 Any breach of Club Rules or Code of Conduct.

13.1.2 The conduct of any member within or outside the premises occupied or used by the Club, which is considered to be injurious to the character or interests of the Club.

13.1.3 The use of obscene language by any member while involved in any Club business or activity.

13.2 Any complaints with reference to discipline and/or grievance(s) must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary without undue delay.

13.3 Upon a receipt of a complaint the Honorary Secretary will call a meeting of the Management Committee as a priority.

13.3.1 If considered sufficiently serious the member complained of shall be immediately suspended from all Club activities and premises, pending the outcome of enquiries into the allegation. The member will be notified, in writing, of any such suspension.

13.3.2 Management shall appoint a Disciplinary Sub-Committee of three members from their Committee, under the chairmanship of a Convenor, to investigate the complaint.

13.3.3 The Sub-Committee shall offer a hearing to the person about whom the allegation is made.

13.3.4 The Sub-Committee may, at its sole discretion, make any enquiries it deems necessary and interview any person or persons it thinks may be able to assist with its investigation.

13.3.5 The Sub-Committee shall report its finding, in writing, without delay to the Management Committee.

13.4 Management shall be empowered to arrive at one or more of the following decisions by majority vote:-

13.4.1 That no further action be taken.

13.4.2 That the member be reprimanded, in writing, as to his future conduct.

13.4.3 That the member be suspended from the Club for a specific period.

13.4.4 If the member concerned is a member of the Management Committee that he will be expelled from that Committee.

13.4.5 That the member be expelled from the Club.

13.5 The Honorary Secretary shall inform the member of the Management's decision immediately, by letter sent by recorded delivery.

- 13.5.1 This letter shall point out to him his right of appeal under Rule 13.6 or Rule 13.7, if applicable.
- 13.6 A member suspended under Rule 13.4.3 may appeal to the Management Committee.
 - 13.6.1 Such appeal must be received, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary within ten days of the date of the posting of the letter referred to in Rule 13.5.
 - 13.6.2 This letter of appeal must outline all the facts, reasons and other matters, which the appellant intends to rely upon at the appeal hearing.
 - 13.6.3 If the right to appeal is exercised the Committee shall, within five days or under exceptional circumstances as soon as possible, notify the appellant of the date and time of the hearing.
 - 13.6.4 The appellant shall be entitled to make representations on his own behalf, or call witnesses at the hearing, but shall not be allowed to rely on evidence on any point which has not been raised in his letter of appeal.
 - 13.6.5 The Committee may seek evidence or clarification from the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
 - 13.6.6 The Committee shall have exclusive power to decide the matter by ballot.
 - 13.6.7 In the event of a successful appeal the Committee may further consider the matter in the absence of the appellant and deal with the complaint by applying either Rule 13.4.1 or 13.4.2.
 - 13.6.8 Any decision arrived at by the Committee shall be communicated verbally, and as soon as possible in writing to the appellant.
- 13.7 A member expelled under Rule 13.4.5 may appeal to the Management Committee.
 - 13.7.1 Such an appeal must be received, in writing, by the Honorary Secretary within ten days of the date of the posting of the letter referred to in Rule 13.5.
 - 13.7.2 This letter of appeal must outline all the facts, reasons and other matters, which the appellant intends to rely upon at the hearing.
 - 13.7.3 If the right of appeal is exercised the Committee shall, within five days or under exceptional circumstances as soon as possible, notify the appellant of the date and time of the hearing.
 - 13.7.4 The Honorary Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting of the committee, giving at least seven days notice, to consider the appeal.
 - 13.7.5 The appellant shall be entitled to make representation on his own behalf or call witnesses at the hearing, but shall not be allowed to rely on evidence on any point which has not been raised in his letter of appeal.
 - 13.7.6 The meeting may seek evidence or clarification from the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
 - 13.7.7 Subsequent to all evidence having been heard the appellant shall be requested to retire.
 - 13.7.8 Expulsion shall be considered by the meeting and if two-thirds of the committee vote in favour then the member shall be expelled and his subscription forfeited.
 - 13.7.9 In the event of a two-thirds majority not being recorded, the members will consider a decision as outlined in Rule 13.4.1,13.4.2,13.4.3 or 13.4.4.
 - 13.7.10 This decision shall be taken by a majority vote and if it is decided that the matter be dealt with under Rule 13.4.3 and / or Rule 13.4.4, this will be binding on the appellant.
 - 13.7.11 If at the Special General Meeting called to consider the appeal a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to a date fixed by those present.
 - 13.7.12 Upon reaching a decision the Honorary Secretary shall inform the appellant of same verbally, to be confirmed in writing by recorded delivery, as soon as possible.
- 13.8 Any decision arrived at by the Management Committee or members of the Club shall be communicated to the complainant in writing. This decision shall be final.

