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COMPETITION RULES

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BCGBA 18 to 23 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** Entry will be open to any BCGBA registered player, male or female, who has attained the age of 18 years but is under the age of 23 years on the 1st January in the year of the competition.
- 2** All games will be 21up, off 3.
- 3** Each County Association will automatically receive two entries in this event. Each county can name one reserve.
- 4** Any county that fails to submit the required information by the due date will be excluded from representation in the (respective competition). An appropriate fine will be imposed on any defaulting county.
- 5** Each county will pay a fee, agreed by the Management Committee, in respect of their qualifying representatives.
- 6** It is down to the discretion of each County Association on their qualification process.
- 7** If a county decides to play a qualifying competition, at no stage of this competition will any player be allowed to play on a green of which he is a playing member. They must play their competition on a green, or greens, situated within the confines of their county boundaries, other than the one on which is chosen is host the final.
- 8** Players can only compete for one County in the competition. A player having been selected to play for one County Association in the County Championship cannot play in another County's competition. Any violation of this rule will entail disqualification.
- 9** The BCGBA Dress Code will apply with all competitors encouraged to wear their club or county shirt.
- 10** The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS).

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BCGBA CENTENARY MIXED PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** This event shall be known as the Centenary Mixed Pairs Championship and will be open to partnerships of one female player and one male player.
- 2** The number of competitors on finals day from each County shall be decided annually by the Management Committee based on the current year's entries.
- 3** Each county will pay a fee, agreed by the Management Committee, in respect of their qualifying representatives.
- 4** Players can only qualify for the final stages of this event from one of the sixteen BCGBA County Associations. Each County Association will be allowed a minimum of one qualifying pair, provided there are a minimum of 8 entries.
- 5** All counties must hold a qualifying competition to determine their representatives at BCGBA finals. Qualifying must take place in the year of the competition and before the date requested for counties to submit their representatives.
- 6** All games shall be 21up off 3.
- 7** No player will be allowed to qualify for the final stages of the event on his or her own green and should he or she qualify for the final on a green of which he or she is a playing member, then the handicap for the final day shall be reduced by 2 shots for each player it applies to.
- 8** The Management Committee will decide on the final venue which must have two suitable greens.
- 9** Any county that fails to submit the required information by the due date will be excluded from representation. An appropriate fine will be imposed on any defaulting county.
- 10** The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS).

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BCGBA CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS RULES

- 1** Promotors of Open Contests can apply to the National Administrator to be considered as a qualifying competition.
- 2** Competitions will be considered based on the previous season's total number of entries and total prize money.
- 3** No competition will be considered unless in receipt of an Open Contest Certificate.
- 4** No competition will be considered if they include home bowlers, unless receiving total entries in excess of 128, or allow re-entries.
- 5** The thirty-two contestants shall be determined by their success in their Senior County Merit Competition, the winner of the All-Britain Senior Individual Merit, the Junior Individual Merit, The Jack & Jean Isherwood Veteran's Merit and the winners of competitions, in order, determined by the Management Committee
- 6** There will be an entry fee, determined by the Management Committee, for each qualifying competition.
- 7** The competition will be played at a venue determined by the Management Committee.
- 8** All games shall be 21-up off scratch.
- 9** Any player receiving a bye in the first round shall be entitled to 10 minutes practice starting at the time they would have played the first round game.
- 10** The Dress Code for the competition will be the BCGBA Dress Code plus the following - Players must wear the appropriate shirt (red or blue) provided by BCGBA for the competition. If the player deems it necessary to wear protective clothing over the shirt, they must wear the provided coloured 'tabard/bib' on top of that protective clothing.
- 11** The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS). Referees appointed for the competition shall be allowed match expenses, and BCGBA shall be responsible for payment.

