

BRITISH CROWN GREEN LADIES COMPETITION COMMITTEE

COMPETITION RULES

(Updated following the 2022 Annual Meeting)

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BCGBA LADIES CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RULES

1 A Champion of Champions competition will be staged each year consisting of 22 County merit winners and 10 competition winners as decided by the Management Committee.

2 The final of this competition is to be held on one green, in September, to be decided by the Management Committee.

3 Any player failing to compete in the final of this competition shall automatically be suspended from entering all competitions run by the Association for a period of not less than 12 months, to take effect from the next AGM, except by valid reason, i.e. medical certificate. Subsequent offences to carry a penalty of three years suspension subject to Management decision.

4 Dress code as laid down in Bye-Law 19 of the Association.

5 All games are to be played to the Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls as laid down in the BCGBA handbook.

6 There will be a start and scratch time, both of which will be the same. This will be strictly adhered to, apart from exceptional circumstances to be decided by the Management Committee.

7 Any player receiving a bye in this competition shall be entitled to 10 minutes practice on the green on which they would have played their initial heat.

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BCGBA LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1 The Club Championship shall be held annually on a Sunday in September, commencing at 9.30am, the venue to be determined by the Management Committee. The selected venue must have no less than four bowling greens if there is a full entry.

2 Each County Association in membership shall be entitled to enter a club team in this event. If less than 16 teams have entered County Associations 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 successful within the 16 will be placed on the reserve list in drawn order, which will be used in the event of any withdrawal(s). If there are less than eight entries, the event will be cancelled. If there are nine to fifteen entries the format may change. If there are more than sixteen entries, a rota will be introduced similar to the one used for the Veterans County Championship. The closing date for entering a team will be 1st March of each year when the draw for the competition will be made.

3 If the County Association runs a County Cup Team Competition the winner of this event will be the representative of the County Association. If not, the winner of any other team competition or league run within or by the County Association will be accepted.

4 Each County Association must submit the name and contact details of their Club Champions from the previous year to the British Crown Green Ladies Bowling Competition Secretary no later than the 1st March of each year.

5 Teams for the event will consist of eight players and each Club Captain will submit to the official in charge on the day of the event a squad list, maximum of twelve players, from which all teams must be selected. Players must be bona fide members of the Club both in the current and qualifying year.

6 There will be an entry fee for each team, (£25.00), this is to be determined annually by the Management Committee.

7 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 squad list. If a nominated player is not available at the start of the appropriate

game she can be replaced by a reserve from the squad list. In the final stages of this event, no player shall play on a green of a club of which she is a playing member.

8 All games in this competition shall be 15 up. 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 to be determined by the Management Committee.

9 In every match the toss of a coin shall determine the cast of jacks (odds and evens). No practice will be allowed on selected greens once the details have been announced. 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.

10 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.

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BCGBA LADIES COUNTY AVERAGE WINNERS CLASSIC RULES

1 This will be a One-Day Knockout competition, at a venue decided by the Management Committee, ensuring no competitor is allowed to play on a green of which she is a playing member.

2 Entry fee is £20.00 to be paid at the Secretaries meeting in March. Prize monies will be decided annually by the Management Committee.

3 The entries will be the top average winners from each County including the Isle of Man, made up to 21 with the requisite number of second-highest averages.

4 Games will be 21 up.

5 Any player failing to compete in the final of this competition shall automatically be suspended from entering all competitions run by the Association for a period of not less than 12 months, to take effect from the next AGM, except by valid reason, i.e. medical certificate. Subsequent offences to carry a penalty of three years suspension subject to Management decision.

6 Dress code as laid down in Bye-Law 19 of the Association will apply.

7 All games are to be played to the Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls, as laid down in the BCGBA handbook.

8 There will be a start and scratch time, both of which will be the same. This will be strictly adhered to, apart from exceptional circumstances, to be decided by the BCGBA Ladies Competitions Committee.

9 Any player receiving a bye in this competition shall be entitled to 10 minutes practice on the green on which they would have played their initial heat.

