

**RULES MADE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4.9 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF**  
**“EDINBURGH BOWLING ASSOCIATION”**

**COMPETITIONS**

**League Competition**

Clubs will be required to field a 1st Team (16 players divided into four rinks) unless otherwise authorised by the Committee.

Clubs also have the option of fielding: a) A 2nd Team of 16 players divided into four rinks. b) A 3rd Team(s) of 8 players divided into two rinks.

Clubs which cannot field a 2nd Team, may field a 1st Team and one (1) 3rd Team.

**Ladies Evening League**

Clubs may enter a Ladies team to play in this league which shall consist of two rinks playing under the same rules as the 3rd team.

**Knockout Competitions**

**Gents**

Clubs may select players to represent them in: **Junior Singles, Singles Sets, Singles, Pairs, Australian Pairs, Triples, Fours and Senior Singles, Senior Pairs, Senior Triples and Senior Fours** knockout competitions. The finals will be played on Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee Management greens.

**Ladies**

Clubs may select players to represent them in: **Singles, Pairs, Triples, and Fours** knockout competitions. The finals will be played on Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee Management greens.

**Mixed Fours**

Clubs may also select players to represent them in Mixed Fours which will consist of 2 males and 2 female players. All players must be members of the same club entering the competition.

**Tait Trophy**

In the year 1888, through the instrumentality of Mr. James Pretsell, who was at that time Treasurer of the Edinburgh and Leith Bowling Association, a trophy was presented to E&LBA by Mr. William Tait, Rosehall Cottage, Edinburgh, to be competed for by the champions for the year of the various constituent clubs. This trophy has been competed for annually since the year mentioned.

**Fleming Trophy**

In the year 1981, a trophy was presented to the Edinburgh and Leith Bowling Association by the Vice-President of the Association, Mr. James S Fleming, 49 Comiston Drive, Edinburgh, for annual competition as a junior singles competition on the “knockout” system. There will be no restrictions on the number of entrants from each of the constituent clubs.

## **McFarlane Trophy**

As part of a celebration for the Millennium Year 2000, it was decided to organise a singles competition between constituent clubs. By popular demand, it was later agreed that a competition in the same format should be played for, on an annual basis, and the then President of the Edinburgh and Leith Bowling Association Mr I. McFarlane presented the Top Five Singles Trophy.

## **Edinburgh Cup Competition**

Clubs may enter a team of 24 players divided into six rinks, three rinks to play at home and three rinks to play away. The final will be played on Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee Management greens.

## **Edinburgh Plate Competition**

Clubs which are not in the 1st XV1 divisions 1 and 2 may enter a team of 12 players, three rinks to play at home green (1st out the draw). The final will be played on Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee Management greens.

## **Ladies Knockout Cup**

Clubs may enter a Ladies team to play in this cup which shall consist of two rinks playing 17 ends at the home drawn club. The finals will be played on Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee Management greens.

## **Charity Triples Competition**

Clubs will enter a triple (Gents, Ladies, Juniors or mixed) for the charity triples held annually at a date and time decided by the committee. Clubs are encouraged to organise a day at their own club to raise money for the charity but the committee realises that clubs may have their own charity competitions. The committee expects each club to support the event with a minimum donation decided by the committee (Currently £30.00).

## **Cities & Counties Championship (Andrew Hamilton Trophy)**

Edinburgh Bowling Association competes each year in the Cities & Counties Championships for the Andrew Hamilton Trophy which was first played for in 1939.

## **Scottish Bowling League for Under 25 Years Old**

Edinburgh Bowling Association compete in the following at under 25 level

- League, 6 Rinks
- Jim Bell Scottish Cup, 4 Rinks
- Calder Cup, Pairs Triple and Rink
- Top 10, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Rink

## **Matt Purdie Trophy**

Edinburgh Bowling Association competes in the Matt Purdie Inter County Senior Championship. There are seven other competing Associations: Border BA, East Lothian BA, Fife BA, Midlothian BA, Stirling County East BA, West Fife BA and West Lothian BA.

## **1 Rules**

The Committee of Management have the authorisation to alter the rules at any time.

New or revised Rules shall be advised to constituent clubs by the General Secretary when ratified and to the Annual General Meeting for homologation.

## **2 Participation Rules**

Each club shall be responsible for its own member's behaviour at all Edinburgh Bowling Association competitions. (**Rule 11e, 11f**)

All players participating in any Edinburgh Bowling Association competitions must:

- a)** Be a bowling member of one of the Association constituent clubs.
- b)** Be dressed appropriately;
  - i)** The normal accepted uniform is grey/black flannels / bowling trousers, shorts (where the host club allows) a white shirt, club tie and white polo tops (sweaters, cardigans, jackets, waterproofs etc.). Clubs are allowed to adopt and play in their own colour and design of bowling attire (i.e. polo shirts, fleeces, trousers etc.)
  - ii)** No jeans, football shirts or offensive tops of any description are to be worn.
  - iii)** Entire teams (pairs, triples, rinks) must be dressed the same (either grey & white or club colours)
  - iv)** Any player(s) in breach of the appropriate dress code may be asked to change their clothing and if failing to do so, refused entry to the green and as such, invoking automatic disqualification from the competition entered.
- c)** Satisfy any age limits:
  - i)** Be under the age of 25 on the 1st of April in the year of the competition to play in the Junior Scottish Bowling League for under 25 year olds..
  - ii)** Be 55 years of age and over on the 1st of April in the year of the competition to play in the Senior Competitions. (Excluding Matt Purdie Team which is 60)
- d)** Not represent more than one club in any one season in the Edinburgh Cup, Edinburgh Plate or Knockout Competitions.
- e)** With the exception of the Fleming and Tait Trophies, not play in more than one Knockout Competition.
- f)** Mixed Fours will consist of 2 males and 2 female players. All players must be members of the entering club.
- g)** No use of a mobile phone or other communication devices in the playing area. The playing area is decided by the green, its environs and any surrounding path and verge. Discretion should be used when a player has to have a phone or pager because of any extenuating circumstances but the opposition skip/opponent should be advised of this prior to the commencement of the match.

