

YORKSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The association shall be called Yorkshire Bowling Association (hereinafter referred as YBA)

2. AFFILIATION

The YBA is a sponsor of, and shall be affiliated to, Bowls England (BE) and shall conform to and be bound by its rules and procedures. The YBA will also conform to the laws of the sport of bowls.

3. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- a. To promote, foster, and safeguard the level green game of bowls in the county of Yorkshire.
- b. To arrange annual championships for ladies and men in singles, pairs, triples, and fours competitions, and any other competitions as required, including those of mixed gender.
- c. To arrange inter county and other matches as required.
- d. To interpret, when called upon by affiliated clubs or members thereof, difficult, or doubtful questions of law and practise, arbitrate in all differences referred to the YBA between and among affiliated clubs and members thereof.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Details of club and life membership are contained in YBA regulations 1 and 2.

5. FEES AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- a. Details of the annual fees payable by clubs, the procedure for fixing such fees, and the date by which they must be paid, are contained in YBA regulation 3.
- b. Any person wishing to give additional financial support to the YBA may become a patron of the association under the terms as outlined in YBA regulation 4.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANISATION

- a. The YBA shall be administered by an Executive Committee and separate Ladies and Men's sub-committees and a Safeguarding Officer who can advise the Executive and sub-committees as required.
- b. The Presidential and Executive Officers of the YBA together with the composition of the Executive Committee, Ladies and Men's sub-committees and the procedures for election to these Offices and Committees are given in YBA regulations 5 and 6.
- c. These committees may also co-opt up to two additional non-voting members as and when necessary.

- d. The Ladies and Men's sub-committees will be responsible for administering all playing matters including competitions for each gender.
- e. The rules relating to playing matters, and competitions are contained in YBA regulations 13 to 19.
- f. The Ladies and Men's sections of the YBA will be divided into four administrative zones and the procedures for the administration/responsibilities of such zones by the two gender sub-committees are detailed in YBA regulation 7.
- g. The use of the word "correspondence" shall include any electronic mailing systems.
- h. The use of the word "meeting" shall include any virtual meeting platforms.

7. GENERAL AND OTHER MEETINGS

The holding of the YBA Annual General Meeting, and other General Meetings, the Annual Meetings of the Ladies' and Men's sub-committees, the convening of, resolutions for, and notices in respect of such Meetings, together with business to be discussed and voting rights are contained in YBA regulation 8.

8. GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Codes of conduct, grievance, and disciplinary procedures, are set out in YBA regulation 10.

9. SAFEGUARDING

The YBA is responsible for implementing and administering the Bowls England Safeguarding Policy: which recognises and acknowledges its responsibilities to safeguard the welfare of young persons and other vulnerable people taking part in its activities. Further guidance is given in YBA regulation 11.

10. DUTIES OF HONORARY ADMINISTRATOR AND HONORARY TREASURER

- a. The Honorary Administrator and Honorary Treasurer shall discharge the duties normally appropriate to their respective offices and shall undertake any other responsibilities mutually agreed with the Executive Committee and shall, at all times, acting in conjunction with the Executive Committee.
- b. The secretaries of the Ladies and Men's sub-committee shall assist the Honorary Administrator and be responsible for all matters involving their respective genders, including attending meetings of other bodies associated with those committees.

11. FINANCE

Details of the accounting period of the YBA, auditing procedures and the responsibilities of the Executive Committee in relation to investment, payment of expenses etc. are given in YBA regulation 12.

12. INDEMNITY

The Executive Committee and each and every member of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees, except in the case of wilful default or fraudulent acts or omissions, shall be indemnified by and out of the funds of the YBA against any loss, damage or expenses or liability incurred by reason of or in connection with any legal proceedings instituted against them, or any of them, for any act done or omitted or suffered in relation to the performance of any of their duties, and the YBA shall effect any appropriate insurance to cover them in respect of the indemnity provision of this clause at the expense of the YBA.

