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**President:**

**Andrew Aldam**

**Warlingham Park Bowls Club**

**Dear Association Member**

I am privileged to have been elected to be the B.C.B.A. President for the next year and will do my upmost to fulfil the role to the best of my ability.

I wish all association members and their clubs every success in all their games and competitions for the 2025 season and look forward to seeing you on the green.

**Andrew Aldam**

**B.C.B.A. President**

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# GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

The General Purposes Committee (GPC) is the body whose task it is to organise and oversee all the various activities of the Association. Its members are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held in November each year. The GPC consists of the various officers and up to ﬁve general members, all of whom are drawn from clubs aﬃliated to the B.C.B.A.

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# DIARY DATES 2025

Spring Council Meeting in 2025 will be on 19th March 2025 at 7.00pm. at Purley Bury B.C.

Sunday 13th July 2025 90th Celebration Day at Croydon MO’s B.C.

Friday 11th July 2025 Double Fours Final at Shirley Park B.C. at 17.30pm.

Thursday 17th July 2025 Hewitts Bowlswear Double Triples Final at Croydon MO’s

B.C. at 17.30pm.

Monday 12th to Friday 16th August 2025. Competition Semi-finals. For individual

Dates and times, see the Competition section. (Page 11)

Saturday 6th September 2025 Finals Day at Croydon MO’s

Saturday 25th October 2025 Annual Dinner and Presentation. Venue T.B.A.

Wednesday 12thNovember 2025 – Annual General Meeting at Purley Bury B.C. at 7.00pm

Spring Council Meeting in 2026 will be on 18th March 2026 at 7.00pm. at Purley Bury B.C.

# COMPETITIONS & RULES

The Following competitions will be held annually unless any unforeseen event arises, with such alterations as from time to time are deemed necessary by the General Purposes Committee (G.P.C.). They are open to all fully paid-up members of the Affiliated Clubs except where specific conditions apply.

1. **Championship Singles.** For the “Scratchley Cup”**.** Runner-Up to receive the “Furby Cup” (21 Shots)
2. **Singles competition** for the “Jubilee Trophy”. Automatic entry to players in the Championship Singles, who play and lose their first round. Walkovers do not count as 1st round games. (21 Shots)
3. **Unbadged Singles** for the “Pickard Trophy”. Only open to players who are not qualified to play in Association matches. (21 Shots)
4. **Officer’s Singles**. Open to the following Association Officers: Gen. Sec.: Asst. Gen. Sec: Match Sec.: Comp. Sec.; Asst. Comp. Sec.; Tour Sec.: Social Sec.; Hon.Treasurer, and the Secretary and Treasurer of each affiliated club together with their Match Secretary. (21 Shots)
5. **Pairs Championship** for the “Stacey Cup”. (18 Ends)
6. **Unbadged Pairs Championship** for the “Frank Crow Millennium Trophy”. Open only to players who are not qualified to play in Association matches. (18 Ends)
7. **Triples Championship** for the “Kennard Cup” (18 Ends)
8. **Fours Championship** for the “Scratchley Shield” Each Club may enter a maximum of 3 Fours. Runners Up to receive “The Goodwin Bowl” (18 Ends)
9. **Champion of Champions Singles Comp.** for "The Master Bakers Shield". (21 Shots.)

Open to the previous season’s winners of the Singles Championship of each Affiliated Club and the winner of the Championship Singles and Champion of Champions. Players who change clubs between seasons are still eligible. Entry for this competition and qualification under By-Law 1e is available to a player who in any one season entered the Singles Championship of only one Club.

**Team Games**

1. **The Double Fours** competition for the "Advertiser Cup"(see separate Rules page **9**)

(b) **The Hewitt’s Bowlswear Double Triples Competition** for the

 “Hewitts Bowls Wear Double Triples Trophy" (see separate Rules page 9).

Competitions shall be played in accordance with the current edition of "Laws of The Sport" as published by "Bowls England", except when a specific Rule has been put in place by The Association.

The administration of competition affairs shall be the responsibility of The Competition Secretary whose decision in any dispute shall be final.