- h)** Players must leave the confines of the green with their bowls and (remove) once their game is completed and must not return to the green until all matches are finished. (Reason in Team games players tend to hang about in the joining rinks or congregate behind a head if down to 1 or 2 rinks which can be intimidating.
- i)** All constituent clubs must enter a league team to participate in any other Edinburgh Bowling Association competitions.

### **3 Playing Rules**

Except as provided in the rules set out in the following sections, the general rules for play are those set down, for the time being, by the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (current dated version)

- a)** For all rounds, up to and including the semi-finals, of the Edinburgh Cup competition and for all 1st and 2nd Team matches, the rinks are to be drawn immediately prior to play in the manner prescribed by Edinburgh Bowling Association as shown below.
  - i)** The home Captain should prepare two sets of scorecards showing the details of the clubs involved, the game being played and the date. One set of cards should then be passed to the visiting Captain.
  - ii)** The home Captain and the visiting Captain should then add the names of their skips to their set of scorecards. The home scorecards should then be passed to the visiting Captain.
  - iii)** The visiting Captain should then pick a home scorecard, a visiting scorecard and then pick a rink number. This rink number should be added to the pair of scorecards.
  - iv)** Repeat step (iii) until all rinks are picked.
  - v)** 3rd Team rinks may be allocated.
- b)** The procedure to be used for the final of the Edinburgh Cup competition will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- c)** Players are allowed 15 minutes to appear on the green, ready for play, otherwise the tie or points will be forfeited.
- d)** Delaying the playing of bowls is not permitted. Play must be continuous.
- e)** Sponsors' Bowls Stickers, where supplied, **MUST BE USED**. Club stickers can be used at other times, although the HOME club will be required to remove stickers if there is a clash. Members of the same rink should all have the same stickers or all should have no stickers.
- f)** Trial end: If both captains agree, trial ends may be dispensed with. Both captains may agree to ONE trial end or NO trial end. If agreement is not reached, the default position will be to PLAY ONE TRIAL END.
- g)** Team captains will toss a coin for their team's control of the jack at said venues.
- h)** On all matters relative to play, the committee's decision is final.
- i)** Players who qualify to play in the Association senior competitions are eligible to compete in the K.O Pairs, Triples and Rink competitions.
- j)** The Association will provide umpires for the Semi Final and Final of all Competitions.

#### **4 Non-fulfilment or Cancellations**

Non-fulfilment or cancellation due to unforeseen circumstances for example inclement weather, the following will prevail: within 24 hours of the stipulated date of the fixture or tie, the secretary must be contacted (e-mail, phone call or text will suffice) explaining the reason for the non-fulfilment/cancellation, along with a new date to complete the fixture or tie.

Failure to comply with this rule will be considered by the Committee of Management. Clubs deemed to be in breach of the rules may incur a penalty (see section 14).

For all **Singles, Singles Sets** and **Junior Singles** Knockout competitions, the match must be rescheduled and played to a finish PRIOR to the next round.

For all **Pairs, Triples, Fours**, and **Australian Pairs** Knockout competitions, if a minimum of 11 ends have been completed, the score at that time stands. If a minimum of 11 ends have not been completed, the match must be rescheduled and played to a finish PRIOR to the next round.

#### **For League and Edinburgh Cup / Plate competitions**

- a) If a minimum of 11 ends have been completed by all rinks, then the final score will be calculated at the minimum number of ends completed by all rinks. (e.g. 2 rinks have completed 15 ends and 2 rinks have completed 13 ends, then the final score would be calculated at 13 ends or 3 rinks have completed 15 ends and 3 rinks have completed 13 ends, then the final score would be calculated at 13 ends).
- b) If a minimum of 11 ends have not been completed by all rinks:
  - i) For the League competition, the match must be rescheduled and played to a finish PRIOR to the next round of league matches. If the match affected is the last league match, the match must be played within 7 days.
  - ii) For the Edinburgh Cup competition, the matches must be rescheduled and played to a finish PRIOR to the next round.
  - iii) For the Edinburgh Cup competition, in the event of only one green being playable, the three rinks should proceed as normal. The other three rinks (on the unplayable green) must be rescheduled and played to a finish PRIOR to the next round. All six rinks should play the same number of ends.

Clubs should arrange an alternative date that is agreed by both parties and with the Host Club, where appropriate. In event of failure to agree, the standby date for rescheduling is the following Monday (Friday for Senior Knockout competition).

If a match has to be restarted and players are unavailable, substitution is permitted as laid out in the Laws of the Sport of Bowls (current dated edition). Players, however, should not be transferred from one rink to another. The replacement player(s) can play in any position other than skip and the other members can rearrange their positions as necessary.

For the League and Edinburgh Cup competitions, if a club has to play a triple in a restarted match, that triple will lose 25% of their total shots for the remaining ends played.