14 Supply of intoxicating liquor

- 14.1 The supply of intoxicating liquor shall be strictly in accordance with current legislation.
- 14.2 Intoxicating liquor may be supplied during the following hours:-
 - 14.2.1 On weekdays between the hours of 11.30am and 11pm.
 - 14.2.2 Intoxicating liquor may also be supplied outside these hours when authorization has been received under Article 26 of the Registration of Clubs (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.
 - 14.2.3 On Christmas Day from 12.30pm to 10pm.
 - 14.2.4 On Good Friday from 5pm to 11pm.
 - 14.2.5 The Management Committee may restrict the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied.
 - 14.2.6 There shall be exhibited in a conspicuous part of the Club premises a statement, printed in plain type, of the hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied on the premises.
- 14.3 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to any person under 18 years of age.
- 14.4 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to persons who are not members of the Club for consumption outside the Club premises.
- 14.5 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to members of the Club for consumption outside the Club premises, except where the liquor is supplied in such quantities and during such hours within the permitted hours, and on such days as the Sub-Divisional Commander for the police Sub-Division in which the premises are situated, may authorise in writing.
- 14.6 No person shall be paid at the expense of the Club any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of intoxicating liquor by the Club.
- 14.7 No person shall, directly or indirectly, derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of Intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the Club or members or guests, apart from any benefit accruing to the Club as a whole.
- 14.8 No member of the Management Committee, manager or servant employed by the Club shall have any personal interest in the supply of intoxicating liquor or in the profits arising from such supply.
- 14.9 No person shall, except during the permitted hours and the first 30 minutes after the permitted hours, consume any intoxicating liquor on the Club premises.
- 14.10 Intoxicating liquor shall not be supplied to a person who is known to be drunk.

15 Visitors

- 15.1 Persons may be admitted as visitors to the Club only on the invitation and in the company of a member.
- 15.2 The same person, except where that person is a parent, husband, wife or child of a member, shall not be admitted as a visitor to the Club on more than twenty days in any period of twelve months.
- 15.3 A visitor shall immediately upon his admission to the Club premises enter his name and address in the Visitors' Book which shall be kept for that purpose and which shows the date of each visit. The member introducing a visitor shall ensure that this is done and shall enter

his own name in the Visitors' Book as having affected their admission. That member shall be responsible for his guest strictly observing the Rules and shall not leave the Club premises before his guest.

- 15.4 A visitor shall not be supplied with intoxicating liquor on the Club premises unless upon the invitation and in the company of a member.
- 15.5 In the case of a team or other body of persons who are, as members of another Club, Society or Organisation, visiting the Club for the purpose of taking part in, or in the organisation of or arrangement for any pastime, sport, game or recreation at the Club, it shall suffice for the purposes of this Rule for a Member of the Management Committee to enter in the Visitors' Book the name of the Club, Society or Organisation and the number of such visitors, without specifying the names and addresses.
- 15.5.1 On the occasion of such a visit intoxicating liquor may be supplied to such visitors at the request and in the presence of any Member of the Management Committee.
- 15.5.2 The admission of such visitors shall be disregarded for the portion of this Rule relating to the number of times a visitor may be admitted to the Club premises.
- 15.6 No member shall in any circumstances invite to the Club, as a visitor, any of the following:
- 15.6.1 An unsuccessful candidate for membership of the Club.
- 15.6.2 Anyone whose membership has been terminated or suspended.
- 15.6.3 Anyone whose conduct or reputation is, in the opinion of the Management Committee, objectionable.
- 15.6.4 This Rule shall not apply to any member of a visiting team.