13. ALTERATIONS TO CONSITUTION AND REGULATIONS

- a. The Constitution shall be reviewed annually.
- b. The formation of the Review Committee shall be the Honorary Administrator, the Ladies Secretary and the Men's Secretary. They may invite the contributions of any persons as they may deem necessary
- c. Alteration or addition to the constitution or any of the foregoing regulations shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting of the YBA, or at a Special General Meeting, called for that purpose by the Executive Committee.
- d. Notice of such alteration or addition may be submitted only by the Executive Committee, the Ladies, and Men's sub-committees, or by clubs affiliated to the YBA and not by individuals.
- e. Notice of the terms of such proposed alteration or addition which shall be stated in the notice of the business of the meetings shall be given in writing to the Honorary Administrator of the YBA by affiliated clubs not later than the 30th of September in each year and by the Ladies and Men's sub-committee meeting in accordance with regulations.
- f. Should any matter arise which in the opinion of the Executive Committee is not provided for in this constitution or regulations then the same may be determined by the Executive Committee in such a manner as it deems necessary, and every such determination shall be binding upon affiliated clubs and members of such clubs unless and until set aside by resolution at an Annual General Meeting.

15. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the YBA for whatever reason, the funds and assets of the YBA remaining after payment and satisfaction of debts and liabilities and the costs and expenses of dissolution shall be distributed by the YBA in General Meeting to a sporting body which is established substantially or primarily, for the purpose of promoting any game or sport, provided that the game or sport is conducted for the recreation and benefit or entertainment of the general public in Yorkshire and no part of the income or other funds of the body corporate operating such sport is used or available to be used for the pecuniary profit of the proprietor, member or shareholder.

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YBA REGULATIONS

YBA REGULATION 1 – CLUB MEMBERSHIP

All clubs affiliated to the Yorkshire County Bowling Association and the Yorkshire County Women's Bowling Association on the 1st of October 2009 became founding members of YBA.

- 1.1 Membership shall be open to all clubs in the county of Yorkshire which are unified with regard to gender, if appropriate, playing the game on private, leased or public greens which comply with the regulations of Bowls England.
- 1.2 Clubs playing on leased or public greens must possess a permit from the owners which allows them to use rinks for competitive purposes.
- 1.3 Every application for affiliation must be made to the Administrator of the YBA and must be accompanied by a copy of the club rules and constitution, a list of office bearers of the club and the address of the honorary secretary and of the green, and the names of all players registered with the club. Approval of such applications will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
- 1.4 Any club wishing to withdraw from the membership of the YBA shall give notice in writing to the Administrator of the YBA by 1st of May. Failure to comply with this rule shall make the club liable to payment of the annual subscription for the ensuing year.

YBA REGULATION 2 – LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 The YBA, through the Executive Committee, may award Life Membership to any person who has given exceptional services to the support of bowls and/or the YBA.
- 2.2 Life Membership will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for Life Membership shall be forwarded to the Administrator of the association by 30th September of each year.

All existing Life members of the Yorkshire County Women's Bowling Association and the Yorkshire County Bowling Association will be regarded recognised as life members of the YBA.

YBA REGULATION 3 – FEES

- 3.1 Every club, on becoming a member of the YBA, shall pay an annual affiliation fee. Fees in respect of every bowling member of the club as at the 1st day of May each year, which shall include the affiliation fee payable to Bowls England.
- 3.2 The amount of such annual affiliation fee shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the YBA. Club Secretaries must forward to the Administrator a list of the names of their bowling members by the 1st of May each year.

- 3.3 The annual affiliation fees shall be paid no later than the 14th day of May in each year and any club failing to pay the fee by that date shall forfeit all the rights and privileges of affiliation until the whole of such arrears have been discharged.
- 3.4 Any other fees or allowances not specifically mentioned in this constitution or these regulations shall be decided at an Annual General Meeting.

YBA REGULATION 4 - ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT/PATRONS

- 4.1 An individual wishing to give additional financial support to the YBA may on application, become a Patron of the YBA. Patrons shall have no special privileges and take no part in the administration of the YBA unless entitled to do so by virtue of holding office or other rights under the constitution and regulations of the YBA. The minimum amount payable to become a Patron shall, from time to time, be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the YBA.