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BCGBA JACK & JEAN ISHERWOOD VETERANS CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** This event shall be known as the Jack and Jean Isherwood Veterans Championship and will be open to male and female members who have attained the age of 60 years. The number of competitors from each County shall be decided annually by the Management Committee based on the current year's entries. All games shall be 21up off 3.
- 2** All counties must hold a qualifying competition to determine their representatives at BCGBA finals. Qualifying must take place in the year of the competition and before the date requested for counties to submit their representatives.
- 3** No player will be allowed to qualify for the final stages of the event on his or her own green and should he or she qualify for the final on a green on which he or she is a playing member, then the handicap for the final day shall be plus 3.
- 4** Players can only qualify for the final stages of this event from one of the 16 BCGBA County Associations. Each County Association will be allowed a minimum of one qualifier, provided there are a minimum of 12 entries. If they have entered a County Association's Individual Merit or played for a County Association in County Championship Matches then they cannot qualify for the final stages of this event through a second County Association.
- 5** Any county that fails to submit the required information by the due date will be excluded from representation. An appropriate fine will be imposed on any defaulting county.
- 6** No players will be allowed practice on the green selected for the final stages after they have qualified in their own County.
- 7** Each county will pay a fee, agreed by the Management Committee, in respect of their qualifying representatives.
- 8** The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS).
- 9** The winner of this event will be entered into the Champion of Champions.

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JUNIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** County teams in the Premier Division shall be composed of 24 players, 12 playing at home and 12 away. County teams in Division 1 and Division 2 shall be composed of 20 players, 10 playing at home and 10 away. Players shall not have reached the age of 18 years on 1st January of the year of the competition. The games all to be played on the same day and on the green of a Club directly affiliated to the County Association and a list of all such affiliated Clubs to be sent to the BCGBA National Administrator on or before 1st April in each year. Players selected must be bona fide members of a Club affiliated to the County Association. The name of the Club must be placed after the player's name on the programme. No home team player shall be allowed to play in a County Match on a green of any Club of which they are a playing member, nor play for more than one County in any one season. Definition of a playing member: One who pays a subscription to a Bowling Club or to a Bowling Section of a Sports or Social Club, someone who represents a club in an official league / cup match or is a member of an organisation which utilises the green of such Club or Section. If this rule is transgressed then the game shall be awarded to his opponent 21 points to nil. If a green is considered to be unfit for play owing to weather conditions, the onus and responsibility for abandoning a match shall rest with the Referee and Groundsman. If a County Championship game cannot be played due to the green having been deemed unfit for play the game shall be played within seven days at the same venue, the draw for the matches to stand. 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 will not apply. Matches will not be abandoned before 4 p.m.
- 2** Games shall be 21 up and matches should be played on the second Sunday of the month, always on a different day to a Senior County Match and will commence at 2 p.m. unless mutually arranged. Visiting teams to have first cast of the jack. Jacks to be used in County Matches shall be available for practice. A minimum of 10 standard jacks must be available for practice.
- 3** Counties will be split into 3 leagues. The Premier League consisting of 5 teams, Division 1 consisting of 5/4 teams and Division 2 consisting of 5/4 teams, 2 points will be awarded for an overall win and 1 point each in the event of a drawn game. The county gaining the most points in the Premier will be county champions and receive the Jim Grant Memorial Trophy. The second place team will receive the Eddie Elson trophy. If two teams are equal on points, placement will be decided on +/- . The team gaining the most points in Division 1 & 2 will be promoted and the least points in Premier and Division 1 will be relegated. If two teams are equal on points it will be decided on the +/- .

- 4** Matches in each league shall be played on the second Sunday of each month between May and September using a set formula denoted by each team's seeding at the end of the previous season. Team 1 in each division are the champions/relegated team from the upper division and team 5 are the lowest placed team/promoted team from the lower division.

FIVE TEAM DIVISION –

May Fixture 1 v 5 – 2 v 4 – 3 no match
June Fixture 1 v 4 – 2 v 3 – 5 no match
July Fixture 4 v 3 – 2 v 5 – 1 no match
August Fixture 1 v 3 – 4 v 5 – 2 no match
September Fixture 1 v 2 – 5 v 3 – 4 no match

FOUR TEAM DIVISION –

May Fixture 1 v 3 – 2 v 4
June Fixture 1 v 4 – 2 v 3
July Fixture 1 v 2 – 3 v 4

THREE TEAM DIVISION –

May Fixture 1 v 2 – 3 no match
June Fixture 3 v losing team from May fixture
July Fixture 3 v winning team from May fixture

