

**PROVINCIAL TOWNS' WOMEN'S  
BOWLING ASSOCIATION.**

**Rule Book**

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### CONSTITUTION AND RULES

#### 1. NAME

The Name of the Association shall be "Provincial Towns Women's Bowling Association."

#### 2. OBJECT

The object of the Association shall be to promote, foster and regulate the game of bowls among Women in the Provincial Towns area.

#### 3. AFFILIATION

The Association shall be affiliated to the Irish Women's Bowling Association.

#### 4. MANAGEMENT

The Association shall be managed by a Management Committee composed of the Office Bearers and two delegates from each affiliated club. The Management Committee shall have power to appoint sub-committees if they consider it advisable. An Emergency Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

#### 5. OFFICE-BEARERS

The Office Bearers of the Association, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, shall be –

- (a) President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer (in whose name the Association may sue or be sued)
- (b) Each affiliated club in rota shall nominate the Vice-President, and she shall be eligible for appointment as President the following year. The nomination of Vice-President shall be subject to ratification by the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting.

(c) The rota of clubs for nomination of Vice-President is as follows:-

Ballymena  
Ballymoney  
Londonderry  
Dunluce  
Coleraine  
Kilrea  
Brookgreen  
Magherafelt  
Portstewart  
Limavady

#### 6. MEMBERSHIP

Application by a club for admission to membership of the Association shall be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary, and shall state the name and address of the club, together with the names and addresses of the Office-Bearers. At the meeting of the Management Committee at which the application is approved, the name of the newly admitted club, shall be placed on the rota immediately preceeding the name of the club which, at that meeting, shall have the right to nominate the Vice- President.

#### 7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscription for each club shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable on or before 31st May in each year.

#### 8. FINANCIAL YEAR

The Financial year shall terminate on 30th day of September in each year.

#### 9. HON. SECRETARY, HON.TREASURER & HON. COMPETITIONS SECRETARY

- (a) The Hon. Secretary shall keep a record of all business transacted at all General Committee and Sub-Committee meetings, and shall deal with all correspondence.
- (b) The Hon.Treasurer shall keep a detailed account of all monies pertaining to the PTWBA. and shall submit a full account thereof, duly audited to the AGM.
- (c) The Hon. Competitions Secretary shall be responsible for the organisation of all PTWBA Championship games and together with the Hon.Secretary.

#### 10. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Management Committee shall be held in the month of October of each year for the following purposes:-

- (a) To receive reports from the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- (b) To elect Office-bearers for the following year.
- (c) To elect the Competitions Committee (five members), one of whom shall be the Hon. Competitions Secretary.
- (d) To elect a Senior Selection Committee (five members), this to include the 2 International Selectors and 3 Senior League members.
- (e) To appoint 2 members to the IWBA Selection Committee.
- (f) To elect 4 members to IWBA Council and appoint 2 substitutes
- (g) To appoint from within the association an Hon. Auditor

- (h) To elect any other sub-committees that may be required.
- (i) To receive and discuss any motion of which notice shall have been given in writing to the Hon. Secretary on or before the first day of September.
- (j) To discuss any other business not requiring a notice of motion.

## 11. MEETINGS

- (a) A meeting of the Management Committee shall be held in early March of each year, to discuss and, where appropriate, agree dates for the incoming seasons fixtures and events.
- (b) All meetings of the Management Committee shall consist of two delegates from each affiliated club, together with the Officers of the Association, all of whom shall have a vote
- (c) A quorum for all meetings shall be one half plus one of members entitled to attend.
- (d) An extraordinary General Meeting may be summoned at the discretion of the Management Committee or on application by a Club of the association. The notice convening the meeting shall state the nature of the business to be considered and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. At least 10 days notice of the meeting shall be given to each member entitled to attend.

## 12. VOTING

Voting shall be by a show of hands, the majority to carry. The President shall have a deliberate vote and a casting vote in the case of equality of votes. If a member present wishes the question under discussion to be put to a vote by ballot, this method of voting shall be adopted.