Changes to the Competition Rules are determined by the G.P.C. Any proposed alteration to the Competition Rules by an affiliated club must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary of The Association by the Secretary of said club for consideration by the G.P.C.

# THE DOUBLE FOURS & HEWITT BOWLSWEAR DOUBLE TRIPLES

a. These competitions shall be open to all Affiliated Clubs and shall be contested by two Fours/Triples from each Club. One Four/Triple shall play at home and the other away, starting at 6.00pm, no later than 6.30pm (this includes 30 minutes grace), on the dates determined by The Association. The combined scores of both Fours/Triples shall determine the winner and an extra-end, played on the green of "The Challenger" used to decide the result in the event of the game being tied at the end of normal play when both scores are known by all players.

b. Each competing team must be made up of players from the same Club. Each player not having played for another Affiliated Club, in any competition, in the same season.

c. There is no restriction on the number of substitute players which may be used, except that

in order to play in the Final a player must have played in at least one previous round unless special dispensation is granted by the Competition Secretary.

d. The Finals of the competitions shall be played on a green and at a time nominated by The Association when both teams shall play on adjacent rinks. An Umpire, appointed by The Association, shall be in attendance who will acquaint the players with Rules relevant to the occasion.

e. The use of mobile phones to communicate scores between one green and the other is permitted providing that both teams players, Managers and

co-ordinators are made aware of the state of play and a score board is used during the game to show the other venue. Scores to be updated every 5 ends and then every end from 15 to 18 ends.

f. The “Challenger” is always shown as the home team at both venues.

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# COMPETITION RULES

## 1: GENERAL RULES

* + 1a: The Competition Secretary shall, in consultation with The President and other Officers, make the draw for all competitions and fix the closing date for each round. No deviation from the closing date for each round will be permitted except in special circumstances and only at the discretion of The Competition Secretary.
	+ 1b: The winners of the competitions shall be entitled to hold the appropriate trophy until its return is requested by the Competition Secretary.
	+ 1c: All finalists will receive a plaque to be presented at the Association Dinner, together with the appropriate trophy. For Team Games one plaque per team. If a substitute player is used in a Final, the prize will be awarded to the player substituted or the substitute whoever has played the most games.
	+ 1d: The entry fees shall be determined by the G.P.C.

## 2: ARRANGING A GAME

* + 2a: The first name drawn shall be the "Challenger" who until the semi- final shall have the right to nominate the green. A "Challenger" wishing to nominate a green other than their own must first seek the permission of The Competition Secretary.
	+ 2b: The "Challenger" shall offer the opponent three dates. One date must be a weekend. The opponent must accept one of the dates offered within twenty-four hours of receiving the challenge, except preliminary/first rounds when a response is not required until two weeks prior to the round end date.
	+ 2c: Ties may be played at any mutually agreed time of day, but no player may be required to play before 6pm, (semi-finals excepted)

## 3: SEMI-FINALS & FINALS – CLUBS ARE INVITED TO HOST GAMES

* + 3a: Semi-finals and Finals shall be played on greens selected by The G.P.C.
	+ 3b: Semi-finals shall be played on fixed dates determined by the Competition Secretary.
	+ 3c: All Finals shall be played on the same day, unless the G.P.C. decide otherwise.

## 4: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

* + 4a: All competitors must be fully paid-up members of an Affiliated Club.
	+ 4b. All members of a Pairs, Triples or Fours teams must be members of the same Affiliated Club.
	+ 4c. A competitor may only enter the listed Association Competitions from one Affiliated Club, in any one season

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##  5: SUBSTITUTES

* In Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions, only one substitute player may be used throughout the competition provided that the substitute player has not played for another team in the same competition. A substituted player may return to play in later rounds.

## 6: DRESS CODE

* + The dress code for the Finals shall be Club Attire registered with Bowls England.
	+ Registered Club Attire should be worn in all rounds of all competitions subject to the provisions of Bowls England Rule 32.3c. in that club attire must be registered with Bowls Surrey and all the team must be dressed alike.

## 7: CONDUCT

* Players are expected to always conduct themselves in a manner which does not bring themselves, their Club, or the Association, into disrepute. Any domestic requirement of an Affiliated Club, e.g. “No Running on the Green” must be respected. Any misdemeanour will be investigated by the B.C.B.A. Governing Body.