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BCGBA LADIES DOROTHY PIEARCE MEMORIAL PAIRS RULES

1 Entries for the Dorothy Piearce Memorial Pairs Competition qualifying heat must be made within the player's own county to which they are affiliated. Entry fee to BCGLCC is £10.00 per pair to be paid at the time of entry. No entry will be accepted without a fee.

2 There must be a minimum of eight entries from a County Association in order to get a minimum of one qualifier.

3 The number of finalists from each County will be decided annually by the Competition Secretary. The draw for this competition will be a 'scattered' draw. A substitute will be allowed if one of the original qualifying pair is unable to attend due to a medical reason.

4 At no stage of the competition will any competitors be allowed to play on a green of which they are a playing member. This will apply to either one or both competitors.

5 Each County Association shall be given the opportunity to host the Dorothy Piearce Memorial Pairs. The Ladies Presidential Rota will apply, with the Pairs final being held in the County of the Deputy President. Any County not willing to accept the event can decline without question. In such cases the Management Committee will decide which County will stage the event.

6 The County hosting the final of this competition must not play its heat(s) on the green which is to be used for the final.

7 Any player failing to compete in the final of this competition shall automatically be suspended from entering all competitions run by the Association for a period of not less than 12 months, to take effect from the next AGM, except by valid reason, i.e. medical certificate. Subsequent offences to carry a penalty of three years suspension subject to Management decision.

8 Dress code as laid down in Bye-Law 19 of the Association.

9 All games are to be played to the Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls as laid down in the BCGBA handbook.

10 The Management Committee will decide on the level of prize monies to be paid to all qualifiers.

11 There will be a start and scratch time, both of which will be the same. This will be strictly adhered to, apart from exceptional circumstances to be decided by the Management Committee.

12 Any player receiving a bye in this competition shall be entitled to 10 minutes practice on the green on which they would have played their initial heat.

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BCGBA LADIES JUNIOR COUNTY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1 The Junior County Team Championship shall be held annually on the third Saturday in May, commencing at 9.30am, the venue(s) of the event to be determined by the Management Committee.

2 Each County Association in membership shall be entitled to enter a team in this event until 16 teams are entered when a rota will be established. Teams for this event will consist of six players, of which at least two must be female, who have not reached the age of 18 on 1st January of the year of the competition. The event will be played off on one day. Each County shall submit to the official in charge a squad list, maximum of eight players, from which all teams must be selected on the day of the event. There will be an entry fee for each team, (£10.00), to be determined annually by the Management Committee. The closing date for entering a team will be 1st March. 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. Any County Association without the requisite number of players to field a team may join with another County Association to make up a team and enter the competition.

3 The earlier rounds will be drawn in groups and played on a round-robin basis. The Management Committee to decide on the format of the finals dependent on entries.

4 Prior to each match in the Championship, Counties must submit their teams in playing order to the official in charge. Teams must be selected from the originally submitted squad list. If a nominated player is then not available at the start of the appropriate game he/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. 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.

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BCGBA LADIES JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT RULES

1 Entries for the Junior Merit Competition heats must be made within the player's own County to which they are affiliated. Entry fee to BCGLCC is £2.00 per entrant to be paid at the time of entry, no entry is accepted without a fee.

2 There must be a minimum of two entries from a County Association in order to get a minimum of one qualifier.

3 The number of finalists from each County will be decided annually by the Secretary.

4 The Junior Merit is to be confined to competitors who have not reached the age of 18 on 1st January of the year of the competition.

5 The format of the Junior Merit is to be on a 'Round Robin' basis, all games being 15 up. The venue of the Junior Merit shall rotate so that the same green is not used for the finals consecutively.

6 At no stage of the competition will any player be allowed to play on a green of which she is a playing member.

7 The County hosting the final must not play its heat(s) on the green which is to be used for the Final.

8 Any player failing to compete in the final of this competition shall automatically be suspended from entering all competitions run by the Association for a period of not less than 12 months, to take effect from the next AGM, except by valid reason, i.e. medical certificate. Subsequent offences to carry a penalty of three years suspension subject to Management decision.

