

MANAGEMENT RULES

(Approved at EGM ahead of the 2026 July Executive meeting, in line with BCGBA development strategy – *changes in italics*)

Name of the League:

1. The League shall be known as the Mid Shropshire Bowling League but this may be altered to meet the conditions of any sponsorship agreement. League competitions may also bear the name of a sponsor. *The League shall be affiliated to the British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA), Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association (SCGBA) and other required bodies.*

Aims and Objectives:

2. *The League aims to organise and promote competitive crown green bowling between member clubs; promote participation across the whole community, regardless of age, background or ability; ensure a duty of care and a safe playing environment for all participants; enforce consistent safeguarding, disciplinary and members standards in line with BCGBA guidance; support member clubs with governance, welfare and dispute resolution*

Membership:

3. *Membership shall be open to all properly constituted bowling clubs. Each club must be affiliated to the BCGBA and hold appropriate public liability insurance.*
4. *Each club must submit annual membership details including their club secretary and safeguarding officer.*

Officers:

5. *The League shall be governed by Officers comprising a President (serving for a maximum of 5 years - from 2026 onwards), Chairman, Deputy Chairman, General Secretary, Minutes Secretary, Treasurer, Fixture Secretary, Competitions Secretary, Safeguarding Officer and Webmaster.*

Annual General Meeting:

6. The AGM shall be held in January of each year on a date fixed by the Executive Committee and shall commence at 7.30pm. The meeting *shall include annual reports from Officers, elect Officers as per rule 5*, appoint representatives to serve on outside bodies, appoint Auditors and receive audited statement of the League's financial accounts. It will also deal with any propositions for rule changes.

Executive Committee:

7. The Executive Committee shall consist of delegates from each Club, together with Officers of the League. The Committee shall meet on the first Tuesday of March, April, July, October, November and December at 7.30pm and on other occasions as the League's Officers deem necessary.

Voting & Attendance:

8. (a) All decisions taken at meetings shall be made by a simple majority of those present and voting.
(b) Those entitled to vote at meetings shall be accredited representatives of each Club.
(c) Each Club shall be entitled to ONE vote.
(d) Any registered bowler in the League may attend and, at the discretion of the Chairman, speak at meetings of the Executive Committee.
(e) Any Club failing to send a representative to the Annual General or Executive Meeting shall be fined £5.
(f) *A quorum for all League meetings shall be delegates from at least a third of member clubs.*

Alteration of Rules:

9. The rules of the League may only be altered at the Annual General Meeting. Proposals to make such amendments or alterations shall be given in writing to the League secretary no later than the 31st October. The League secretary shall distribute the Proposals to Clubs together with the notice for the December meeting. All proposals will require a seconder at the December meeting to go forward to the AGM. See also rule 16.

Notice of Meetings:

10. Notice of meetings shall be given to each Club 7 days prior to the meeting and to include Minutes of previous meetings, Agenda and any relevant correspondence.

Finance:

11. (a) Clubs shall pay an entrance fee of £5 per team when joining the League and thereafter an annual subscription of £10 per team.
(b) Clubs shall pay 25p each year for each player who has bowled in the League that season.
(c) Each Club shall receive 2 tickets for the Annual Presentation Dinner, the cost of which shall be invoiced by the Treasurer with the end of season accounts.
(d) The Treasurer shall invoice all Clubs in October for all fees due, including match fees up to the end of the season. This account shall be paid by the November Executive Committee meeting. Any Club not paying the account by the due date will be fined £25. Any fines accrued after the October issue of a Club's account shall be added to the following year's account.
(e) Clubs shall pay a match fee for each player per match.
(f) *The League funds shall be held in a dedicated bank account. The Treasurer and one other Officer must authorise payments. The League may reimburse officials for reasonable expenses. The League is a not for profit organisation – and all annual surpluses will be put back into the organisation to continue to pay for its activities and functions, and to further develop all aspects of the game.*
(g) The Executive Committee shall, at the October meeting, agree a proposal to go to the AGM regarding honoraria to be paid for that year *(CPI for September as guide)*