16 Team Panels

- 16.1 Prior to the commencement of each playing season the Management Committee shall appoint three Club members, whom they consider as members of the Senior Team, to select other Club Members, up to the limit set by Management, to form the Senior Panel.
- 16.1.1 This Panel shall be presented to the Management Committee for approval.
- 16.1.2 The Senior Team shall, under normal circumstances, be selected from this Panel.
- 16.2 When the Senior Panel has been selected the Management Committee shall appoint a further three Club members whom they consider as members of the Junior Team, to select other Club members, up to the limit set by Management, to form the Junior Panel.
- 16.2.1 This Panel shall be presented to the Management Committee for approval.
- 16.2.2 The Junior Team shall, under normal circumstances, be selected from this panel.
- 16.3 When the Junior Panel has been selected the Management Committee shall appoint a further three Club members whom they consider as members of the Culrathain Team, to select other Club members, up to the limit set by Management, to form the Junior Panel.
- 16.3.1 This Panel shall be presented to the Management Committee for approval.
- 16.3.2 The Culrathain Team shall, under normal circumstances, be selected from this panel.
- 16.4 After the members of the Senior, Junior and Culrathain Panels have been agreed, the remaining Club playing members shall form the Panel for the Coleraine D Team.
- 16.5 The Management Committee shall appoint members of their Committee, to arrange and attend a meeting of each Panel and supervise the election of a Captain and three selectors, for the season. This election shall be by ballot.
- 16.5.1 Two of the members appointed under Rule 16.4 shall preside over each Panel meeting but no member shall be eligible to preside over the meeting of the Panel of which he is a member.

16.6 No adjustments shall be made to a panel without prior approval of the Management Committee.

16.7 The Management Committee shall determine the flat rate subscription for all players in inter-club competitive games.

16.8 When a team is playing in an I.B.A. Intermediate, Junior or Senior cup game the subscription fee for each game shall be determined by the Club Treasurer and the respective Team Captain.

17 Rules of Bowls

17.1 The Code of the Laws of the Game of Bowls in force under the I.B.A. shall be adopted by the Club

17.2 Regulation Club dress shall be Club blazer, white shirt, Club tie and grey trousers.

17.3 When playing in N.I.P.B.A. League and Cup games all players must wear club shirts and club trousers (club or white during play on Saturdays and in Cup finals). The same dress will be worn by every member of the team. Pullovers, cardigans and headgear, if worn, shall be white or cream. Club jackets may be worn.

17.3.1 Outer rainwear must be white.

17.3.2 Regulation bowling shoes must be worn.

17.3.3 When travelling to and from games Regulation Club dress shall be worn.

17.4 Players competing in the Senior and Junior Challenge Cups, National Championships and Inter-Association Championships will comply with Rule 8 of the I.B.A. General Competition Rules.

17.5 The Team Captain and Selectors shall be responsible for the appropriate dress and behaviour of team members both on and off the 'Green' and while travelling to and from matches. Any breach of Club Rules or bowling etiquette of a serious nature shall be brought to the immediate notice of the Honorary Secretary, in writing, to be dealt with under Rule 13.

18 Interpretation of Rules

18.1 The Management Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these Rules and any Regulations or Bye-Laws made by it.

18.2 The decision of the Management Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for in these Rules, or by any Regulations or Bye-Laws, is final and binding on the members.