9 Dress code as laid down in Bye-Law 19 of the Association.

10 All games are to be played to the Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls as laid down in the BCGBA Handbook.

11 The Management Committee will decide on the level of prize monies to be paid to all qualifiers.

12 There will be a start and scratch time, both of which will be the same. This will be strictly adhered to, apart from exceptional circumstances to be decided by the Management Committee.

13 A Substitute player will be allowed. Any player receiving a bye in this competition shall be entitled to 10 minutes practice on the green on which they would have played their initial heat.

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BCGBA LADIES SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1 The County Championship shall be split into 4 sections of 4 teams. The sections shall be drawn in a 5-year rota at the November AGM 2016 and every 5 years following. Should a County withdraw from the Senior County Championship Competition, they shall be replaced by the team from the President's County Championship with the greatest points from the previous season.

Should there be a tie, the highest average shall be used (i.e. a straight plus or minus). If there is still a tie, then the team with the best winner, if still a tie, then the best second, third fourth best winner etc.

2 No County shall be allowed to use a green more than once during a season until the section play-offs (semi-final). One of the previously used greens may be used for either the final or semi-final. A green may only be used by one County Association during any one season.

3 Section winners shall compete in a semi-final, the winners of which shall compete in the final to decide the Championship. The semi-final and final are to be played on a home and away basis abiding by the same rules as in the preliminary rounds.

4 The Senior Supplementary County Championship will take place after the preliminary rounds of the County Championships have been concluded and will be contested by the Section runners-up (four teams) to compete in a semi-final - home and away (consisting of 12 players at home and 12 players away). The winners of which compete in a final on a home and away basis. To be based on the same rules as the senior championship final.

5 The team finishing fourth in each section after the preliminary round shall form the President's County Championship for the following season.

6 There will be an entry fee of £25.

7 The Secretary of the winning county must return the trophy to the BCGLCC at the Annual Meeting in November.

8 An individual trophy will be awarded to the player with the highest number of points (two points for a win) in the Senior County Championship. Should any player be level on points at the end of the season, the player with the highest average would be deemed the winner. One hundred per cent of the scheduled league fixtures must have been played to qualify for this award.

PRESIDENTS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1 In year one, the group shall be formed from the four 5th placed teams in each section of the Senior County Championship from the previous season. In subsequent years, the fourth placed team from each section of the Senior County Championship shall form the new President's County Championship for the forthcoming year. At the end of each season, the 4 counties in the President's County Championship shall be promoted to the Senior County Championship.

2 An individual trophy will be awarded to the player with the highest number of points (two points for a win) in the President's County Championship. Should any player be level on points at the end of the season, the player with the highest average would be deemed the winner. One hundred percent of the scheduled league fixtures must have been played to qualify for this award.

3 No County shall be allowed to use a green more than once during a season.

4 There will be an entry fee of £25.

5 The President's County Championship Cup shall be awarded to the team who finishes top of the group after all matches have been played.

SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP AND PRESIDENTS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH RULES

1 County teams shall each consist of 24 female players, 12 playing at home and 12 playing away with at least two named reserves on each side. Each home team is allowed two home bowlers, i.e. ladies who are members of the club selected to host the County match but to exclude Social Members who are not members of the bowls section. If it is found that more than two home bowlers have played in a match, those games identified will be null and void and 21-0 awarded to the non-offending team. Home bowlers must be identified on team letters and the online website when exchanged. Players selected must be bona fide members of a club affiliated to the County Association.

2 Team lists, including club names, shall be uploaded to the online system by the 15th day prior to the date arranged for the match. Team sheets will then be published on the website on the 14th day prior to the match. Full match details including full postal address and postcode, along with details of shelter, seating, refreshments available and toilet facilities shall then be exchanged by Counties after this date. The venue stated in exchanged letters must be adhered to.