## 8: SEMI-FINAL DATES

* The dates of the various competition semi-finals are fixed and will normally commence on the Monday of the second week of August. Any player entering an Association Competition and reaching a Semi-Final will be expected to play on the given day or forfeit the game.

 All players must present all previous rounds scorecards to the

 Competition Secretary by 5.00pm with play expected to

 commence at 5.30pm.

### Dates for 2025 August

Scratchley Fours Monday 11th August 2025

Triples Tuesday 12th August 2025

Officers’ Cup Tuesday 12th August 2025

Championship Singles Wednesday 13th August 2025

Jubilee Singles Wednesday 13th August 2025

Unbadged Pairs Thursday 14th August 2025

Champion of Champions Thursday 14th August 2025

Championship Pairs Friday 15th August 2025

Unbadged Singles Friday 15th August 2025

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## REPRESENTATIVE FIXTURES 2025

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| M | Date | Opponents | Venue | Time | Rinks | Whites/Greys |
|  | **May.** |
| 1 | 11th | Bellingham | Bellingham | 2.30pm | 5-6 Rinks | Greys |
|  | **Jun.** |
| 2 | 4th | Banks B.A. | Banks B.A. | 2.00pm | 3-4 Rinks | Greys |
| 3 | 11th | Horley | Horley | 2.30pm | 4 Rinks | Greys |
|  | **Jul.** |
| 4 | 22nd | B.B.D.B.A. | Shirley Park | 2:30p.m. |  | Greys |
|  | **Aug.** |
| 5 | 10th | Shirley Park | Shirley Park | 2.00pm |  | Whites |
| 6 | 19th | Purley Bury | Purley Bury | 2.00pm |  | Greys |
|  | **Sept.** |
| 7 | 10th | Civil Service | Croydon | 2.00pm |  | Greys |
| 8 | 21st | Croydon MO’s | Croydon MO’s | 2.00pm | T.B.A. | Greys |

Association matches are available to all Qualified Players (See By-Law 1) Apply to the General Secretary.

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# COMPETITION WINNERS 2024

### Champion of Champions Norman Ross

### Championship Singles Ian Mellis

### Unbadged Singles Mick Harris

### Jubilee Singles Paul Senior

### Officer’s Cup Ian Mellis

### Pairs Ian Mellis, Richard Lawrence

### Unbadged Pairs Keith Bishop, Paul Liddiard

### Triples John Mills, Peter Karmy, Colin Prince

### Scratchley Fours Norman Ross, Wayne Kavanagh,

###  Kevin Ruddock, Matt Lodge

### Double Fours Croydon MO’s

### Hewitt’s Bowlswear Double Triples - Croydon

**President’s Bowl**

Details of ﬁnalists and the results of earlier years can be found on the Borough website at:

[http://www.bcbabowls.org.uk](http://www.bcbabowls.org.uk/)