## 13. APPEALS AND PROTESTS

Should any dispute arise as to the meaning or interpretation of any of the Rules or Laws of the game, or upon any point not covered by them any one of the parties to the said dispute may appeal.

Notice of such appeal or protest shall be given to the Honorary Secretary in writing and such notice, shall be accompanied by a full statement of the matter in dispute. The Honorary Secretary shall, there upon call a meeting of the Emergency Committee for the settlement of the question, and at such a meeting parties may be heard on each side, provided that such a course be deemed necessary or expedient. As soon as the Committee have pronounced their decision it shall be intimated by the Honorary Secretary to all parties concerned and such a decision shall be final.

## 14. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

This constitution cannot be amended, deleted or added to except by Notice of Motion at the Annual General Meeting. Such notice, in precise terms, must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary on or before the 8th September.

Any such amendment, deletion or alteration, can only be carried by at least a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

## 15. COMPETITIONS

### General Rules

- (a) All competitions under the direct control of the IWBA or one of the Association of Clubs shall be governed by the Laws of the game as laid down by the World Bowls Board, and as amended by the Irish Women's Bowling Association for use in domestic competitions
- (b) A player shall represent only one club in any one season.
- (c) When it is proved that a Club has played an ineligible player, such Club shall forfeit the match and the tie or points, shall be awarded to the opponent.
- (d) The time set for commencing a match must be adhered to within a limit of 15 minutes otherwise it may be claimed by the competitor/s ready to commence play.
- (e) Before a match commences the rink/s to be played on shall be drawn at the green by the visiting player/s or their representatives.
- (f) When a match is stopped for any valid reason, it shall be resumed with the scores as they were when the game stopped. An uncompleted end shall be declared null.
- (g) In a resumed game, only one sub. per team of four is permitted.
- (h) During a game, should weather conditions deteriorate, and it is considered that further play would be dangerous, the two captains or Club representatives may make a joint decision to call the players to leave the green.
- (i) The fees for the various competitions shall be fixed by the Management Committee.
- (j) Uniform: Cream/white bowling skirt or regulation bowling trousers, white or coloured Club top and proper bowling shoes.
- (k) Official marker/umpire in all PTWBA Semi-finals and Finals.
- (l) Protests by a team or competitor must be received by the Honorary Secretary in writing within three days of the incident complained of, but

this shall not be taken as limiting in anyway the power of the Emergency Committee to adjudicate on any issue referred to irrespective of time.

## 16, SENIOR LEAGUE

- (a) Each affiliated Club of the Association shall be entitled to enter one side and each shall consist of three "fours", 18 ends to be played. In special circumstances, however, sides may mutually agree, prior to the commencement of the match, to limit the number of ends to be played. Not less than 15 ends shall be played.
- (b) Six points shall be awarded in each game; three points to the winning club plus one point for each four up on either side. In a drawn game one and a half points shall be awarded to each side plus one point for each four up on either side. In a drawn game one and a half points shall be awarded to each side. Where fours finish level each four will be awarded one half point.
- (c) The winner shall be the side with the greatest number of points at the close of the Competition, In the event of two or more sides having an equal number of points, the league shall be shared by these teams.
- (d) The Provincial Towns Shields, shall be awarded to the winner and runner-up of the League.
- (e) Each match shall be played on the date fixed by the Competitions Committee, but by mutual arrangement between opposing sides the match may be brought forward. Should a club fail to fulfil the fixture, as a result of being unable to field a side, the match shall be awarded to the opponent.
- (f) Where by reason of inclement weather or the unplayable condition of the green, a match is prevented from being played, or a match in progress being completed, the fixture shall be rearranged by mutual agreement, or in default, by the Competitions Committee. When practicable, the Home Club, on the day of the match, shall advise the visiting Club before 12noon if adverse conditions of weather or green prevents the playing of the match. The decision as to whether the green is playable shall rest with the Home Club
- (g) Any match not played on the date arranged must be played within 21 days, the Home Club to submit two dates (not consecutive), one of which must be accepted.
- (h) On completion of a League match the secretary of the home side shall forward the results via email to the Honorary Secretary and Honorary Competition Secretary. The League website will be updated accordingly.
- (i) In the event of the National Senior League Championships being re-instated, the League winners will compete for the Nesbitt

Shield. This competition will be played under the control of the IWBA.