3 All home and away matches shall be played on the third Sunday of the month and shall not be played on the same date as the BCGBA Senior Men's or Junior County Championship Games. Games will commence at 2pm with the Home Team Captain putting the players on the green one game at a time.

4 Players must go on the green in the order specified. If a player is not available, a reserve must play. Fifteen minutes leeway will be given on arrival if ALL the team are late arriving eg the coach is delayed by an accident.

5 All games are to be played to the Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls as laid down in the BCGBA handbook. Each team captain/manager at both venues is to be responsible for checking their own players are dressed correctly in accordance with bye-law 19 before the start of the match.

6 No team will be allowed on the green before the start of the match. A penalty clause of one match point shall be deducted at the end of the season from the County at fault. No player shall be allowed to play in the match if found to have played on the green on the day of the match. A reserve will be allowed.

7 It will be permissible, should a county find, on having absorbed the named reserves, the team is still not complete, to include a bowler, provided she is currently with a club affiliated to the County Association, has not given her allegiance to another County, or not named at the other venue.

8 Programmes to be supplied by the home County Association and must include the name of the player, their club, and any sponsor name. The away county are strictly forbidden from bringing their own programmes. Admission is £1.00 to include a programme.

9 Home teams must provide identification numbers to be displayed on the home player's backs. Numbers must be of four inches minimum height.

10 The home team shall provide four jacks for the match that are in date and appropriately stamped.

11 Visiting teams shall take the first cast of the jack.

12 The Referees are supplied by the home venue in all Championship matches. Common sense to prevail. Any disputes arising from the games must be referred to the referees appointed to officiate. Referees are to be dressed correctly as per rule 17 of referees society rules.

13 Visiting teams are not allowed to practice on the away green 16 days prior to a County match – league matches and competitions excepted.

14 If a green is considered unfit for play owing to weather conditions, the onus and responsibility for abandoning a match shall rest with the greenkeeper and the referees. If a Championship game cannot be played due to the green being deemed unfit to play, the game shall be played within 7 days, at the same venue and the draw for the matches to stand. Matches will not be abandoned before 4.00pm. The home secretary is to inform the Championship Secretary immediately of the new date. If the game has started and the weather conditions deteriorate and necessitate the match being abandoned, the scores will stand at the

end of play until the match is resumed. If due to adverse weather conditions the game at one venue has to be abandoned, the rule in relation to playing both matches on the same day shall not apply.

15 Scoring for all rounds in each section will be as follows: home and away scores to be added together. On completion of the match the County with the highest number of chalks shall be the winner and score two points. Should each county tie on chalks, this will constitute a drawn game and each county will be awarded one point. If, at the end of the season, two or more counties have equal points, the winning county shall be determined by the best average according to the number of points scored for, over those scored against (i.e. a straight plus or minus). If points and average are level, the winner of the original match between the two teams should determine the first place in the league table; if the result is still tied then the County with the most winners, if still a tie then the team with the best winner, if still a tie then the second, third, fourth best winner etc.

16 The Home Secretary or nominated representative is to be responsible for entering the results from their leg of the match onto the approved computer system within 24 hours of completion of the match. The away secretary or their nominated representative will verify these results on the approved computer system within 48 hours of completion of the match. The results from both legs of the matches are to be locked by the BCGLCC County Championship Secretary within 72 hours of completion of the match. The home captain must keep a copy of the programme for 14 days following the match, which has been clearly completed with all results and any edits to be referred to in case of a dispute. The home side of the programme must be signed by both captains to signify agreement of the result.

MAVIS DEARDEN SUPPLEMENTARY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1 The Senior Supplementary County Championship will take place after the preliminary rounds of the County Championships have been concluded and will be contested by the Section runners-up (four teams) to compete in a semi-final - home and away (consisting of 12 players at home and 12 players away). The winners of which compete in a final on a home and away basis. To be based on the same rules as the Senior Championship final.