Prize Money:

12. (a) The Executive Committee shall at their March meeting settle all match fees and entry fees for competitions. Prize money for competitions will be subject to the number of entries and this will be stated on all entry forms.
(b) Prize money will be awarded in all divisions.
(c) Winners of individual aggregates shall receive an engraved trophy and a monetary award. Players having played six games in division 1, 2 or 3 shall not be eligible for this award in divisions 4 or lower. Players receiving a walk over in a League match, or having played an unregistered bowler, shall be credited with a win and the score shall be 21-11 – unless their win was below 21-11, which means their win will stand Qualification for this award shall be the player with the most wins. If two or more players finish level, the award goes to the player with the better aggregate.
(d) All prize money will be paid on Presentation Night to the winner or representative.

Structure of League:

13. The number of divisions and the number of teams per division for the forthcoming season will be finalised at the League's meeting in March.

Registration of Teams:

14. (a) Any new Club or existing Club who is in the position to support an additional team on a Friday night may apply to the League to be placed in a Friday night division (subject to those divisions not being fully subscribed).
(b) Clubs shall by 48 hours before the League's March Executive meeting advise the Fixture Secretary of the number of teams that they will be entering in the League for the forthcoming season, together with the green that each team will play on, if the Club has more than one green.
(c) *Clubs wishing to withdraw a team from the League must notify the League Secretary no later than 48 hours before the March Executive meeting. Any team that withdraws after this date will be fined £50.*
(d) Withdrawal of any team from the League will be discussed by the Executive committee. Clubs will be expected to withdraw their lowest team from the Monday or Friday night divisions, unless they receive special permission from the Executive committee.
(e) Any Club in receipt of a loan from the League who resign shall be liable to repay that loan immediately, irrespective of any time limit given at the time the loan was granted.
(f) Following the Shropshire Premier Bowling League 'play off' in October if this results in a team identified with a Mid Shropshire Bowling league based club being relegated then this team should be afforded a place in the First Division of the Mid Shropshire Bowling League, unless that club already has a presence in that division. This rule shall only apply to teams that originally entered the Premier League from the Mid Shropshire Bowling League.
(g) If it is necessary to incorporate that team in the First Division when no vacancy exists, then for the following season the first division should play with one extra team and relegate three teams in the season thereafter.

Life Members:

15. The July Executive Meeting shall receive nominations and then be empowered to award honorary Life Membership of the League to recognise outstanding service to the League or Crown Green Bowling.

Extraordinary General Meeting:

16. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at the request of a majority of the League Officers or a minimum of one third of the Clubs registered in the Mid-Shropshire Bowling League provided 14 days notice is given and the Meeting held within 28 days of the notice of the request. Only business stated on the request shall be discussed at the EGM, but this may result in a change to League rules.

Child Protection:

17. The League, being affiliated to the sport's governing body – the British Crown Green Bowling Association - adheres to its Child Protection Policy (BCGBA Bye Laws rule 30) and its Mission Statement on the subject.

Data Protection:

18. *The League will collect and store data in line with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data will only be used for League administration, safeguarding and governance. Clubs must inform the League of any changes to contact details.*

Photography and Media:

19. *The League will publish images on their website and social media unless consent has not been given by clubs or individuals.*

Charitable Dissolution:

20. Should an AGM or EGM decide, by a majority, on grounds of expediency or otherwise, to dissolve the League, a meeting of all member clubs will be called within 28 days. At this meeting, if a two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote decide to dissolve the League, the Executive Committee shall have the power to dispose of the assets of the League after all liabilities and debts have been cleared. The beneficiaries of such assets shall be the member clubs or such charities as decided by a majority of member clubs.

General Rules

1. Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the League Executive whose decision is final.
2. The Management or Executive Committee will take any appropriate action, if it is in the opinion of the Management or Executive Committee that a Club/player has conducted itself/themselves in a manner that is considered to be un-gentlemanly or un-sporting.

THESE RULES SUPERSEDE ALL PREVIOUS RULES