- 5** County Associations shall select their team at least 14 days before the dates of their matches except when County matches are due to be played within 14 days; when County Associations shall select their teams at least 7 days before the date of the matches. No County shall be allowed to adopt rules which penalise in whatever form their opponent's away team players or any Club for which they play so as to affect their opponents County away team selections. Where a venue has more than one green, the green intended for play should be clearly indicated to their opponents. No County shall play more than one match on one green during the same season. Home teams and reserves shall be allowed practice up to the day of the match and also 15 minutes practice which shall terminate five minutes before the away team practice is due to start on the day of play and half an hour's practice (which shall terminate ten minutes before the agreed time of the start of the match) shall be allowed the visiting team and reserves on the day of play. No practice is allowed by 'away' players once a green and teams have been officially exchanged, subject to the rules in relation to normal competitive games. Should this action occur, then that player should be barred from taking part in the relevant match. After the commencement of the match no further practice shall be allowed at that venue.
- 6** Counties shall give at least 14 days' notice of their teams, reserves, venue and officials to their opponents and the National Administrator by entering all the details on the approved Bowling Results website before midnight on the Sunday 2 weeks prior to the match. Failure to comply with the above will incur a fine of £20.00 on the defaulting County. The draw thus arrived at shall be strictly adhered to unless with the consent of the two captains and the referee. Not less than two reserves shall be

named on the programme and no other player shall take part in the match until the named reserves have been called upon to play. The home players only shall be numbered according to the programme.

- 7** Approved referees shall be appointed for all County matches and they shall be paid agreed match expenses and a meal provided at the County venue. All expenses to be paid by the Referees Society Secretary. The Home County shall appoint two Assistant referees to assist the referee. The Home County will be responsible for providing all measuring equipment likely to be required by the referee. The Referee, the 2 Assistant Referees, a nominated Home Team Official and an Away Team Official form a committee of 5 to control any verbal abuse around the green with an announcement before the Match that Verbal Abuse of Juniors will not be acceptable and immediately reported to the Referee to avoid distress.
- 8** If a player playing in a Junior County Championship game is discovered to be over the age of 18 as stipulated in Rule 1, then the game shall be awarded to his opponent 21 points to nil.
- 9** Each County Association shall pay to the British Crown Green Bowling Association the sum of £5.00 in respect of each home match.
- 10** Each County Association shall pay to the British Crown Green Bowling Association an agreed sum per match, as determined annually by the Management Committee, to pay the Referee's match expenses.
- 11** Each County shall inform the National Safeguarding Officer of their Junior Team Managers and Selectors by 1st April each year before the Championship commences and any change in Managers or Selectors must also be communicated to the National Safeguarding Officer timely. This will allow time to apply for DBS's for those who do not hold a current DBS prior to them being active. Failure to do this will disqualify that County for that year.

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BCGBA JUNIOR SIX-A-SIDE CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** Teams for this event will consist of 6 players (male or female).
- 2** Each county will pay a fee, agreed by the Management Committee, for their representatives.
- 3** Players must not have reached the age of 18 years on 1st January 2022.
- 4** Counties with more than one team must play their strongest players in their 'A' team.
- 5** Once a player has represented a team they cannot then play for another team at any stage of the competition.
- 6** The competing teams will be drawn into four groups and will play on a round-robin basis.
- 7** After the first matches are completed, Counties can change their teams and these must be nominated and submitted to the Official in charge before the commencement of any subsequent match.
- 8** Players should report to the Referee. If a nominated player is not available at the start of a respective game, he can be replaced by a nominated reserve, but he will be able to play in any subsequent rounds.
- 9** No player shall play on a green selected for this event of which he is a playing member.
- 10** All games will be 15up, off scratch.
- 11** In every match, the toss of a coin will determine the even cast of jacks.
- 12** No practice will be allowed on the selected green at any time (unless a team receive a bye in the first round).
- 13** in each match, the team with the highest aggregate shots scored will be declared the winner and awarded two points, in the case of a draw one point each will be awarded. After the completion of the round-robin matches, teams will be ranked in order of points from high to low.

- 14** Should there be a tie for any positions, the team with the highest plus aggregate (total shots for minus total shots against), will be promoted to the higher position.
- If it is still a tie, the highest number of wins over the three matches will be the winners.
- If it is still a tie, the result against the team that is level on points will decide.
- If it is still a tie, it will be the best winner in all three group matches.
- 15** The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS).