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BCGBA LADIES SENIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT RULES

1 Entries for the Senior Merit Competition heats must be made within the player's own County to which they are affiliated. Entry fee to BCGLCC is £5.00 per entrant to be paid at the time of entry, no entry is accepted without a fee.

2 There must be a minimum of eight entries from a County Association in order to get a minimum of one qualifier.

3 The number of finalists from each County will be decided annually by the Secretary. The draw for this competition will be a 'scattered' draw. A substitute will be allowed by a player who has played in the qualifying round.

4 At no stage of the competition will any player be allowed to play on a green of which she is a playing member.

5 Each County Association shall be given the opportunity to host the Senior Merit. The Ladies Presidential Rota will apply with the Senior Merit Final being held in the County of the President. Any County not willing to host the event can decline without question. In such cases the Management Committee will decide which County will stage the event.

6 The County hosting the final must not play its heat(s) on the green which is to be used for the Final.

7 Any player failing to compete in the final of this competition shall automatically be suspended from entering all competitions run by the Association for a period of not less than 12 months, to take effect from the next AGM, except by valid reason, i.e. medical certificate. Subsequent offences to carry a penalty of three years suspension subject to Management decision.

8 Dress code as laid down in Bye-Law 19 of the Association.

9 All games are to be played to the Laws of the Game of Crown Green Bowls as laid down in the BCGBA Handbook.

10 The Management Committee will decide on the level of prize monies to be paid to all qualifiers.

11 There will be a start and scratch time, both of which will be the same. This will be strictly adhered to, apart from exceptional circumstances to be decided by the Management Committee.

12 Any player receiving a bye in this competition shall be entitled to 10 minutes practice on the green on which they would have played their initial heat.

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BCGBA LADIES VETERANS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

1 The Veterans County Championship shall be held annually, the date and venue(s) of the event are 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 the 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), to be determined annually by the Management Committee. The closing date for entering a team will be the 1st March of each year with the draw to take place at the March Secretaries Meeting. 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 County Associations 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 originally 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.

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BCGBA DRESS CODE

- 1 The following is the only permitted dress for all bowlers in competitions organised or run by the British Crown Green Bowling Association.
- (a) Shirts: Must be collared, with sleeves, and are to be worn for County representative games and finals days of all competitions.
 (b) County Associations to determine the style and design of their county shirt, which must conform to 2a and may include the County's insignia, player's name, Club insignia, sponsor's insignia and/or manufacturer's insignia.
- 3 (a) Trousers: These shall be black or navy, single colour, full-length tailored trousers, tailored shorts (knee length), skirts (knee length), tailored cropped trousers and straight trousers.
 (b) Nothing in the above rule shall be interpreted to allow wearing tracksuits, shell suits, denim, combat trousers, jeggings or skinny jeans. External pockets on the legs are not permissible.
- 4 Where necessary, and in accordance with the pertaining weather conditions, sweaters which conform to the above and/or wet weather gear may be worn (correct dress must be worn under wet gear).
- 5 In team contests uniform clothing must be worn by team members.
- 6 Where permitted practice on the day this will only be allowed to those conforming to this standard. Any player failing to conform to this standard will be prevented from playing (or continuing) in the competition and may be liable to forfeit any entry fee for, or prize money earned in, the competition.
- 7 In the case of team contests any offending player must be substituted before the commencement of the game. However, if the player's game has commenced, the player shall score nil and the opponent shall receive the maximum score.
- 8 Nothing in this rule shall prevent exceptions from being made for individuals with a relevant disability.
- 9 It is strongly recommended that this be adopted by all subsidiary organisations and other organisers of competitions and that players' notice be drawn to it on the entry forms for all such competitions.

PLEASE NOTE - LAW OF THE GAME 10.3

Hard block-heeled or open-toed footwear must not be worn on the green in any game played under the Association's jurisdiction. The offending player(s) shall receive no further score and the opponent(s) shall receive the maximum score.

ADDENDA

No interpretation of this Law allows a player to play in only socks/stockings or in bare feet.