

THE WELSH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION REFEREES' SOCIETY.

1. The **Society** shall be known as the Welsh Crown Green Referees' Society, hereinafter called the W.C.G.R.S.
2. The **Objectives** of the Society shall be: -
 - (a) To nominate and provide qualified Referees for the game of bowls played under the Laws of the British Crown Green Bowling Association, hereinafter called the B.C.G.B.A. at both local and County level;
 - (b) To consult with the B.C.G.B.A. on the Laws of the Game and possible amendments and additions thereto and to give guidance when necessary;
 - (c) To arrange periodic seminars, examination and, if successful, assessments.
3. **Membership** shall be open to any qualified Referee who is a fully paid-up member of the Society and who must also be a member of the British Crown Green Referees' Society, hereinafter called the B.C.G.R.S. and pay the requisite subscription. Annual Subscription shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting and shall be valid for the year 1st January to the 31st December (or part thereof). It shall be noted that an additional Subscription for membership of the B.C.G.R.S. is required, details of which shall be advised at the W.C.G.R.S. Annual General Meeting.
4. **Disputes.**
 - (a) Any dispute concerning a member of our Society shall be dealt with by the Management Committee (or an elected Disciplinary Panel). The member may Appeal to the B.C.G.R.S., paying a deposit of £20.00 which shall be returnable if the Appeal is upheld. Details of the complaint shall be forwarded to the member involved who shall have 14 (fourteen) days to appeal following the hearing.
5. **Management Committee.**
 - (a) The Management Committee shall be formed from Officers of the Society, namely, the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Placement Secretary and four members - one each from the Flintshire, Glyndwr, Gwynedd and Wrexham areas.
 - (b) The Officers and Committee members shall be elected annually at the Society's Annual General Meeting.
 - (c) Members shall appoint one "County" representative who shall represent our Society at B.C.G.R.S. meetings together with a further four delegates to represent our Society at the B.C.G.R.S. Annual General Meeting.
 - (d) The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member onto the Committee as and when a vacancy occurs and at all Management meetings, there shall be five members to form a quorum.
6. **Meetings.**
 - (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be held in January of each year- the date of which shall be fixed by the Management Committee.

Any Notice of Motion, for discussion at the Annual General Meeting, to be in the hands of the Hon. Secretary, at the latest, twenty-eight days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Such Notice of Motion shall be "seconded". Any member who submits a Notice of Motion shall attend the Annual General Meeting to support his/her Notice of Motion.
 - (c) An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Hon. Secretary when

directed by the Management Committee or upon receipt of a requisition signed by at least FIVE members stating the object for which the meeting is to be called. At least seven days' notice of such a meeting, specifying the business proposed to be transacted, shall be forwarded by the Hon. Secretary to every member of the Society and no other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.

(d) An "end-of-season" meeting shall be held, at the latest, by the end of October.

(e) At all meetings, the Chairman, or whosoever occupies the Chair, shall be granted a "casting" vote.

7. FINANCES.

The day-to-day financial administration of the Society shall be conducted by the Hon. Treasurer who shall submit an audited Financial Statement for the benefit of members at each Annual General Meeting. Such Financial Statement shall cover the period 1st January to the 31st December each year.

8. CONDUCT.

(a) No member of the Society, whilst officiating or measuring in matches or tournaments shall wager either directly or indirectly on that match or tournament at any time. Any member so doing shall be expelled from the Society. The member involved shall have 14 (fourteen) days to appeal to the B.C.G.R.S.

(b) All Referees within the Society shall adhere to the Referees Dress Code at all levels of the game.

(c) Referees should be prepared to submit themselves for re-assessment at all times.

Such assessments shall be carried out by suitable B.C.G.R.S. Assessors. No Referee shall be assessed without his/her knowledge.

9. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT.

The Management Committee shall have powers to apply and act upon and enforce the Society's Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Society, including any not provided for by the Rules. Decisions of the Management Committee shall be final and binding on all members.

10. DBS CHECKS.

All Referees undertaking appointments for any local, County or B.C.G.B.A. Competitions must have undergone a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check within the last three years. The Certificate number together with the Date of Issue shall be recorded by a suitably appointed member of the Society.

The afore-mentioned Rules were ratified and approved at the Annual General Meeting held at
Abergele Bowling Club on Friday, 18th January, 2019