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BCGBA SENIOR AND JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL MERIT RULES

- 1** The number of competitors from each County shall be decided annually by the Management Committee. Competitors in the Senior Individual Merit Competition shall be male only. Competitors in the Junior Individual Merit Competition shall be male or female. The contestants shall be determined by their success in their respective County Merit Competitions, strictly in order of merit and the Junior Merit shall be confined to competitors who shall not have reached the age of 18 years on the 1st January of the year of the Competition. Qualifying rounds for the Senior Individual Merit must be played by a date agreed by the Management Committee. When a County Association submits the names of their competitors to the Association National Administrator they must also submit the names, in order of merit of two substitute competitors and these substitutes can be utilised to replace any of the originally named competitors who are unable to take part. No other substitutes to be used. Non appearance on finals day or misuse of substitutes may lead to disciplinary action.
- 2** At no stage of this competition will any player be allowed to play on a green of which he is a playing member. County Associations must play their Merit Competitions on a green or greens other than the one on which the British Crown Green Association's Merit Competition is to be played.
- 3** Each county will pay a fee, agreed by the Management Committee, in respect of their qualifying representatives.
- 4** No players will be allowed practice on the selected green after they have qualified in their own County Merit.
- 5** All competitors must have played in the current season's County Merit Competition, substitutes to be taken in rotation.
- 6** Players can only compete for one County in the Individual Merit Competition. Any player in membership with Clubs in more than one County, shall be allowed to enter in one County only. A player having been selected to play for one County Association in the County Championship cannot play in another County's Merit Competition that season or vice versa. Any violation of this rule will entail disqualification.
- 7** All games in the competition shall be under the supervision of competent officials nominated by the Management Committee.

- 8** County Associations shall play their merit qualifying and final rounds only on a green(s) situated within the confines of their County boundaries as recommended by the BCGBA.
- 9** All counties must hold a qualifying competition to determine their representatives at BCGBA finals. Qualifying must take place in the year of the competition and before the date requested for counties to submit their representatives.
- 10** Any county that fails to submit the required information by the due date will be excluded from representation. An appropriate fine will be imposed on any defaulting county.
- 11** Each County Association shall be given the opportunity to host the Senior and Junior Merits. The Presidential Rota will apply with the Senior Merit being held in the County of the President and the Junior Merit being held in the County of the Deputy President. Any County not willing to accept either event can decline without question. In such cases the Management Committee to decide which County will stage the event with the proviso that the Counties in the preceding four and succeeding four of the rota will only be considered if all the others decline. In all cases the venue nominated by the respective County must be approved by the Management Committee.
- 12** The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS). Referees appointed for the BCGBA Individual Merit final days shall be allowed match expenses, and BCGBA shall be responsible for payment.
- 14** All games shall be 21up, off scratch.
- 15** The Dress Code for the Competition will be the BCGBA Dress Code plus the following – Players must wear the appropriate shirt (red or blue) provided by BCGBA for the competition. If the player deems it necessary to wear protective clothing over the shirt, they must wear the provided coloured ‘tabard/bib’ on top of that protective clothing.