## **5 League Competition**

Clubs must inform the Association Match Secretary of their intention to change their current league competition entries no later than 31st January each year. This will allow the committee to decide on the structure of the league divisions and announce it at the Annual General Meeting. Once the structure has been decided, the new season's fixtures will be drawn up and issued to the clubs by 21st February each year.

- a)** The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Teams will play in separate leagues with their own promotion and relegation. Normal promotion and relegation will be two up, two down. In the event that the league divisions require to be restructured, the committee may need to promote and/or relegate a different number.
- b)** Scheduled league matches will be played on Wednesday evenings between the first Wednesday in May and the last Wednesday in August.
- c)** Players are committed to the 1st Team if they have played 10 games for that Team. This number will reduce pro rata with the number of sides in the division at the time.
- d)** Players can be promoted to the 1st Team and returned to the 2nd/3rd Teams without penalty save (c) above. A player "replaced" in the 1st or 2nd Team may play in the 3rd Team without penalty.
- e)** Match points will be awarded as follows:

Each rink: two points for a win; one point for a draw; no points for a loss.

Overall aggregate score: one point.

This means that the 1st and 2nd Team are playing for a maximum of 9 points and the 3rd Team are playing for a maximum of 5 points.

- a)** Matches to be of 17 ends. If both captains agree, trial ends may be dispensed with. Both captains may agree to ONE trial end, TWO trial ends or NO trial end. If agreement is not reached, the default position will be PLAY ONE TRIAL END. Captains toss for their team's control of the jack.
- b)** For the 1st and 2nd Team competitions, matches must be played over four rinks with a minimum of three players in each rink before a rink can be forfeited. If a club plays with less than 16 players on more than two occasions in one season, the club may suffer a point's deduction. The committee will investigate the circumstances before confirming any deduction.
- c)** In the event of a club forfeiting a rink, their opponents will be awarded the two points plus the aggregate point.
- d)** All 3rd Team games will take place at the home drawn club. j) If a game is postponed or abandoned for any reason any player that has played for another team on the original fixture date CANNOT play in any rearranged game during the said game week.

- e) Any breach of rule 10 (above) will result in the rink in question forfeiting 2 points and a quarter of the rink score deducted, those 2 points will be awarded to the opposing rink.

| 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team Format when player/players short |                       |           |  |  |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|--|--|
| Players   | Format on how to play |           |  | Penalty                                |
| 15  | 3 Rinks               | 1 Triple  |  | 1/4 Triple Score                       |
| 14  | 2 Rinks               | 2 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores                      |
| 13  | 1 Rink                | 3 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores                      |
| 12  | 0 Rinks               | 4 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores                      |
| 11  | 2 Rinks               | 1 Triple  |  | 1/4 Triple Score and forfeit 3 points  |
| 10  | 1 Rink                | 2 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores and forfeit 3 points |
| 9   | 0 Rinks               | 3 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores and forfeit 3 points |
| <9  | No Game               |           |  | Forfeit all 9 points                   |

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Team Format when player/players short |                       |           |  |                      |
|---|-----------------------|-----------|--|----------------------|
| Players   | Format on how to play |           |  | Penalty              |
| 7   | 1 Rink                | 1 Triple  |  | 1/4 Triple Score     |
| 6   | 0 Rinks               | 2 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores    |
| 5   | 1 Rink                | 0 Triple  |  | Forfeit 3 points     |
| 4   | 1 Rink                | 0 Triple  |  | Forfeit 3 points     |
| <4  | No Game               |           |  | Forfeit all 5 points |

## 6 Knockout Competitions

Clubs must inform the Association Match Secretary of their intention to enter each of the knockout competitions no later than the Annual General Meeting in December of each year. Once the number of entries has been established, the committee will arrange for the draws of these competitions to be made. The dates and neutral venues for each competition will then be decided.

- a) For all rounds **up to and including the semi-finals** the competitions are to be played as follows;
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| <b>Singles; 4 bowls, 21 shots</b>        | <b>Pairs; 4 bowls, 15 ends</b>            |
| <b>Singles Sets; 4 bowls, 7 ends</b>     | <b>Australian Pairs; 4 bowls, 15 ends</b> |
| <b>Triples; 3 bowls, 13 ends</b>         | <b>Fours; 2 bowls, 15 ends</b>            |
| <b>Junior Singles; 4 bowls, 21 shots</b> | <b>Senior Singles; 4 bowls, 21 ends</b>   |
| <b>Senior Pairs 2 bowls, 15 ends</b>     | <b>Senior Triples; 2 bowls, 13 ends</b>   |
| <b>Senior Fours; 2 bowls, 15 ends</b>    | <b>Mixed Fours; 2 bowls 15 ends</b>       |
- b) On **finals day**, the competitions are to be played as follows;
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| <b>Singles; 4 bowls, 21 shots</b>        | <b>Pairs; 4 bowls, 17 ends</b>            |
| <b>Singles Sets; 4 bowls, 9 ends</b>     | <b>Australian Pairs; 4 bowls, 17 ends</b> |
| <b>Triples; 3 bowls, 15 ends</b>         | <b>Fours; 2 bowls, 17 ends</b>            |
| <b>Junior Singles; 4 bowls, 21 shots</b> | <b>Senior Singles; 4 bowls, 21 ends</b>   |
| <b>Senior Pairs 2 bowls, 15 ends</b>     | <b>Senior Triples; 2 bowls, 13 ends</b>   |
| <b>Senior Fours; 2 bowls, 15 ends</b>    | <b>Mixed Fours; 2 bowls 17 ends</b>       |



