



BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION

2025 Rules & Revision Meeting

At Winnington Park Recreation Club on Saturday 18th January 2025.

Please note below the outcome of all the 2025 Notices of Motion.

1 DEVELOPMENT PLAYER FEE – NEW RULE - AMENDMENT

Proposed by the Derbyshire

Seconded by Yorkshire

To introduce an Annual Development Player Fee.

Such annual charge would be ringfenced by the Association and would only be available for spending in-line with the National Development Strategy.

All expenditure, and development progression, will be reported annually through a Development Review document.

The Annual Development Player Fee would come into being for an initial minimum of a three-year cycle commencing in 2025, to enable the strategy to be actioned.

The proposal for the fee is £1 per player, per Club. This fee to be paid by the 31st May. All Counties have been consulted and this is the preferred method to enable easy collection.

CARRIED – 77 For / 4 Against / 4 Abstentions

2 THE FOOTER – RULE 1.3 - PAGE 243

Proposed by British Crown Green Referees Society

Seconded by Lancashire

Insert after the “155mm.” a new sentence to read –

“The footer is not part of the green and any bowl or jack travelling over, or touching the footer, must be returned to be played again.”

CARRIED – 85 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstentions

3 A BOWL – RULE 1.5 - PAGE 243 - AMENDMENT

Proposed by British Crown Green Referees Society

Seconded by Lancashire

After the word “dispensation.” on line 3 add a new sentence to read -

“The maximum weight of a bowl shall be 1.37kg (3lb).”

CARRIED – 63 For / 22 Against / 0 Abstentions

4 STILL JACK or BOWL – RULE 7.1b - PAGE 249

Proposed by British Crown Green Referees Society

Seconded by Lancashire

In line 1 after the word “jack” insert “or bowl”.

CARRIED – 85 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstentions

5 SMOKING – RULE 10.2 - PAGE 252

Proposed by British Crown Green Referees Society

Seconded by Lancashire

Add the words “nicotine inhaler” by amending the first sentence to read -

“Smoking: Smoking, vaping, the use of an electronic cigarette and/or a nicotine inhaler is not allowed whilst participating in the game of Crown Green Bowls.”

CARRIED – 83 For / 2 Against / 0 Abstentions

6 FOOTWEAR – RULE 10.3 - PAGE 252

Proposed by British Crown Green Referees Society

Seconded by Lancashire

Delete the words ADDENDA (10.3)

CARRIED – 85 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstentions

7 BCGBA LADIES COMPETITION RULES, SENIOR COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP – RULE 6 – PAGE 160

Proposed by Wales

Seconded by Merseyside

Change rule to

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 will terminate 5 minutes before the away team practice is due to start.

15 minutes practice (which shall terminate 10 minutes before the agreed start time of the match) shall be allowed the visiting team and reserves on the day of play.

DEFEATED – 28 For / 29 Against / 28 Abstentions

8 BCGBA 18 to 23 OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP GUIDELINES – RULE 1 – PAGE 72

Proposed by Wales

Seconded by Merseyside

Change rule to - but is under the age of 25 years

CARRIED – 85 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstentions

9 BCGBA WORLD CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - PAGE 65

Proposed changes to rule: 4, 6, 8, 9 and 12

Delete the above rules and insert the proposed below into the competition rules

Proposed by British Parks

Seconded by Warwick and Worcester CGBA

Qualifying Rounds and Match Rules:

Group Structure:

For the qualifying rounds, teams will be drawn into groups (A, B, C, D, etc), each comprising four teams (labelled 1, 2, 3, 4). The number of groups and teams may be adjusted based on the number of entries. Teams from the same county affiliate will not be drawn into the same group.

On match day, two groups will play at a two-green venue, or one group will play at a single-green venue.

Each group of four will compete in a round-robin format on one green, and the winner from each group will qualify for finals day.

In the event of a Group with Three Teams:

In the case of a group containing three teams, the first match will be played between the first two teams drawn. The second match will feature the losing team from the first match against the non-

playing team. The final match will then be played between the winner of the first match and the non-playing team from the first round.

Player and Team Eligibility:

(i) A player may not be selected to play for more than one team in the Championship.

(ii) No team or player may play on their own green.

Practice Restrictions:

Teams or players may not practice on a green where they are due to play for 14 days before the match.

Qualifier Match Rules:

Match Format:

All matches in the round-robin stages will be played to 21 up. Proceedings to start at 11am

Five games must be in progress at all times until the completion of each match:

Games 1, 2, and 3 from Match One and games 1 and 2 from Match Two will be played first.

Games 4 and 5 from Match One and games 3, 4, and 5 from Match Two will follow.

This format must be maintained until all matches are completed.

Order of Play:

The order of play for each match will be determined by an exchange of scorecards numbered 1 to 8, with players called to the green in this order.

Players must report to the green manager or referee when called. If a player is absent when called, they will be replaced by a reserve and won't be eligible to play in that match.

The allocation of jacks to odd and even-numbered players will be decided by a coin toss after the draw is made.

Qualifier Match Outcome:

The team with the highest total score in each match will be declared the winner and awarded 2 points. In the event of a draw, each team will receive 1 point.

After the completion of all round-robin matches, the team with the most points in each group will advance to finals day.

Tiebreaker Rules:

In the case of a tie in either the group stages or the finals, the following criteria will be applied, in order:

1. The team with the higher aggregate score will advance.
2. If still tied, the team with the most individual match winners will advance.
3. If still tied, the team with the best individual match winner will advance.
4. If still tied, the team with the next best individual match winner will advance, and so on.

CARRIED – 58 For / 21 Against / 6 Abstentions

10 BCGBA WORLD CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP - PAGE 65

Proposed by British Parks

Seconded by Warwick and Worcester CGBA

Change of name of competition to BCGBA CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

CARRIED – 85 For / 0 Against / 0 Abstentions