18.3 In these Rules where the context so permits or requires, the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.

18.4 An up to date copy of the Constitution and Rules of the Club shall be displayed in the Clubhouse.

19 Dissolution of Club.

19.1 In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the surplus assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be distributed to members but to an Organisation with similar objects to the Club and the Rules of which similarly preclude the distribution of assets to members.

APPENDIX 1

COMPETITION BYE LAWS

1 Competition Rules

- 1.1 A Competitions Sub-Committee shall be appointed by the Management Committee to manage all Club Competitions.
- 1.2 The Sub-Committee shall decide the fees for all Club Competitions except the fee for the Fulton Cup Rinks Competition, which shall be set by the Management Committee. Any matters not covered in these Competition Rules will be decided by the Competitions Committee.
- 1.3 **McLaughlin Shield** Championship Singles shall be a scratch knockout competition.
 - 1.3.1 The winner of each game shall be the first player to score twenty-one shots.
 - 1.3.2 The Naye Cup shall be awarded to the runner-up in this competition.
- 1.4 **Barrie Cup** shall be a Handicap Knockout Singles Competition. (NOW RETIRED)
 - 1.4.1 This competition shall be confined to those entrants in the current Championship Singles Competition who have paid their fee for that competition and who have been eliminated or scratched in the preliminary and first rounds of that competition.
 - 1.4.2 Prior to the commencement of each game the differential in any handicaps awarded by the Competitions Committee shall be placed on the scoreboard and the first player to reach twenty-one shots shall be the winner.
- 1.5 **Baird Cup** shall be a Handicap Knockout Singles Competition.
 - 1.5.1 Prior to the commencement of each game the differential in any handicaps awarded by the Competitions Committee shall be placed on the scoreboard and the first player to reach twenty-one shots shall be the winner.
- 1.6 **Lamont Cup** shall be a Handicap Knockout Pairs Competition.
 - 1.6.1 Entrants shall choose their partners.
 - 1.6.2 Prior to the commencement of each game the differential in any handicaps awarded by the Competitions Committee shall be placed on the scoreboard.
 - 1.6.3 Twenty-one ends shall be played in each game. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends shall be played to decide the winners.
- 1.7 **McMaster Cup** shall be a Two Bowl Knockout Pairs Competition.
 - 187.1 Entrants shall put their names on an entry sheet and a draw for partners shall be made by the Competitions Committee.
 - 1.7.2 Twenty-one ends shall be played in each game. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends shall be played to decide the winners.
 - 1.7.3 No substitutions shall be permitted in this competition.
- 1.8 **Jamieson Cup** shall be a Triples Scratch Knockout Competition.
 - 1.8.1 Entrants shall form their own triples and each player shall play three bowls.
 - 1.8.2 One substitute shall be permitted in each game.
 - 1.8.3 Eighteen ends shall be played in each game. In the event of a tie, an extra end or ends shall be played to determine the winners.
- 1.9 **Ross Cup** shall be a Novice Singles Scratch Knockout Competition.
 - 1.9.1 This competition shall be open to any new member, who has not previously been a member of the Club, or any other outdoor bowling club.
 - 1.9.2 Bona fide novices shall be eligible to play in their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years membership of the Club. Junior members will be able to play each year (11-18yrs).
 - 1.9.3 The winner of each game shall be the first player to score twenty-one shots.