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BCGBA SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** County teams shall each be composed of 24 male players, 12 playing at home and 12 away, the games all to be played on the same day, except for those against the Isle of Man and on the green of a Club with primary affiliation to the County Association. Players selected must be bona fide members of a Club affiliated to the County Association. The name of the Club must be placed after the player's name on the programme. No home team player shall be allowed to play in a County Match on a green of any Club of which he is a playing member, nor play for more than one County in any one season. Definition of a playing member ~ One who pays a subscription to a Bowling Club or to a Bowling Section of a Sports or Social Club, someone who represents a club in an official league / cup match or is a member of an organisation which utilises the green of such Club or Section. If this rule is transgressed then the game shall be awarded to his opponent 21 points to nil. If a green is considered unfit for play owing to weather conditions, the onus and responsibility for abandoning a match shall rest with the Referee and Groundsman. If a County Championship game cannot be played due to the green having been deemed unfit for play the game shall be played within seven days, at the same venue, the draw for the matches to stand. 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 will not apply. Matches will not be abandoned before 4 p.m. If two County Associations are level at the end of the preliminary matches played, both in aggregate and points scored the County with the highest number of shots for will qualify for the semi-finals. If this does not separate Counties, the number of individual winners throughout the Preliminary Group Stages will be taken into consideration with the County with the greatest number of winners proceeding to the semi-finals.
- 2** Games shall be 21 up and matches shall commence at 2 p.m. unless mutually arranged. Visiting teams to have first cast of the Jack. Jacks to be used in County Matches shall be available for practice. A minimum of 12 standard jacks with a valid date stamp must be available for practice.
- 3** The Counties shall be divided into four sections by a draw made at the October Management Meeting and shall play the other Counties in their own section one match (home and away) and be awarded two points for a win and one point for a draw. The draw shall be made to conform with an agreed five year formula to ensure that Counties meet each other once during that five year period. The County gaining the greatest number of points in each of the four sections shall then play in a semi-final round, the winner of section one against the winner of section two, and the winner of section three against the winner of section four. In the case of a tie in the semi-final or final, four players from each team, at

each venue, shall play again. The players shall be selected by the respective captains and the draw for pairings will be made by the referee. When the winners of the semi-finals are known they shall play off in a final match, the winning County receiving the Crosfield Cup and the losing County the Lewis Cup. In the case of a tie for the top position in any section the winning County shall be determined by the best average according to the number of points scored for over those scored against. If Counties are drawn in a group containing only three Counties, they will play each other in the following pattern. Two teams will be drawn to play each other on the respective date in May of the relevant year. The losing County in that first match, will then play the non playing County from the May date, on the respective June date. The final group match will comprise of the winning team in the first match and the non playing County in May. In the case of a tie in that first match, the first named County in the draw will play on the respective June date and the second named County on the respective July date.

- 4** County Associations shall select their team at least 14 days before the dates of their matches, except when County matches are due to be played within 14 days, when the County Associations shall select their teams at least 7 days before the date of the matches. No County shall be allowed to adopt Rules which penalise in whatever form their opponents away team players or any Club for which they play so as to affect their opponents County away team selections. Home teams and reserves shall be allowed practice up to the day of the match and also 15 minutes on the day of play, which shall terminate 5 minutes before the away team practice is due to start. No practice is allowed by away players once a green and teams have been officially exchanged subject to the rules in relation to normal competitive games. Should this action occur, then that player shall be barred from taking part in the relevant match. Half an hour's practice (which shall terminate ten minutes before the agreed time of start of the match) shall be allowed the visiting team and reserves on the day of play. After the commencement of the match, no further practice shall be allowed at that venue.
- 5** Counties shall give at least 14 days' notice of their teams, reserves, venue and officials to their opponents and the National Administrator by entering all the details on the approved Bowling Results website before midnight on the Sunday 2 weeks prior to the match. Where such venues have more than one green, the one intended for play should be clearly indicated in the notice. No County shall play more than one match on one green during the same season.
- 6** Failure to comply with Rule 5 will incur a fine of £20.00 on the defaulting County. The draw thus arrived at shall be strictly adhered to unless with the consent of the two captains and the referee. Not less than two reserves shall be named on the programme, and no other player shall take part in the match until the named reserves have been called upon to play. The home players only shall be numbered according to the programme.
- 7** Approved referees shall be appointed for all County Matches and they shall be paid agreed match expenses and a meal provided at the County venue. All expenses to be paid by the Referees Society

Secretary. The Home County shall appoint two Assistant Referees to assist the Referee. The Home County will be responsible for providing all measuring equipment likely to be required by the referee.

- 8** Gate money taken at any section match (including the championship final) shall belong to the Home County.
- 9** Each County Association shall pay to the British Crown Green Bowling Association the sum of £5.00 in respect of each home match and an agreed sum per match, as determined annually by the Management Committee, to pay the referee's match fee and travelling expenses.
- 10** All Senior County Championship games shall be played on the first Sunday of the month commencing with the first Sunday in May, except for those against the Isle of Man, which shall be played on the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month commencing with the first Sunday in May.
- 11** Any County Association failing to field a full team shall be fined £20.00 for each missing member.
- 12** Each County Association should provide, at their home venue, a meal after the match has been completed for the players and officials listed on the official match sheet and any representatives of the competition sponsors who may be in attendance. Each County is liable to pay for the cost of the meal for their team and officials at either venue. The minimum cost of the meal per head will be agreed annually by the Management Committee. Failure to provide a meal after the match will result in that County paying a fine equal to the minimum cost of the meal per head plus £1 for each player or official of both Counties listed on the official match sheet, and the matter will be referred to the Management Committee who will have the power to increase the fine.