- c) Substitution will be allowed and can be made at any time between rounds and may play in any position subject to a maximum number as follows:

**Fours; Four Substitutions**

**Senior Fours; Four Substitutions**

**Triples; Three Substitutions**

**Pairs; Two Substitutions**

**Singles; One Substitution**

**Junior Singles; One Substitution**

**N.B. A substituted player can only return to the competition if the original substitution was made through bereavement.**

- d) Clubs will be allocated a number of matches to be held on the same date. Clubs will be expected to make rinks available on their greens for the playing of these matches and, where necessary, provide umpires and markers.
- e) If a club is unable to fulfil a match in any of these competitions, that club is responsible for advising their opponent, the host club and the Match Secretary immediately. Any club failing to do this may be subject to penalty proceedings.
- f) One trial end shall take place if agreed with skips or singles players, default play trial end and toss for jack in each rink.

## **7 Tait Trophy Singles Competition**

- a) The name of all competing clubs must be intimated to the Match Secretary of the Association not later than 30th June.
- b) Each competing club must be represented by the champion for the current year. Any player taking part in more than one club championship in any one year will be debarred from entering the competition for that year.
- c) Entry is open to all member clubs of Edinburgh Bowling Association.
- d) The Competition will take place during the month of August. The ties must be played off on Greens and on the dates fixed by Management. In the event of a green being unplayable the Umpire shall arrange for the tie to be played before the next round.
- e) Should any competitor fail to appear within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the tie he shall forfeit the tie.
- f) Immediately after the game is completed the score card, signed by both players, must be sent to the Match Secretary of the Association.
- g) A memento will be presented to the winner and the runner up.



## **8 James S. Fleming Junior Singles Trophy Competition**

- a) Competitors must be between the years of 16 and 24 on the 1st of April in the year of the competition.
- b) The competition is open to both male and female members of the Association
- c) Names of competitors must be intimated to the Match Secretary of the Association not later than 1st April in the year of the Competition.
- d) The competition shall be played during May and June, and the final tie shall coincide with the other competition played.
- e) Ties must be played on the greens and on the dates fixed by the Committee of Management. In the event of a green being unplayable, the umpire shall arrange for the tie to be played prior to the next round.
- f) If any competitor fails to appear within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the tie he shall forfeit the tie.
- g) Any competitor failing to appear and without giving prior notice to the Association Match Secretary or the opposing Club will be ineligible to participation the following year's competition.
- h) A badge and prize will be presented to the winner of the final tie and a prize will be presented to the runner-up.

## **9 Singles Sets Competition**

This singles competition is a 4 bowl set format. This competition replaces the withdrawal of some competitions from the gents section following the amalgamation of E&LBA and EBL and as such is open to the gents sections of the constituent clubs.

- a) A match, with each player having a matching set of four bowls, will consist of two sets, played over 7 ends, the finals will be played over 9 ends. The winner of each set will be the player with the most shots at the completion of the 7th / 9th end.
- b) A set will ONLY be decided, with advice from the marker as may be required, when it becomes impossible for a player to draw or win the set given the number of ends remaining. Players must play all ends until impossible to win the match. The winner of the match being the best of two sets.
- c) If the shot scores are tied after the last end of a set, the set will be drawn (scored 1/2-1/2). If the match is tied at two drawn sets or one set each, a best of three ends match tie breaker will be played to determine the winner. This will be the winner of each end and NOT the total number of shots won in the three ends.
- d) In all cases a "no score" or "burnt end" will count as an end. There is no re-spot.
- e) The player winning the toss shall have the choice of starting or giving away the jack in the first set first end only. The loser of the toss, shall have the choice of starting or giving away the jack in the second set first end only. In a match tie breaker, the player winning the toss shall choose whether to take the jack or give it away. The winner of that end shall decide whether to take the jack or give it away for the second end, likewise the third end (assuming it goes to a third end).

- f) Constituent clubs can enter up to 3 separate gents' singles.
- g) If a club is unable to fulfil a match in this competition, that club is responsible for advising their opponent the host club and the Association Match Secretary immediately. Any club failing to do this may be subject to penalty proceedings.

## 10 Australian Pairs Knockout Competition

Australian pairs is a 4 bowl, 2-4-2 pairs format competition. This competition replaces the withdrawal of some competitions from the gents section following the amalgamation of E&LBA and EBL and as such is open to the gents sections of the constituent clubs.

- a) On the first end the LEAD bowlers' delivers two (2) of their four (4) bowls. This is then followed by the SKIP bowling all four (4) of their bowls. Finally the LEAD then bowls their remaining two (2) bowls completing the "end."

On the second end the order of play is reversed. The SKIP now plays the Lead position and bowls two (2) of their four (4) Bowls. The LEAD player has now moved to being the Skip and bowls their four (4) Bowls. Finally the SKIP, who is still playing as the lead on this end, bowls their remaining two (2) bowls.

The format of reversing the playing positions is then continued throughout the game.

- b) Constituent clubs can enter up to 3 separate gents' pairs.
- c) If a club is unable to fulfil a match in this competition, that club is responsible for advising their opponent and the Association Match Secretary immediately. Any club failing to do this may be subject to penalty proceedings.

