

Bowls Leicestershire Men's Section Rules

1. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Section shall be:

- 1.1 to hold championships in Singles, Junior Singles, Pairs, triples and Fours Competitions as a preliminary to the National Championships, and any other Competitions that Bowls Leicestershire deems fit and proper;
- 1.2 to hold Inter-County matches and arrange matches with other Associations.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to men's sections of bowling clubs affiliated to Bowls Leicestershire.

3. MEN'S COUNCIL

- 3.1 The affairs of the Section shall be conducted by a Council which shall meet in week 15 of each year and as required consisting of a President, Honorary Life Members, Past Presidents, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Men's Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Men's Match Secretary, Men's Competition Secretary, Men's Treasurer and a delegate to be appointed/nominated by each Affiliated Club.
- 3.2 There shall be one delegate from each club.
- 3.3 The names of the Club Secretary and appointed/nominated Club Delegate shall be received by the Men's Secretary by no later than 10 December.
- 3.4 Thirty-five members present at a Council meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- 3.5 Nominations for the Offices of President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Men's Secretary, Men's Treasurer, Men's Competition Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Men's Match Secretary, or Honorary Life members must be sent by Secretaries of Affiliated Clubs to the Men's Secretary to be received by no later than 31 August each year.
- 3.6 The President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Men's Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Men's Match Secretary, Men's Competition Secretary and Men's Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in each year. On completion of his year in office the President shall automatically become immediate Past President and may be elected an Honorary Life Member of the Section.
- 3.7 All Past Presidents of Bowls Leicestershire Men's Section and the Leicestershire Bowling Association, whether appointed delegates or not, shall have full voting powers at all Men's Council meetings.
- 3.8 Past Presidents of the Men's Section may be elected as Life Members of Bowls Leicestershire but shall not be entitled to any voting rights at Bowls Leicestershire meetings.

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4. MEN'S SECRETARY

The Men's Secretary shall call all meetings of the Section and give 14 days' notice to Club Secretaries of all meetings. The Men's Secretary shall keep a record of all business transacted at meetings and shall submit to the Section Annual General Meeting in each year a report of the proceedings of the Section since the previous Section Annual General Meeting.

5. MEN'S MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5.1 At the Section AGM held in Standard Week 42 the Council shall elect six Members of the Section who, together with the officers specified in Clause 3.6 above, shall constitute the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall meet on at least six occasions each year to conduct the ordinary business of the Section.

5.2 The number of members forming a quorum shall be not less than 8.

5.3 Nominations must be made to the Men's Secretary by no later than 31 August. Only one nomination is allowed from each affiliated Club.

6. DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee shall:

6.1 Conduct the affairs of the section under the guidance of the Men's Council and will report to the Council on all matters of the section.

6.2 appoint an Emergency Sub-committee consisting of the President, Men's Secretary, and Men's Competition Secretary together with two other members of the Management Committee to deal with urgent matters. The Emergency Sub-committee shall have full powers to act on behalf of the Section provided that it reports its actions to the full Management Committee at the earliest opportunity;

6.3 appoint a Team Manager whose duties will be determined by the Management Committee and set out in a contract set by the Management Committee;

6.4 appoint an Under 25s Team Manager whose duties will be determined by the Management Committee and set out in a contract set by the Management Committee;

6.5 approve the appointment of the men's Benevolent Fund Secretary, as recommended by the Trustees of the Leicestershire Bowling Association Benevolent Fund;

6.6 appoint, from the membership of the Management Committee, the Authorised Representatives at the Midland Counties;

6.7 appoint, from the membership of the Management Committee, the delegate to the Midland Counties;

6.8 appoint representatives on the Bowls Leicestershire Executive Board.

7. POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

7.1 The Management Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy arising amongst its Officers and Members of the Committee during the year.

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8. THE MEN'S TREASURER & FINANCE

- 8.1 The financial year of the Section shall close on the 30th September.
- 8.2 The Men's Treasurer shall maintain a bank account in the name of the Section. Signatories to the bank account shall be two specifically nominated of the Management Committee, one of whom must be the Men's Treasurer. One from two signatories shall be required to effect payments. He shall report on the financial affairs of the Section to each meeting of the Bowls Leicestershire Finance Committee, the Men's Management Committee, the Men's Council and the Section Annual General Meeting.
- 8.3 The Men's Treasurer shall render to the Section Annual General Meeting and the Bowls Leicestershire Treasurer a financial statement of the past year.

9. MEN'S SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 9.1 At the Section Annual General Meeting in Standard week 42 four members shall be elected to serve on a Selection Committee who, together with the President, Senior Vice President, Men's Match Secretary shall select teams to play in County Friendly Matches. National Competitions, Middleton Cup and Midland Counties teams shall be selected by the Team Manager (if appointed) in consultation with elected members of the Selection Committee.
- 9.2 The four elected Members of the Committee shall not be eligible to play Midland Counties or Middleton Cup games.
- 9.3 The Proposer and Seconder of a candidate for election to the Selection Committee must obtain the consent of the nominee in writing. Only one nomination is allowed from each affiliated Club. Nominations must be received by the Men's Secretary by no later than the 31st August.

10. DUTIES MEN'S SELECTION COMMITTEE

The Selection Committee shall:

- 10.1 select teams from nominated players received from each Club;
- 10.2 add any further names where exceptional circumstances or playing abilities merit inclusion in the County Teams.

11. PLAYER AWARDS

11.1 Full County Badge

In order for a player to receive his Full County Badge he must either:

- a. have played in a minimum of six inter-County games (excluding games played on the County Tour) over a period of at least three years *or*
- b. have been a finalist in the Association's County Competitions providing he plays in the BE National Championships *or*
- c. be selected and play in Middleton Cup and/or Midland Counties Championship matches *or*

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- d. be elected to and serve in the Office of Junior Vice- Senior Vice or President of the Association.

11.2 Middleton Cup Badge

In order to obtain his Middleton Cup Badge a player must have played in a minimum of four full Association Middleton Cup games.

12. GENERAL MEETINGS

- 12.1 The Section Annual General Meeting shall be held Standard Week 42 of each year.
- 12.2 Fourteen days' notice of such and all other Section General Meetings shall be given to all Affiliated Clubs, and members as specified in Clause 3.1
- 12.3 Thirty-five members as specified in Clause 3.4 present at a General meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- 12.4 Any member of an Affiliated Club may attend and speak at the Section Annual General Meeting and Special General Meetings of the Section but only Delegates, Officers, Past Presidents, and Honorary Men's Section Life Members shall have the right to vote at such meetings.
- 12.5 A Section Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Section Council, the President or on receipt of a requisition signed by not less than five duly elected Delegates of different clubs specifying the proposition(s) to be submitted.

13. ALTERATION/AMENDMENTS OF THE SECTION RULES

- 13.1 A copy of these Rules shall be sent to the Club Secretary of each Affiliated Club.
- 13.2 Alterations to these Rules shall be made only at a Section Annual General Meeting or Section Special General Meeting convened for such purpose and 28 days written notice of the terms of any such proposed alterations or additions shall be given to the Men's Secretary who shall specify in the notice of business for such Meeting the alteration or addition proposed.
- 13.3 No Alteration of any part of these Rules shall be allowed unless two thirds of the membership eligible to vote and present at such Section Annual General Meeting shall vote in favour of such alteration.