## 17. SENIOR CUP

- (a) This competition is a knock-out competition, played on a home and away basis confined to affiliated clubs, each side to consist of three fours, 18 ends to be played in each match. It will not be necessary for a side to have a reserve. In the event that a club is unable to field three fours they may play with three players per four, losing one quarter of their score. This will only be used in exceptional circumstances.
- (b) Scoring in matches:- This will be decided on shot difference. In the event of the two sides having equal shots after the second game, an extra end or ends will be played to decide the winner.
- (c) The games will be played under WWB and IWBA rules.
- (d) The final to be played on a neutral green, 18 ends one leg only. The final should be a full team of 12 players and a reserve.
- (e) The winner shall receive the Mae Stevenson trophy. The runner-up will receive the Vi Hamill Rose Bowl.

## 18. PTWBA SINGLES, PAIRS, FOURS & OVER 55's

- (a) The rules governing the IWBA Championships will apply.
- (b) Competitions Committee. The semi-finals and the finals will be played on the green of the President.
- (c) The matches shall be played on the dates fixed, but apart from the semi-finals and finals, the tie may be brought forward by mutual arrangement between the competitors. In the event of a tie not being played, the Competitions Committee shall have the power to decide which of the competitors shall go forward.
- (d) All score cards shall be returned to the Honorary Competitions Secretary by the winner within three days of the playing of the tie.
- (e) The winners of the Championships to receive and hold for one year the following trophies:-

Singles	The Eileen Nicholl Cup
Singles Runner-up	The Mabel Crawford Trophy
Pairs	The Bolton & Dickson Rose Bowls
Pair Runner up	Elsie Arlow
Triples	The Kathleen Keys Trophy
Triples Runner-up	Dorothy McKee
Fours	The Elsie Wragg Rose Bowl
Fours Runner-up	The Margurite Baird Shield

Over 55's  
Over 55's Runner-up

The Muriel McCulloch Cup  
Alice Roebuck

## 19. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- (a) Each game in the Single championship shall be of 21 shots.
- (b) Any player, having entered the singles and who knowingly is unavailable to compete in the Championship finals is requested to withdraw as early as possible in the interest of sportsmanship and not later than the quarter final. No substitute is permitted in the Singles.
- (c) In Pairs a substitute may play in either position.
- (d) In Triples, if the registered skip is unable to play the second player shall become skip. A substitute may play lead or second.
- (e) In a Four or Over 55 Four, if a registered skip is unable to play the third must take her place on that Four. A substitute may play in any other position.
- (f) In Triples, Fours and Over 55's, positions other than skip are inter Changeable. Any substitute must be a member of the same club and must not have already taken part in the competition.
- (g) In Over 55's, Fours, Triples and Pairs those who play in the first game shall be the Registered players.  
In Over 55's, Fours, Triples and Pairs, 18 ends shall be played.

## 20 .STAMPING OF BOWLS

(Domestic Competitions only) (21)

The Irish Women,s Bowling Association has decided that Competition bowls bearing a legible stamp of 1987 or later can continue to be used in Domestic competitions without re-stamping until the stamp becomes illegible. This variation does not apply to Lignum Vitae bowls.

Domestic Competitions are those under the direct control of the IWBA or its affiliated Associations.

**All members of the PTWBA shall comply with the regulations on Dope Testing as outlined in the IWBA Constitution and Rules**

**All members of the PTWBA are fully committed to the Child Protection policy as set out in the Sports Council Code of Ethics**