- 1.9.4 Winners of this competition shall be debarred from entry in any subsequent year.
- 1.10 Only those members who put their names on the entry sheets provided will be included in the competitions, except in the case of the Ross Cup Novice Singles Competition when eligible players will be automatically entered.
- 1.11 Parties to a tie should attempt to arrange a mutually suitable date for the playing of the game.
- 1.11.1 If a mutually suitable date cannot be arranged, either party may offer his (their) opponent(s) three different dates, not all consecutive, using the Challenge Sheet provided on the Notice Board for that purpose.
- 1.11.2 The date of a challenge must precede the first suggested date of play by three clear days (excluding Sundays).
- 1.11.3 Either party to a tie may put up a challenge and the first party to do so shall be deemed to be the challenger.
- 1.11.4 If neither party puts up a challenge the first named party shall be deemed to be the challenger.
- 1.11.5 The only disallowable dates for challenge shall be Sundays, Rinks Nights, days of League and Cup ties involving the opponent(s) and when the Green has been closed to members by the Management Committee. All other dates are considered valid dates.
- 1.11.6 If having agreed a date for play, either party is unable to honour the same, he (they) should notify his (their) opponent(s) as soon as possible prior to the chosen date. If another date cannot be agreed, the matter should be notified by the challenger to the Competitions Committee for their decision.
- 1.11.7 If no proper challenge is made before the closing date of the round, the first named party to the tie shall be scratched.
- 1.11.8 The Competitions Committee may, in the case of continuous inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances, grant an extension to the closing date for a particular round of any competition. In this event the dates for playing subsequent rounds may be adjusted.
- 1.11.9 In the event of a dispute the Competitions Committee shall meet and decide which player(s) are at fault and the player(s) at fault shall be scratched.
- 1.12 **Fulton Cup** Rinks Competition shall be played each Monday evening from May to August inclusive. The time of commencement shall be 7pm.
- 1.12.1 Eighteen ends shall normally be played but under extenuating circumstances this may be changed at the discretion of a member of the Competition Committee in charge at the time.
- 1.12.2 Scoring shall be recorded as a plus for the number of shots up and a minus for the number of shots down in respect of each game played.
- 1.12.3 The overall winner shall be the player with the highest aggregate of shots recorded in any number of games, up to and including fourteen. A minimum of nine games must be played in order to qualify.
- 1.12.4 On each night of play entrants shall pay the competition fee that has been agreed by the Management Committee and the Competitions Committee shall provide prizes each night for the rink with the highest winning score.
- 1.12.5 On an occasion when the number of competitors exceeds the number that can be accommodated on the green, those not participating shall be credited with a plus five as their score.
- 1.13 **The William Henry Charity Cup.**
- 1.13.1 The Competitions Committee shall determine each year in what form this competition shall be conducted
- 1.13.2 The Competitions Committee shall make the necessary rules relating to entrance fees, conditions of play and ascertainment of the winner.

1.13.3 Each year the charity to benefit will be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

1.14 The J. Edgar Cup, September Triples Competition.

- 1.14.1 This competition shall be played each Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening during the month of September.
- 1.14.2 The time of commencement will be 7pm.
- 1.14.3 Each player will play two bowls and the number of ends played will be decided by the Competitions Committee.
- 1.14.4 The competition shall be open to all members who shall draw for partners each evening.
- 1.14.5 Scores shall be recorded as shots up and shots down and each player shall be awarded the score of his side within the limits of plus ten or minus ten.
- 1.14.6 The Competitions Committee shall provide prizes each night for the highest winners.
- 1.14.7 The overall winner shall be the player with the highest aggregate score of any six games played. Six games at least must be played to qualify.
- 1.14.8 In the event of play being curtailed by weather conditions or closure of the green for repairs, the Competitions Committee may reduce the number of games to be taken into account in deciding the overall winner.

1.15 A prize distribution shall be held in October or November each year at which prizes for the Club Competitions will be presented.

- 1.15.1 All trophies shall be held for one year and shall be returned one month before the date of the following year's Prize Distribution, in good order and condition.
- 1.15.2 The Management Committee shall have the names of the recipients suitably engraved, at the expense of the Club, before the Prize Distribution occurs.

1.16 The use of the 'Green' shall, in all cases, be under the control of the Management Committee.

1.16.1 Club matches, N.I.P.B.A. matches and I.B.A. ties are to have precedence over all other games.

1.16.2 Subject to above, no rinks can be reserved for play except for the finals of the Club Competitions.

1.16.3 No Club competitions shall be played on the 'Green' while The Rinks Competition is in progress, except for prior approval.