## 11 The Ian McFarlane (Top 5) Trophy Competition

- a) The names of all competing clubs must be intimated to the Association Match Secretary not later than 1st April in the year of the Competitions.
- b) Five singles players shall play for the Trophy on the "Knockout" system from each of the constituent clubs entering the competition. In each tie, the winning club shall be that which wins most the five single-handed games. Each club shall have complete discretion in nominating their players in any tie.
- c) Each club entering the competition shall subscribe such sum as may be fixed by the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
- d) Ties will be arranged by agreement between **Authorised** members of the clubs concerned and must be played off on the greens and by the dates fixed by the Committee of Management. All five games in any tie must be played at the same time and on the same green. The tie must be played by the last date of the round and must also be arranged to commence no later than 6.30pm In the event of a green being unplayable, the umpire shall arrange for the tie to be played prior to the next round.
- e) If less than five players represent any club within thirty minutes of the time fixed for the tie, that club shall forfeit the tie. Failure to comply with the aforesaid rules and regulations will result in both clubs forfeiting the tie.

- f) The club on whose green a tie is to be played shall appoint an umpire and five competent markers.
- g) Immediately after the game is completed, the score must be sent to the Association Match Secretary by phone, email or Score Card.
- h) At the start of the game the opposing Team Captains or representatives will flip a coin to decide who has possession of the Jack.
- i) The winner of the Competition will represent the Association in the following year's Andrew D Mackellar Scottish County Top 5 competition.

## 12 **Edinburgh Cup Competition**

The draw for the Edinburgh Cup will take place at the Annual Sportsmen's Dinner. In the event of that not taking place, the committee will decide how and when the draw is to be made.

- a) Match points will be awarded as follows (A maximum of 13 points available):  
Each rink: two points for a win; one point for a draw; no points for a loss. Overall aggregate score: one point.
- b) Matches to be of 17 ends, one trial end shall take place if agreed with skips, default play trial end and toss for jack in each rink. In the event of a draw on points and shots then all six rinks should play an extra end(s) until a winner is known. Extra ends being "burnt" should be replayed.
- c) If a club is unable to fulfil a match in any of these competitions, that club is responsible for advising their opponent and the Match Secretary of the situation.

| Format when player/players short |                       |           |  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|--|-------------------|
| Players                          | Format on how to play |           |  | Penalty           |
| 23                               | 5 Rinks               | 1 Triple  |  | 1/4 Triple Score  |
| 22                               | 4 Rinks               | 2 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores |
| 21                               | 3 Rinks               | 3 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores |
| 20                               | 2 Rinks               | 4 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores |
| 19                               | 1 Rink                | 5 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores |
| 18                               | 0 Rinks               | 6 Triples |  | 1/4 Triple Scores |
| <18                              | No Game               |           |  | Forfeit Game      |

## 13 **Edinburgh Plate Competition**

- a) Match points will be awarded as follows (A maximum of 7 points available):  
Each rink: two points for a win; one point for a draw; no points for a loss. Overall aggregate score: one point.
- b) Matches to be of 17 ends, one trial end shall take place if agreed with skips, default play trial end and toss for jack in each rink. In the event of a draw on points and shots then all three rinks should play an extra end(s) until a winner is known. Extra ends being "burnt" should be replayed.
- c) If a club is unable to fulfil a match in any of these competitions, that club is responsible for advising their opponent and the Secretary of the situation.

- d) Games shall be played on home green.

| Format when player/players short |                       |           |                   |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|--|
| Players                          | Format on how to play |           | Penalty           |  |
| 11                               | 2 Rinks               | 1 Triple  | 1/4 Triple Score  |  |
| 10                               | 1 Rinks               | 2 Triples | 1/4 Triple Scores |  |
| 9                                | 0 Rinks               | 3 Triples | 1/4 Triple Scores |  |
| <9                               | No Game               |           | Forfeit Game      |  |

#### 14 Ladies Evening League and Knockout Cup

Ladies Evening League shall form the same rules as the 3rd team.

- Scheduled league matches will be played on Monday evenings between the first week in May and the last week in August.
- Match points will be awarded as follows: Each rink: two points for a win; one point for a draw; no points for a loss.
- Matches to be of 17 ends, one trial end shall take place if agreed with team captain, default play trial end and toss for the jack.
- If a club is unable to fulfil a match in any of these competitions, that club is responsible for advising their opponent and the Secretary of the situation.
- In the event of a club forfeiting a rink, their opponents will be awarded the two points plus the aggregate point.

| Format when player/players short |                       |           |                      |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|----------------------|--|
| Players                          | Format on how to play |           | Penalty              |  |
| 7                                | 1 Rink                | 1 Triple  | 1/4 Triple Score     |  |
| 6                                | 0 Rinks               | 2 Triples | 1/4 Triple Scores    |  |
| 5                                | 1 Rink                | 0 Triple  | Forfeit 3 points     |  |
| 4                                | 1 Rink                | 0 Triple  | Forfeit 3 points     |  |
| <4                               | No Game               |           | Forfeit all 5 points |  |

#### 15 Ladies Knockout Cup

The draw for the Knockout Cup will take place once the number of entries has been established, the committee will arrange for the draw.

- Match points will be awarded as follows (A maximum of 5 points available): Each rink: two points for a win; one point for a draw; no points for a loss. Overall aggregate score: one point.
- Matches to be of 17 ends, one trial end shall take place if agreed with team captain, default play trial end and toss for the jack in each rink.
- In the event of a draw on points and shots then both rinks should play an extra end(s) until a winner is known. Extra ends being "burnt" should be replayed.