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# PAST PRESIDENTS

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **YEAR** | **PRESIDENT** | **YEAR** | **PRESIDENT** | **YEAR** | **PRESIDENT** |
| 2024 | BRYAN GONSALVES | 1994 | BRIAN CAMPS | 1964 | S W HENLEY |
| 2023 | ANNE WELLINGTON | 1993 | MIKE NICHOLS | 1963 | H A POULTON |
| 2022 | ANNE WELLINGTON | 1992 | R C GILES | 1962 | E C SELL |
| 2021 | PETER COATES | 1991 | TED GRANEY | 1961 | E C SELL |
| 2020 | PETER COATES | 1990 | L D BRUCE | 1960 | E C GWILLIAM |
| 2019 | PETER COATES | 1989 | R R MACGREGOR | 1959 | F E PIPE |
| 2018 | BARRY McDONALD | 1988 | B F HOWLAND | 1958 | W G GREEN |
| 2017 | ROB HOBART | 1987 | RAY HAMBLING | 1957 | R D WARDLE |
| 2016 | BARRY McDONALD | 1986 | A G RICHARDS | 1956 | G J COLE |
| 2015 | DAVE MARTIN | 1985 | PAUL TERRY | 1955 | E J HARMAN |
| 2014 | GEORGE BATTLEY | 1984 | G W POLLEY | 1954 | C C HOMES |
| 2013 | GEORGE BATTLEY | 1983 | REG WILLIS | 1953 | C G RANSOM |
| 2012 | BARRY McDONALD | 1982 | A E JONES | 1952 | W E CAWLEY |
| 2011 | MARK MILES | 1981 | E G SCOTT | 1951 | W T EAGLES |
| 2010 | MARK MILES | 1980 | ALF FLINT | 1950 | B FURBY |
| 2009 | BARRY McDONALD | 1979 | ALF FLINT | 1949 | F W JAMES |
| 2008 | TOM SINGLETON | 1978 | R E BENNETT | 1948 | A H PICKARD |
| 2007 | TOM SINGLETON | 1977 | E W COMPTON | 1947 | A H PICKARD |
| 2006 | BARRY McDONALD | 1976 | M D WEST J.P. | 1946 | H WALLER |
| 2005 | BILL HARRIS | 1975 | F E STANBRIDGE | 1945 | W HUNT |
| 2004 | TOM HUGHMAN | 1974 | W G S WARD | 1944 | N NUTMAN |
| 2003 | GORDON BERESFORD | 1973 | W WHITE | 1943 | W J LAWRENCE |
| 2002 | GEORGE JALFON | 1972 | H FORD | 1942 | J THOMSON |
| 2001 | DOUG ASHBY | 1971 | R H HOLTON | 1941 | A ELSEY |
| 2000 | FRANK CROWE | 1970 | R H HOLTON | 1940 | J M WALKER |
| 1999 | TED DEWING | 1969 | H A STEWARD | 1939 | M MOYES |
| 1998 | PETER F H LOWE | 1968 | C BYE | 1938 | M R STACEY |
| 1997 | DAVE MARTIN | 1967 | C L A RICHES | 1937 | M R STACEY |
| 1996 | IAN O’NEILL | 1966 | S WORCESTER | 1936 | J DIXON |
| 1995 | IVOR TILL | 1965 | S H STEDMAN | 1935 | J DIXON |

## BY-LAWS

1: **QUALIFICATION**

The condition under which any member of an Affiliated Club can play for the Association shall be: -

* 1a: The finalists in all the Association Competitions except the Double Rink and the Hewitt’s Bowlswear Double Triples. (see 1h below)
* 1b: The finalists in Unbadged Pairs, Triples and Rink competitions, must have played in at least one round prior to the Final to be eligible.
* 1c: The Semi-Finalists and Finalists in the Pairs Championship who must have played in at least two rounds prior to the Semi-Finals.
* 1d: The Quarter Finalists of the Singles Championship.
* 1e: In the Unbadged Singles, the two Finalists if the entry is sixteen or less. If the entry exceeds sixteen the four Semi-Finalists.
* 1f: The current Singles Champion(s) of an Affiliated Club.
* 1g: If they are qualified to play for a County.
* 1h: A member of the winning team in the Double Rink or the Hewitt’s Bowlswear Double Triples provided that they have played in every game.
* 1i: If they have been elected to an Office as defined in Rule 4a of the constitution.

## REPRESENTATIVE GAMES

* These are the Association matches as shown in the Fixture List each year. “Presidents Games” are not deemed to be “Representative Games”; they do not count towards the games referred to in By Laws 3 & 4. If a “Representative Game” is cancelled without prior notice, players selected for and attending that game shall be deemed as played.

## ASSOCIATION BADGES

* A player who has played in one Representative game is awarded the cloth badge or Lapel Badge, of the Association.
* A player who has played Twenty Representative Games is awarded the Gold Wire Badge of the Association.

## LONG SERVICE AWARDS

* A player who has played in one hundred Representative Games shall be awarded a plaque or other suitable trophy, together with a “B.C.B.A. 100 Games” blazer flash. The completion of two hundred and any subsequent hundred games will be similarly rewarded.

## 5. HOME FOURS

* When a "Representative Game" is played on the green of an Affiliated Club, that Club shall have the privilege of nominating one four to play in the match. The players selected must be "Qualified" (see By-Law 1) and such games will count towards the awards in By-Laws 3 & 4.