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BCGBA SUPPLEMENTARY COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** The Supplementary Senior County Championship will take place after the preliminary rounds of the Senior County Championship have been concluded and will be contested by the County Associations which finish in positions two and three in each of the four Sections, with the exception that in respect of the County Association finishing bottom of the three team Section shall be replaced by the Isle of Man. The event will take place on the date nominated for the Semi-final stages of the Senior County Championship at a two green neutral venue, selected as soon as the qualifiers are known, by the National Administrator and Competitions Officer. The County Associations involved will be notified of the venue as soon as it has been selected.
- 2** Teams for this event will consist of 8 players and each County shall submit to the Official in charge on the day of the event, a squad list, maximum of 12 players, from which all teams must be selected. In the rounds prior to the final, the competing teams will be drawn in groups of 4 and will play on a round robin basis to determine a finalist. After the first matches are completed, Counties can change their teams and these must be nominated and submitted to the Official in charge before the commencement of any subsequent match. If a nominated player is not available at the start of a respective game, he can be replaced by a nominated reserve, but he will be able to play in any subsequent rounds. No player shall play on a green selected for this event of which he is a playing member. All games will be 21 up off 3.
- 3** In every match, the toss of a coin will determine the even cast of jacks. No practice will be allowed on selected greens 7 days prior to the matches taking place. Players should report to the Referee. If not able to take to the green for whatever reason at the appropriate time, the respective County can replace the player(s) with a nominated reserve. In each match the team with the highest aggregate shots scored will be declared the winner and awarded two points, in the case of a draw one point each will be awarded. After the completion of the 3 round robin matches, the team with the most points will be declared group winner and progress to the final. Should there be a tie at this stage, the team with the highest plus aggregate, will be declared the group winner. If still a tie the highest number of wins over the three matches will be the winners. If still a tie the result against the team that is level on points, will decide. If still a tie it will be the best winner in all 3 group matches.
- 4** In the final the winners will be decided on aggregate. Should this result in a tie, the winners will be the team with the most individual winners, then the team with the best winner, then the team with the second, third, fourth best winner, etc.

- 5** In each group the three matches will be played on the same green. In the final, four games will be played on two greens. The second four games of the final will not start until the first four games have finished. If both teams contesting the final agree, the final can be played on one green. If a venue has a third suitable unused green, the final will be played on this green.
- 6** Referees will be supplied from the County Association where the event is being held.
- 7** Rules 8 and 9 of the Senior County Rules will not apply in relation to this event.
- 8** The draw for the Senior Supplementary County Championship will be as follows:
Group One on Green 1: Runner-up in Section 1, Third in Section 2, Runner-up in Section 3, Isle of Man.
Group Two on Green 2: Third in Section 1, Runner-up in Section 2, Third in Section 3, Runner-up in Section 4.

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BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

BCGBA VETERANS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** The Veterans County Championship shall be held annually. The qualifying rounds will be on a regional basis on a date decided by the Management Committee. The finals will be held on a date and at a venue decided by the Management Committee, the venue being decided after the qualifying counties are known.
- 2** Each County Association in membership shall be entitled to enter a team in the event.
- 3** The counties in each region to be decided by the Management Committee and each region will remain so for 4 years. Within each region each county will host the qualifying round once in a 4 year cycle. An exception to this being a region containing the Isle of Man (should they wish to enter).
- 4** Teams to consist of 8 male players who are 60 years of age or more. Each county to submit a squad of up to 12 qualifying players on the day of the competition, all teams selected must be from the submitted list for the regional qualifiers. A fresh squad of up to 12 players may be submitted for the final stages.
- 5** The entry fee per team will be decided annually by the Management Committee, the latest date for entry to be 1st April (once entered teams to fulfil 4 year cycle). All players must be bona fide members of a club affiliated to their County Association and must not have played in the Senior County Championship for another county during the season, nor played in the Veterans or Senior IMC in another county the season concerned.
- 6** No player will be allowed to play on a green of a club where they are a playing member.
- 7** A player can only represent one County Association in the current year's competition.
- 8** All games to be 21 up off 3.
- 9** Competing teams in each region will play on a round robin basis to provide a regional winner to compete in the final. All matches must be played and completed. Failure to do so will result in the offending county, or counties being fined by the Management Committee.
- 10** The 4 regional winners will play on the final date at a neutral venue selected by the Management Committee again on a round robin basis to determine the Championship Winners.