- d) If a club is unable to fulfil a match in any of these competitions, that club is responsible for advising their opponent and the Secretary of the situation.

| Format when player/players short |                       |         |   |         |                   |              |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|---|---------|-------------------|--------------|
| Players                          | Format on how to play |         |   |         | Penalty           |              |
| 7                                | 1                     | Rink    | 1 | Triple  | 1/4 Triple Score  |              |
| 6                                | 0                     | Rinks   | 2 | Triples | 1/4 Triple Scores |              |
| <6                               |                       | No Game |   |         |                   | Forfeit Game |

## 16 Scottish Cities and Inter Counties

### Cities & Counties Championship (Andrew Hamilton Trophy)

- a) Each year the Constituent Clubs will be provided with a form and asked to forward names of players considered by the Club to be of such quality as to be considered for a place on the Cities and Counties (Andrew Hamilton Trophy) team.
- b) All male members of the Association who are sixteen years of age or over on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April in the year of the Competition will be eligible to play.
- c) Clubs must ensure that all nominated players are aware of their nomination and are available for a minimum of five of the games to be played.
- d) The Committee of Management /Team Manager will have full discretion to select the players that will be invited to trial.
- e) The Committee of Management if desired can write to a Club requesting a player that has not been nominated by a Club. The Committee of Management must ensure in writing that the player is not in dispute with the said Club.
- f) A Trial game will be played as a minimum once every twelve months to determine the final squad that the team will be selected from.
- g) The Committee of Management will request the use of Greens from Constituent Clubs.
- h) Players competing in the Competition at any stage are not allowed to consume alcohol within the parameters of the green while playing

### Scottish Bowling League for Under 25 year olds

- a) Each year the Constituent Clubs will be provided with a form and asked to forward names of players considered by the Club to be of such quality as to be considered for a place on the Scottish Bowling League for Under 25-year olds.
- b) All members of the Association who are of the age of eight years and under the age of 25 years on the 1st of April in the year of the Competition will be eligible to play.
- c) Clubs must ensure that all nominated players are aware of their nomination and are available for a minimum of three of the games to be played.
- d) The Committee of Management /Team Manager will have full discretion to select the players that will be invited to trial.

- e) The Committee of Management if desired can write to a Club requesting a player that has not been nominated by a Club. The Committee must ensure in writing that the player is in not in dispute with the said Club.
- f) A Trial game will be played as a minimum once every twelve months to determine the final squad that the team will be selected from.
- g) The Committee of Management will request the use of Greens from Constituent Clubs.
- h) Players competing in the Competition at any stage are not allowed to consume alcohol within the parameters of the green while playing.

### **Matt Purdie Championship**

- a) Each year the Constituent Clubs will be provided with a form and asked to forward names of players considered by the Club to be of such quality as to be considered for a place on the Matt Purdie team.
- b) All male members of the Association that are 60 years of age or over on the 1st of April in the year of the Competition will be eligible to Play.
- c) Clubs must ensure that all nominated players are aware of their nomination and are available for a minimum of four of the games to be played.
- d) The Committee of Management/Team Manager will have full discretion to choose the players that will be invited to trial.
- e) The Committee of Management if desired can write to a Club requesting a player that has not been nominated by their Club. The Committee of Management must ensure in writing that the player is in not in dispute with the said Club.
- f) A Trial game will be played as a minimum once every twelve months to determine the final squad that the team will be selected from.
- g) The Committee of Management will request the use of Greens from Constituent Clubs.
- h) Players competing in the Competition at any stage are not allowed to consume alcohol within the parameters of the green while playing.

## **17 Rules and Consequences of Non-compliance**

As detailed in **4.9 Edinburgh Bowling Association Constitution**, the Committee of Management shall have full power to transact the business of the Association.

This will include making, defining and applying all rules for carrying into effect this Constitution, the various competitions and for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Association providing such rules shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution.

Failure to comply with the rules within this document shall be considered by the Committee of Management for subsequent penalties which may consist of a **combination of any of the following**: financial, disqualification / suspension from competitions (present and future), deduction of league points or suspension from representation within the Association including Committee positions.

- a) The maximum financial penalty: Any amount decided by the committee up to the total of £100 for each individual breach within a season.
- b) The maximum points penalty: Any amount decided by the committee up to the total of 9 points from a league total for each individual breach within a season.
- c) New or revised Rules shall be advised to constituent clubs when ratified and to the Annual General Meeting for homologation.
- d) The Management Committee will deal with all disputes on an individual basis and the Management Committee decision is final.
- e) The Management Committee have the authority to award points and or tie if it is felt that only one club is not in compliance.

**In specific terms and circumstances the following will prevail:**

### **League**

No points will be awarded to either club for League matches outstanding after a period of seven days, unless prior approval has been received from the Committee of Management, to play the match on a specific date, out with the seven days, as set by the Match Secretary.

This league match will be classed as unfulfilled. Unfulfilled matches will be considered by the Committee of Management who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above, per match if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending clubs.

Clubs which regularly fail to fulfil league fixtures may be liable to expulsion from the league.

### **Knockouts**

If the tie is not played prior to the scheduled date of the next round of the competition then both clubs' representatives will be eliminated from the competition.

The tie will then be classed as an unfulfilled fixture after which it will be considered by the Committee of Management who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending clubs.

