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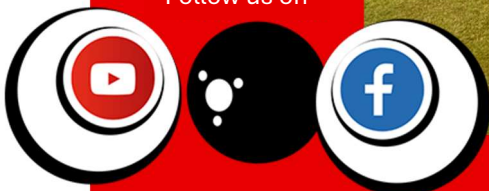
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Ladies Senior County Championship Rules 2025



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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 by the competitions committee with the next draw to be done in 2026 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 to be determined annually by the Competitions Committee.
- 7.** The Secretary of the winning county must return the trophy to the Competitions Officer before the annual presentation lunch.
- 8.** An individual trophy will be awarded by every county to their 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 by the county to their 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, as determined by the Competitions Committee.
- 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.

Ladies Senior County Championship & 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 e.g. 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 –

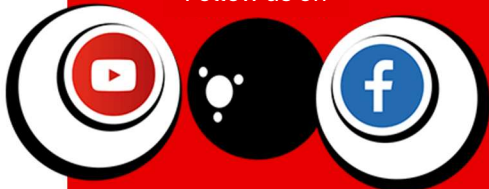
league matches and competitions excepted.

- 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 Competitions Officer 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 chinks shall be the winner and score two points. Should each county tie on chinks, 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 Competitions Officer 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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