



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

BRITISH CROWN GREEN LADIES COMPETITION COMMITTEE

VETERANS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1 The Veterans County Championship shall be held annually, the date and venue(s) of the event to be determined by the Management Committee. The event will commence at 9.30am.
- 2 Each County Association in membership shall be entitled to enter a team in this event as per rota basis already determined. Teams for this event will consist of eight ladies who have attained the age of 60 years on or before the date of the competition and the event will be played off on one day. Each County shall submit to the official in charge a squad list, maximum of twelve players, from which all teams must be selected on the day of the event. There will be an entry fee for each team, (£25.00), this to be determined annually by the Management Committee. The closing date for entering a team will be the March Secretaries' Meeting when the draw for the competition will be made. If any team withdraws after June 1st, then the team which takes their place will not lose their position on the reserve list for next year. If less than 16 teams have entered the County Associations present will be asked to submit a second team. These applicants will be drawn from a hat to establish which team/teams will be included in the main draw. Any second teams not being successful within the 16 will be placed on a reserve list in drawn order, which will be used in the event of any withdrawal(s). Players must be bona fide members of a Club affiliated to their County Association and must not have played in the Ladies County Championship or any British Crown Green Ladies Competitions Committee competition for another County Association during the season concerned.
- 3 All games in this competition shall be 15 up and in the rounds prior to the semi-final the competing teams will be drawn in groups of four and will play on a round robin basis to determine a semi-finalist. In each group the three matches will be played on the same green. The semi-final and final will be played on a green where both teams have played at least one match, or have not played a match at all.
- 4 Prior to the first match in the Championship, Counties must submit their teams in playing order

to the official in charge. In subsequent matches in the round robin stage, teams will be submitted in two stages; the first four will be submitted once player number six in the game prior has been called to the green, and the last four will be submitted once player number one has been called to the green. Teams must be selected from the original submitted squad list. If a nominated player is then not available at the start of the appropriate game she can be replaced by a reserve from the squad list. No player shall play on a green selected for the final stages of this event, of which she is a member.

- 5** In every match the toss of a coin shall determine the even cast of jacks (odds and evens). No practice will be allowed on selected greens seven days prior to the matches. In each match the team with the highest aggregate (total shots for minus total shots against) shall be the winner and awarded two points, in the case of a draw one point each will be awarded. After completion of the Round Robin matches the team with the most points shall be declared the winner. In the case of a tie, the following order of elimination shall apply.

 - Tie on points - best aggregate score (total shots for minus total shots against)
 - Tie on aggregate - the team with the most winners
 - If still a tie - the team with the best winner
 - If still a tie - the second, third, fourth best winner, etc.
- 6** Each competing County Association shall provide at least one referee. Any County Association failing to do so will not be allowed to compete in the competition.
- 7** If there are insufficient County entries for this event to make a final stage of sixteen teams, consideration will be given to inviting participating Counties to submit a second team, those to make up the sixteen to be drawn out of the entries received.
- 8** Any team withdrawing after the County Secretaries Meeting in March will be fined £30.00.