Suspensions can be imposed on both individual players and/or clubs and may be extended to cover all Knockout Competitions.



## **Edinburgh Cup / Edinburgh Plate**

If the Cup / Plate match is not played prior to the scheduled date of the next round of the competition then both clubs will be eliminated from the competition.

The tie will then be classed as an unfulfilled fixture after which it will be considered by the Committee of Management who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending clubs.

## **Charity Triples**

By virtue of application and membership of the Edinburgh Bowling Association, every constituent club will be required to enter at least 1 triple for the Edinburgh Bowling Association charity day. Failure to provide a triple for the Edinburgh Bowling Association charity day shall be deemed to be in breach of the rules of membership by the Committee of Management who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending clubs.

## **Players / Club Members**

Edinburgh Bowling Association expects individual players and club members to behave and conduct themselves in a sporting and courteous manner at all times when engaged in any Association games, whether playing, spectating or in attendance at Association meetings.

Any incidents witnessed by the Committee of Management in these circumstances will be highlighted to the individual(s) as soon as reasonably practice with the request to desist and considered by the Committee of Management at the next Committee meeting who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending individual(s)

The player / members club will also be notified with the full circumstances for any action they may wish to take.

## **Officials**

As with players, Edinburgh Bowling Association expects constituent club officials to behave and conduct themselves in a sporting and courteous manner at all times when in attendance at Association events.

Any incidents witnessed by the Committee of Management in these circumstances will be highlighted to the individual(s) as soon as reasonably practice with the request to desist and considered by the Committee of Management at the next Committee meeting who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending individual(s).

The officials club will also be notified with the full circumstances for any action the may wish to take.

## **Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee Members**

As with players, club members and officials, Edinburgh Bowling Association expects the highest standard of behaviour, conduct and etiquette from its Committee Members.

Any incidents witnessed by the Committee of Management in these circumstances will be highlighted to the individual(s) as soon as reasonably practice with the request to desist and considered by the Committee of Management at the next Committee meeting who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending individual(s).

### **Social Media**

Any individual involved with Edinburgh Bowling Association business, namely, Player, Official, Management or Committee Member who make and subsequently post any slanderous, derogatory or abusive messages, comments, pictures or videos relating to Edinburgh Bowling Association matters will be held in breach of conduct.

Any incidents brought to the attention of the Committee of Management in these circumstances will be highlighted to the individual(s) as soon as reasonably practice with the request to desist and considered by the Committee of Management at the next Committee meeting who will be empowered to impose penalties as detailed above if, a satisfactory explanation is not provided by the offending individual(s).

The officials club will also be notified with the full circumstances for any action they may wish to take.

## **18 Submitting a Complaint or an Appeal**

Any complaint, query or questions relating to the above, or interpretation of the rules, or any dispute, protest or appeal whatever, must be referred to Edinburgh Bowling Association, General Secretary in writing no later than 3 days after the match, game or incident by a bona fide club official for consideration by the Committee of Management.

Every protest must detail the full particulars of the grounds upon which it is founded. A copy of the protest must be lodged with the General Secretary of Edinburgh Bowling Association, by Registered Post or Recorded Delivery (Sunday not included) and an exact copy sent to the Secretary of the Club protested against by the same means and within the same timescales.

The protest / complaint can also be sent via Email, however, the onus falls on the complainer to ensure that the email has reached and been acknowledged by both the General Secretary of Edinburgh Bowling Association and the Secretary of the Club protested against within the same timescales.

The Committee of Management may invoke a financial penalty on the protesting club if the protest is considered trivial and groundless. The Committee of Management may also order any club engaged in a dispute or protest to pay such a sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred in hearing the protest.

The above refers to Edinburgh Bowling Association related matters only and it is not in the jurisdiction or devolved responsibility of Edinburgh Bowling Association to take any action, note of complaint, referee or intervene in any internal club or club via club grievance or spat that falls out with the Association remit.

## **N.B.**

In the fairness of transparency and independent assessment and consideration, any complaint, dispute or protest what so ever, directed at or regarding Edinburgh Bowling Association must be referred to Bowls Scotland in writing no later than 3 days after the event, incident or situation has arisen by a bona fide club official for consideration.

A copy of this letter must also be sent to the General Secretary of Edinburgh Bowling Association at the same time for awareness. It is the responsibility of the sender to ensure that the letter sent is received by the General Secretary.

## **19 Notification of Results**

To ensure the speedy update of leagues and fixtures, it is imperative that ALL results are communicated to the Match Secretary at the first opportunity after the game.

### **League and Edinburgh Cup / Plate Competitions**

The home club must ensure that the team sheet includes the players full name, correct points, score, completed and signed immediately after the match and either;

- a)** Sent FIRST CLASS post or
- b)** The result telephoned, text message or e-mailed to the Match Secretary ([eb1.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eb1.secretary@gmail.com)).

The completed League team sheet and scores should be in the hands of the Secretary no later than 48 hours after the match. Scorecards **MUST** include full names and should be retained by the clubs in case of dispute.

### **ALL Other Competitions**

The host club should ensure that the scorecards contain the player(s) full name, signed immediately after the match and either;

- a)** Sent FIRST CLASS post or
- b)** The result telephoned, text message or e-mailed to the Association Match Secretary ([eb1.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:eb1.secretary@gmail.com)).

The result should be in the hands of the Association Match Secretary no later than 48 hours after the match.