YBA REGULATION 5 – NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF PRESIDENTIAL AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- 5.1 There shall be a male and female President and Vice President who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.
- 5.2 The Executive Officers of the YBA shall be the Chairman, Honorary Administrator and Honorary Treasurer who shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3 Nominations for Presidential Officers and the Executive Offices of Chairman, Honorary Administrator and Honorary Treasurer shall be received in writing by the Honorary Administrator of the YBA from affiliated clubs by 30th September in each year, or from the Ladies' or Men's sub-committees immediately following their Annual Meeting, or shall be made by the Executive Committee meeting held prior to the Annual General Meeting,

YBA REGULATION 6 – COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE LADIES' AND MEN'S SUB-COMMITTEES

- 6.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Honorary Administrator, Honorary Treasurer, the Presidents, the Ladies and Men's Secretaries, the Patrons Secretary, and two members, of which one shall be the Finance Officer as appointed by each of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees. Nothing prevents co-opting specialists onto the team when required.
- 6.2 The Ladies sub-committee shall consist of the Ladies President, the Vice President, the Immediate Past President, the Secretary, the Finance Officer, and the Match Secretary. This committee shall appoint a selection sub-committee which will be composed of up to 8 selector's (made up of two representatives from each zone) the selection sub-committee will report to the Match Secretary.
- 6.3 The Ladies sub-committee will meet in March/ April and September/ October of each year and at such other times as necessary in order that it may conduct the business of the Ladies section.

6.4

Men's Sub-Committee –

Purpose –

- To provide a communications link for the YBA Men's Section with;
 - BE
 - YBA Executive
 - YBA membership
- To ensure administrative support for the Bowling sub group
- To manage any development activities for the Men's Section

YBA Men's Sub-Committee make up –

- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Team Manager
- President (Where one has been appointed)
- YBA Safeguarding Officer

6.5 YBA Men's BOWLING sub group -

Purpose –

- To manage all Men's Inter County teams, Patrons matches and competition arrangements in a safe environment
- To encourage player development for the Men's game

YBA Men's Bowling Sub group make up –

- Men's Secretary/Assistant Secretary
- Team Manager (+Alsop Manager)
- Youth Development Manager
- Competition Secretary (Assistant Competition Secretary)
- Patrons Secretary
- YBA Safeguarding Officer

(Note: the Men's Sub-Committee and YBA Men's Bowling sub group may co-opt non-voting members as they see fit)

- 6.6** The Men's sub-committee will meet in March/ April and September/ October of each year and at such other times as necessary in order that it may conduct the business of the Men's Section.
- 6.7** The Men's and Ladies sub-committees can co-opt any person as they deem necessary.
- 6.8** The YBA Administrator shall be sent an agenda/ notice of meetings for any meetings of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees and shall be entitled to attend those meetings as an advisor and non-voting member.
- 6.9** Nothing in these regulations shall prevent a member holding office on both the Executive Committee and the Ladies and Men's sub-committees.

YBA REGULATION 7 – ZONE ORGANISATION/ADMINISTRATION

- 7.1** The county shall be divided into four administrative zones. The composition and club membership of such zones for each gender shall be decided by the Ladies and Men's sub-committees.
- 7.2** The male members of clubs shall form a zone committee of not more than two delegates from each affiliated club within the zone which shall hold an Annual Meeting during the month of September to elect a Chairman, Secretary. They should also appoint an Emergency sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary and one other elected member to deal with disputes arising from the playing of competitions within the rules and regulations of the YBA governing such competitions, which may arise within the zone, provide providing that no member of the club concerned in such dispute shall act as a member of the Emergency sub-committee and the Chairman shall be empowered to appoint a substitute(s) to bring that Emergency sub-committee to the requisite number. They shall also meet as often as necessary to discuss matters affecting affiliated clubs in their zone.
- 7.3** The names of the Chairman, Secretary and members appointed shall be notified to the Men's Secretary not later than seven days before the Annual Meeting of that committee.