- 11** (i) Prior to each match, counties must submit their team in playing order to the official in charge. If a nominated player is then not available at the start of the appropriate game, they can be replaced by a reserve from the squad list.
- (ii) In every match the toss of a coin will determine the cast of jacks.
- (iii) No practice will be allowed on selected greens for 7 days prior to the match.
- (iv) In each match, the team with the highest aggregate shall determine the winner and awarded 2 points, in the case of a tie on aggregate the teams to be awarded 1 point each.
- (v) After completion of the round robin matches, the team with the most points to be declared the winner. In the event of a tie, the following order of elimination will apply.
- a The team with the best aggregate (total shots for minus total shots against).
 - b Tie on aggregate, team with the most individual winners.
 - c If still a tie, the team with the best winner.
 - d If still a tie, the team with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th best winners.
- (vi) The County Association staging the regional event to provide the person in charge (to run the event) and sufficient referees.
- (vii) In the event that insufficient counties enter to make 4 regions of 4 counties then the BCGBA Competitions Committee can invite members to fill any remaining places..
- 12** The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS).

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BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

BCGBA WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

- 1** The World Club Championship shall be held annually with the preliminary rounds played on the second Sunday in October. The final is to be held on the third Sunday in October. The final venue shall have no less than two greens and will be decided by the BCGBA Competitions Committee.
- 2** Each of the 15 County Associations in membership shall nominate two Clubs to the Association National Administrator by the 1st January each year, the Isle of Man Crown Green Bowling Association will be invited to nominate one Club by the same date. Nominations should be Cup or League winners. If insufficient entries are received in our competitions, the BCGBA Competitions Committee can invite members to fill any remaining places.
- 3** Any county that fails to submit the required information by the due date will be excluded from competition. An appropriate fine will be imposed on any defaulting county.
- 4** Teams for this event will consist of 8 players and each Club shall submit to the Official in charge on the day of the event, a squad list, maximum of 16 players, from which all teams must be selected. Players named on the squad list must have been registered playing members for that Club during the qualifying season and in the current season.
- 5** There will be an entry fee for each team, this to be determined annually by the Management Committee.
- 6** All games shall be 21up off scratch. Proceedings will commence at 11.00am
- 7** If a nominated player is not available at the start of a respective game, he can be replaced by a nominated reserve, but will be able to play in any subsequent rounds. After the first round, successful Clubs may change their teams, and these must be submitted to the Official in charge before the commencement of any subsequent match.
- 8** In the qualifying rounds eight teams will play on each date with two matches on each green. The winner of each match will then play off on the other green to determine the two qualifiers for the final day. On the final day two matches will take place on each green (quarter-finals). The winner of each match will then play off on the other green (semi-finals). The final will then be held on the green chosen by the Official in charge.

- 9** In every match, the toss of a coin shall determine the cast of Jacks (odd and evens). No practice will be allowed. In each match the team with the highest aggregate shall be the winner. In the case of a tie, the following order of elimination shall apply.
- Tie on aggregate - the team with the most winners.
- If still a tie - the team with the best winner.
- If still a tie - the 2nd, 3rd, 4th best winner etc
- 10** Each participating Club shall provide a measurer. The British Crown Green Bowling Association shall provide referees. The appointment of Referees and Green Managers will be made in conjunction with the British Crown Green Referees Society (BCGRS).
- 11** Clubs may only compete in one County Club Championship.
- 12** A player may not play for more than one Club in the World Club Championship.
- 13** BCGBA Dress Code will apply.

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BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

BCGGBA 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.
- 2 (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.