## **Appendix 1 – Constitute Clubs**

The constituent clubs of The Edinburgh Bowling Association are:

|                       |               |                        |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Ardmillan BC          | 0131 337 8483 | Leith BC               | 0131 554 7439 |
| Bainfield BC          | 0131 443 5847 | Liberton BC            | 0131 664 5780 |
| Balerno BC            | 0131 449 3789 | London Road Foundry BC | 0131 669 9001 |
| Beechwood BC          | 0131 337 3081 | Lutton Place BC        | 0131 668 2707 |
| Blackhall BC          | 0131 332 0335 | Maitland BC            | 0131 336 3624 |
| Braid BC              | 0131 447 0612 | Mayfield BC            | 0131 477 7114 |
| Brunstane BC          | 0131 657 4417 | Merchiston BC          | 0131 228 6447 |
| Carrick Knowe BC      | 0131 334 1396 | Northern BC            | 0131 556 5575 |
| Colinton BC           | 0131 441 2964 | Parkside BC            | 0131 667 7882 |
| Coltbridge BC         | 0131 337 1046 | Pilrig BC              | 0131 554 5873 |
| Corstorphine BC       | 0131 334 9454 | Portobello BC          | 0131 669 0316 |
| Craigentiny BC        | 0131 669 1076 | Postal BC              | 0131 661 7677 |
| Craigmillar Park BC   | 0131 662 0720 | Queensberry BC         | 0131 552 6858 |
| Currie BC             | 0131 449 2668 | Seafield BC            | 0131 554 2372 |
| Dean BC               | 0131 332 0015 | Sighthill BC           | 0131 442 2414 |
| Dudley BC             | 0131 554 7912 | Slateford BC           | 0131 443 7663 |
| Edinburgh West End BC | 0131 229 8308 | Summerside BC          | 0131 554 1395 |
| Ferranti BC           | 0131 343 2740 | Tanfield BC            | 0131 343 1910 |
| Goldenacre BC         | 0131 552 4206 | Tramways BC            | 0131 554 1530 |
| Gorgie Mills BC       | 0131 337 7079 | Trinity BC             | 0131 552 9067 |
| Hillside BC           | 0131 556 5727 | Wardie BC              | 0131 552 7885 |
| Jessfield BC          | 0131 657 3583 | Whitehouse & Grange BC | 0131 447 9606 |
| Juniper Green BC      | 0131 453 4092 | Willowbrae BC          | 0131 661 3833 |

## **Appendix 2 – The Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee**

Edinburgh Bowling Association Committee for 2021

| <b>Committee Members</b> |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| President                | - Bowling Club |
| Vice President           | - Bowling Club |
| Junior Vice President    | - Bowling Club |
| Committee Member         | - Bowling Club |
| Committee Member         | - Bowling Club |
| Committee Member         | - Bowling Club |
| Committee Member         | - Bowling Club |
| Committee Member         | - Bowling Club |

| <b>Committee Member Support</b>              |                |
|--|----------------|
| Immediate Past President                     | - Bowling Club |
| General Secretary                            | - Bowling Club |
| Match Secretary                              | - Bowling Club |
| Treasurer                                    | - Bowling Club |
| Sponsorship Development                      | - Bowling Club |
| Junior Coordinator                           | - Bowling Club |
| Social Media Coordinator                     | - Bowling Club |
| Wellbeing / Child Protection<br>Co-ordinator | - Bowling Club |

| <b>County Competition<br/>Management<br/>Hamilton Trophy</b> |  |
|--|--|
| - Bowling Club   |  |
| - Bowling Club   |  |

| <b>County Competition<br/>Management<br/>Under 25 Management</b> |  |
|--|--|
| - Bowling Club   |  |
| - Bowling Club   |  |

| <b>County Competition<br/>Management<br/>Matt Purdie Trophy</b> |  |
|---|--|
| - Bowling Club  |  |
| - Bowling Club  |  |

In order to assist the General and Match Secretaries in the organisation and execution of the various competitions and rules relating to Edinburgh Bowling Association, certain clubs have been allocated to members of the Management of Committee.

**Current allocation for 2021:**

|               |          |              |              |
|---------------|----------|--------------|--------------|
|               |          |              |              |
| Carrick Knowe | Colinton | Corstorphine | Gorgie Mills |
| Bainfield     | Currie   | Slateford    | Balerno      |
| Juniper Green |          |              |              |

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|            |           |        |             |
| Northern   | Ferranti  | Dean   | Queensberry |
| Maitland   | Blackhall | Wardie | Tanfield    |
| Coltbridge | Beechwood |        |             |

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|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
|                     |            |            |           |
| Craigentenny        | Jessfield  | Portobello | Brunstane |
| London Road Foundry | Willowbrae | Postal     | Hillside  |

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|--------------|---------------------|----------|------------------|
|              |                     |          |                  |
| Sighthill    | Whitehouse & Grange | Braid    | Craigmillar Park |
| Lutton Place | Liberton            | Mayfield | Merchiston       |
| Parkside     | Ardmillan           |          |                  |

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|--------------------|----------|------------|----------|
|                    |          |            |          |
| Edinburgh West End | Pilrig   | Summerside | Seafield |
| Leith              | Tramways | Dudley     | Trinity  |
| Goldenacre         |          |            |          |

### **Appendix 3 – Authorisation and Change History**

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#### **Issue / Summary of Change**

| <b>Issue</b> | <b>Summary of Change</b>            | <b>Date</b> |
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