YBA REGULATION 8 – GENERAL AND OTHER ANNUAL MEETINGS

- 8.1** The Annual General Meeting of the YBA shall normally be held before the last day of November in each year.
- 8.2** Notice of Motion to be included in the agenda for such meetings may be given by or on behalf of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees, and affiliated club, and other than for an alteration or addition to the constitution of regulations, by any member of such club.
- 8.3** Such a notice should be received by the YBA Administrator from an affiliated club, or member of such club, not later than the 30th of September in each year, and from the Ladies and Men's sub-committees immediately following their meetings.
- 8.4** A Special/ Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time on the instructions of the Executive Committee or on receipt of a request signed by the chairmen and secretaries of 25% of the affiliated clubs clearly stating, in writing to the YBA Administrator, the business to be submitted to the meeting.
- 8.5** Notices of General Meetings, together with a copy of the agenda for such meetings and the minutes of the previous meeting, shall be sent to the Secretaries of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees, the Secretaries of all affiliated clubs, Life members, Past Presidents. Officers of the YBA and any other persons entitled to attend the meeting at least 21 days before the date of the meeting.
- 8.6** Resolutions at a General Meeting must be carried by a two thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote.

- 8.7** General Meetings may be attended by the Executive Officers, members of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees, Life members and appointed delegates of affiliated clubs. Clubs with a membership not exceeding 50 may appoint two delegates and clubs with a membership exceeding 50 may be represented by three delegates. In addition, members of affiliated clubs may attend and speak but not vote. The YBA reserves the right to limit the attendance of additional attendees based on availability of space at the meeting venue or of any such virtual platform as authorised by the Executive Committee.
- 8.8** The procedure for voting by show of hands shall be: Executive Officers, members of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees, Life members, and appointed delegates of clubs, who shall be entitled to one vote, with any person holding two or more offices or positions at the meeting may appoint a proxy for any office or position. Proxies' names should be submitted to the YBA Administrator at least seven days prior to any meeting. To vote the nominated proxy must attend the meeting and should not be entitled to any other vote than that for which he or she has been appointed proxy.
- 8.9** Voting shall be by a show of hands except in the following cases when there should normally be a scroll vote: The appointment of Officers or when a demand is made for a scroll vote on the motion for such a vote is carried, without debate, by a majority of those present who are entitled to vote.
- 8.10** In the case of a scroll vote the Executive Officers, members of the Ladies and Men's sub-committees, and Life members shall have one vote each, each club represented by a delegate or delegates shall have two or three votes according to the strength of membership mentioned earlier in this regulation.
- 8.11** Member(s) to represent the YBA at meetings of Bowls England and other bodies associated with the organisation/ administration of bowls for the benefit of the YBA or its members shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.12** The Ladies Section shall hold bi-annual meetings, which are open to all affiliated club members, in March/ April and September/ October in each year.
- 8.13** The Executive Committee and or the Ladies and Men's sub-committees reserved the right to amend any meeting dates if special circumstances warrant such a change.

YBA REGULATION 9 – CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS REPRESENTING THE YBA

- 9.1** Bowlers and officials shall, at all times, conduct themselves in a manner that respects that reflects favourably upon fellow bowlers, Bowls England and other counties, both on and off the bowling green.
- 9.2** Members of the county or their supporters shall not be subject to any form of bullying. (see <https://www.bowlsengland.com/safeguarding/bullying>). Any transgression will lead to discipline disciplinary action being taken.
- 9.3** In addition to giving priority to any event appertaining to his/ her selection or appointment all player(s) shall have the following obligations for the duration of any event for which they represent the county:

- 9.3.a Observe the relevant rules and regulations relating to the sport.
- 9.3.b Accept the control of the appropriate team manager/ official in all matters relating to dress, reporting times etc.
- 9.3.c Players should inform the appropriate official of any medication being taken prior to or when participating in inter county matches/ national finals etc and adhere to any applicable drugs testing policy.
- 9.3.d Not rendered themselves unfit through alcohol or drugs either on or away from the green.
- 9.3.e Not to subject colleagues, other players, or officials to any physical or verbal abuse at any time.
- 9.4 Non-attendance at the National Championships, without good reason and appropriate notification, will result in ineligibility to enter county competitions for the following season.

YBA REGULATION 10 – GRIEVANCE AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 10.1 The YBA will adopt and adhere to the Bowls England Discipline Regulations 9 and 9A. (see <https://www.bowlsengland.com/disciplinary/>)

YBA REGULATION 11 – SAFEGUARDING - PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

- 11.1 The county shall adhere to the Safeguarding Policy of Bowls England <https://www.bowlsengland.com/safeguarding> and will ensure that all the contents are communicated to clubs by the Safeguarding Officer.
- 11.2 The Clubs policy, Safeguarding Guidelines, and the Clubs Safeguarding Officers name and contact details must be clearly displayed within the club premises for all members and visitors.
- 11.3 The Clubs must send their Safeguarding Officers details to the county Safeguarding Officer by the club return.