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## 6. ASSOCIATE OF THE B.C.B.A.

* Any qualified member who ceases to play for an Association club immediately loses all rights and privileges they had as an Association member, as previously detailed under these By-Laws and elsewhere under the Constitution & Rules.
* Former members who had received their Gold Wire badge for playing 20 games may, however, request to be considered as an Associate of the B.C.B.A. and if accepted as such by the G.P.C. may be invited to play as a 'Guest' for the Association from time to time at the discretion of the Selection Committee of the G.P.C.
* Such 'Guest' appearances do not confer any other rights and may not be at the expense of any Association applicant of similar playing ability. These restrictions do not apply to B.C.B.A. Past Presidents.
* In the event of a representative game not being fully supported

 by qualified players the Selection Committee can select unqualified

 players from within the B.C.B.A. but not at the expense of a

 qualified player.

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## CONSTITUTION & RULES

**1. TITLE**

 The Association shall be called the "Borough of Croydon

 Bowling Association”. (BCBA)

## 2: OBJECTS

 a) To promote, foster and safeguard the level green game of bowls

 in Croydon.

b) To hold annual and other championships.

 c) To organise competitions, tournaments, inter Association games

 and other such games as the General Purposes Committee

 may approve. (GPC).

## 3: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of The Association shall be open to all Clubs whose headquarters, at the time of application is situated in the area controlled by The London Borough of Croydon or whose club house is allocated a "CR" postcode and are affiliated to Bowls Surrey and whose application is approved by the GPC.
2. Application by Clubs for admission to The Association shall be made to The General Secretary in writing and must be accompanied by a list of Office bearers and the address of the Club Secretary and the address of the green.
3. The Annual Subscription for membership shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and payable not later than the closing date for competition entries in each year. Any Club failing to make this payment shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership so long as such fee remains unpaid.

## 4: ADMINISTRATION

a) The over-all affairs of The Association shall be managed by a

 Committee consisting of:-

 The President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Asst.

 Gen. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Match Secretary,

 Competition Secretary, Asst. Comp. Secretary, and Social Secretary,

 hereinafter called the Officers,

 elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

 Together with the immediate President and one vote from each

 Affiliated Club.

 b) The day-to-day affairs of The Association shall be conducted by a

 GPC consisting of the Officers together with

 the Immediate Past President and up to five members to be

 elected at the AGM.

 c) General Meetings of the Association maybe convened by the GPC

 whenever in its opinion, it has determined sufficient cause exists.

 An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) must be held within

 28 days of the requisition of any 3 Affiliated clubs to consider

 the business or grievance set forth in the requisition.

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 d) This requisition must clearly state the nature of the matter

 at issue and must be signed by at least 2 officers of each club.

 The Notice calling such a meeting shall state the purpose for which

 it was requisitioned.

5. ANNUAL AND OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS

a) The AGM of the Association shall be held in the month of November each year. Twenty-one days’ notice of it and every other General Meeting shall be given and ten members of Affiliated Clubs, with voting powers shall form a quorum.

b) At these meetings, all Officers and Past Presidents of the Association shall be entitled to vote and every Affiliated Club shall be entitled to one vote. Other members of Affiliated Clubs are entitled to attend these meetings and may participate in the discussions but shall have no voting power.

c) General meetings of The Association may be convened by the GPC whenever in its opinion it has determined that sufficient cause exists. An EGM must be held within twenty-eight days of the requisition of any three Affiliated Clubs to consider the business or grievance set forth in the requisition.

d.) This requisition must clearly state the nature of the matter at issue and be signed by at least two Officers of each Club. The Notice calling such a meeting shall state the purpose for which it was requisitioned.

6. THE HON. TREASURER AND GENERAL SECRETARY

The Hon. Treasurer shall render to the AGM an account of the income and expenditure for the past financial year, audited and signed by one competent person who shall not be a member of the GPC and who shall have been elected at the previous AGM.

The General Secretary shall cause a record to be kept of all the business transacted at the AGM and other GPC meetings and shall submit to the AGM a report of activities of the Association since the previous AGM.

Copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to every Affiliated Club before the AGM.

7. THE COUNCIL IN APPEAL

The GPC shall be empowered to adjudicate upon any dispute referred to it, arising between or among Affiliated Clubs, or any member thereof or any practice or policy or complaint which it shall hold to be in its jurisdiction. The subject of reference or appeal must be stated in writing to the General Secretary who, after reporting the same to the GPC, shall call either a Special Meeting of the GPC to discuss it or postpone its consideration until the next Ordinary GPC Meeting. Parties on each side may be heard and the decisions of the GPC shall be binding subject to rule 7. It shall be competent for the GPC, after due investigation of the facts and if need be, the examination of witnesses and relevant documentary evidence, to suspend or determine the membership of any Club

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8. DISPUTE

Any member club shall have the right to appeal to the Association in AGM, against an adverse decision by the GPC on any point provided the appeal be signed by the Club’s Officer Bearers and lodged with the General Secretary of the Association within twenty-one days of the GPC’s decision. Such appeal shall state the grounds on which it is made.

9 SUSPENSION

All Affiliated Clubs and members thereof shall be under the jurisdiction of the GPC in Competitions held by the Association and must conform to the various Rules. In the event of any breach thereof, the GPC shall have the power, after enquiry, to suspend the Club or individual member(s) thereof from the Association’s competitions for such period as they may deem proper.

10. LIFE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall exist so long as at least eight Clubs continue to carry on its objectives. In the event of all Clubs except one having withdrawn or refusing to carry on the objects of the Association, the property and funds shall be held in trust by that Club for the objects of The Association.

11. ALTERATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION & RULES

No alteration of or addition to the Association Constitution & Rules may be made, except at the AGM of the Association or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and any such alteration or addition must receive at least two thirds of the votes cast. Intimation of any proposed alteration or addition shall be given in writing to the General Secretary not later than the thirtieth of September and shall be specified in the notice convening the meeting, of which twenty-one days’ notice shall be given. Any alteration or addition shall be duly intimated by the General Secretary to the Secretaries of all the Affiliated Clubs.

When in doubt as to the correct interpretation of any part of the Constitution & Rules, or in the event of a point arising, not covered herein, the Rules of Bowls Surrey shall be applied and if a point arises not covered by the County Rules, the matter shall be referred to Bowls England whose decision, in every case, shall be final.

12. Any BCBA/GPC Officer and/or its sub-committees shall be indemnified by the BCBA against all costs and losses which he/she may incur or sustain in relation to the execution of the duties of his/her office, or by reason of any duty performed for or with the authority of the GPC, only up to the limit of the bank balances of the Association."

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## BOWLS SURREY REGULATIONS

Bowls Surrey Regs 2.5.1 The date of the affiliation year has now formally been changed to 1 May. The Regulation stipulates that the affiliation process should continue throughout the season with a final top-up on 1 September.

Requirement for Clubs and Members to adopt and follow BE Regulations. Regulation 2.5 2 (detailed below) now says this about the mandatory requirements that must be included in all clubs’ constitutions:

Bowls Surrey Regs 2.5.2 All clubs and county associations, must as a qualification

of membership adopt and follow:

* 1. All policies and guidelines approved by Bowls England. Including but not limited to, safeguarding policies, inclusion policies and anti-doping policies.
	2. All procedures set out in Bowls England Regulation 9, 9A and 9B when dealing with any disciplinary/misconduct issues.
	3. All members shall be deemed to have made themselves familiar with and agreed to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti- Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules. The UK Anti- Doping Rules apply to all members participating in the sport of Lawn Bowls for a minimum of 12 months from the commencement of membership, in accordance with Bowls England’s Rules & Regulations whether the member is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.
	4. All sanctions, recommendations and/or decisions from the Case Management Panel or National Disciplinary Panel.

### These requirements shall be included in all Club and

### County Constitutions.”

 **Note.** The “Case Management Panel” is a reference to the Safeguarding

 Case Management Panel. Clubs should now update their constitution/rules

 to add new requirements i.e. anti-doping, to ensure conformity.

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