YBA REGULATION 12 – FINANCE

- 12.1 The accounts of the YBA shall commence on 1st of October and end of 30th of September of each year.
- 12.2 An auditor or accounts examiner will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting, who will audit or verify the accounts of the YBA annually.
- 12.3 The funds of the YBA shall be deposited at a bank approved by the Executive Committee.
- 12.4 Cheque signatories to be the Honorary Treasurer, the Honorary Administrator, the Ladies or Men's Finance Officers. Payments less than 100 pounds require a single signature, all payments in excess of 100 pounds to require two signatures. Online payments to be

prepared by the Treasurer with all those in excess of 100 pounds to be authorised by the Administrator.

- 12.5** The Executive Committee may, in such manner and terms as they determine:
- a** Invest capital or other monies of the YBA.
 - b** Pay travelling expenses or make contributions to such expenses.
 - c** Give financial assistance to affiliated clubs, by grant or loan, for special purposes.
- 12.6** The Ladies and Men's sub-committees will each have a subsidiary or working account, of an amount agreed by the Executive Committee, operated by the respective Finance Officer to enable them to carry out the day-to-day working of their sub-committee in relation to match fees, catering and transport costs etc. The income and expenditure of these accounts will be subject to review by the Honorary Treasurer at agreed periods.

YBA REGULATION 13 – COLOURED CLOTHING

- 13.1** Coloured shirts, pullovers, cardigans, and waterproofs maybe worn by club players providing, that the design and colour has been registered by the club with, and approved by the YBA. It is a requirement that if coloured shirts are to be worn the same colour shirt must be worn by all members of the team or side, or not worn by any of the members.
- 13.2** While waterproof clothing may be used, but if coloured shirts are worn, then the same registered coloured waterproofs/ fleeces maybe worn.

YBA REGULATION 14 – QUALIFICATON FOR COUNTY BADGES

Members of affiliated clubs may qualify for county blazer badges, flashes etc. as follows:

- 14.1** Ladies and men qualified for a full blazer badge by obtaining 18 playing points, at least 12 of which shall be for playing in the A or B teams. Playing in the A team will count as 3 playing points, playing in the B team as 2 points and playing in the C team, county under 25s team, county under 21s team and/or the Amy Rose Bowl team will count as 1 playing point. Each round played in the final stages of the national championships will count as 2 playing points.
- 14.2** Ladies may qualify for a Johns Trophy flash by playing in 3 Johns Trophy games.

14.3 YBA REGULATION 14 – QUALIFICATION FOR COUNTY PLAYING RECOGNITION

Men qualify to receive County playing recognition as a result of appearances in Men's Inter County Matches. The initial qualification recognition for representing Yorkshire in Inter County matches is given after the player's 10 th appearance.

(Note: Men's Inter County qualifying matches are the Muras Trophy, the Alsop Cup, White Rose Trophy, Middleton Cup, Balcomb Trophy, together with the U25 Open Fours Northern Counties.)

YBA REGULATION 15 – COMPETITION FEES

- 15.1** The fees for all county competitions will be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the YBA.
- 15.2** All competition fees must be paid to the Honorary Treasurer or as stipulated on the entry form.

YBA REGULATION 16 – DRESS CODE

GENERAL:

- 16.1** The registered county coloured shirts will be worn for matches as indicated in these regulations;
- a** Tracksuits, shell suits and jeans are not acceptable.
 - b** Headgear, if worn, should be white or a registered colour. Players governed by the requirements of a specific ethnic culture may wear their cultural headdress if they so desire.
- 16.2** For players taking part in all competitions, dress code shall be grey or white (as appropriate) Bowls England approved skirt, culottes, trousers, crops, or shorts, with white or club shirt. Shoes shall be Bowls England approved bowling shoes.
- a** The Anne Wilkinson, Janet Harrow and any other competitions as approved by the Ladies sub-committee shall be played in grey and white, or grey and club shirt up to the semi-finals and final - these shall be played in whites.
 - b** All county games, including Patrons and friendlies, shall be played in white Bowls England approved skirt, culottes, trousers, crops or shorts, with a county shirt. County gilets and jackets are also permitted. Bowls England approved bowling shoes, not sandals shall be worn.
 - c** For players taking part in the semi-finals or final of county championships the dress code shall be white Bowls England approved skirt, culottes, trousers, crops or shorts, with a club or white shirt. Shoes should be approved bowling shoes.
 - d** Headgear, if worn, should be white or a registered colour. However, players governed by requirements of a specific ethnic culture shall be permitted to wear their cultural headdress if they so desire.
 - e** Socks, if worn, should be predominantly white.

- f White waterproof clothing may be used or, providing all members of the side or team wear the same, registered coloured waterproof/ fleeces are permitted. Bowls England approved apparel may also be worn.

REGULATION DRESS FOR MEN

- 16.3 For players taking part in all men's competitions the dress for all rounds up to and including the quarter and semi-finals of all competitions shall be grey trousers, Bowls England approved shorts or club registered trousers/ shorts, white, cream or club registered shirt. White or cream pullover or cardigan, or if worn with club shirt may be of the same colour as the same shirt. Bowls England approved shoes. Braces, if worn, should not be visible. For the final, white or cream trousers or Bowls England white shorts with white belt, if worn, and white socks. Club registered trousers/shorts may also be worn, and Bowls England approved shoes as above.
- 16.4 For all county games including National competitions and Northern Counties league matches, white or cream trousers or Bowls England approved shorts, white belt if worn, white socks and the registered coloured shirt, white cap or white hat or other approved headwear. Bowls England approved bowling shoes should be worn for all A and B team and Two Fours matches.
- 16.5 For all county friendlies and Patrons games, unless otherwise stipulated, white or cream trousers or Bowls England approved white shorts, white belt if worn, white socks and county shirt. Bowls England approved bowling shoes should be worn.

Please note that under Bowls England regulations, all reference to white clothing should read “predominantly white”.

YBA REGULATIONS 17 – GENERAL COMPETITION RULES

- 17.1 The competitions shall be open to clubs or members of such clubs as are affiliated to the YBA and have paid their subscription for the current year. No restriction shall be placed on any member playing in more than one competition. The entrant of a competition should play on the green of the club from which they entered the competition, unless it is played by the mutual agreement on another green.
- 17.2 All county competitions must be played outdoors on a green which complies with the current edition of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls. The green keeper or other appointed club official shall be the adjudicator on whether a green is fit for play and shall have the power to postpone play
- 17.3 The first drawn in each pair shall be termed the ‘challenger’ and the second the ‘opponent’. Unless competitions are being played on selected dates the challenger shall, at the latest in respect of any round to be played, at least seven days before that round closure, offer their opponent at least two dates, none of which shall be the last day of the period of the round nor be on the same day as a county match or county competition fixed date match. The time for commencing a match shall be mutually agreed but no player shall be compelled to accept a time earlier than 6pm Monday to Friday or 3pm on Saturdays and Sundays, nor later than 6:30pm on any day. The challenger in singles matches will provide a marker and failure to do so will mean forfeiture of the round. In the event of a match

being rained off etc. and the players not being able to agree another date, they should inform the respective Competitions Secretary immediately.

- 17.4** Every county competition shall be played under the Regulations of Bowls England and the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls and shall be controlled by the Ladies and Men's sub-committees as appropriate. Appeals under the Laws of the Sport of Bowls should be made within 24 hours of playing a tie and not later than the last day of the period of the round, if reinstatement of a defeated appellant is desired. A clear statement in writing of the point at issue shall be communicated to the appropriate committee administrator, or such other person who from time to time may be appointed, at the earliest possible opportunity together with evidence if such exists.
- 17.5** The county competition shall comprise of singles, pairs, triples, force, junior singles, junior pairs, two wood singles and senior fours, which form part of the National Championships the women's county champion of champions, men's club championship, the under 18s and under 16s singles and such other competitions as the Ladies and Men's sub-committees or Bowls England may introduce.
- 17.6** All competitions will be governed by the current Bowls England regulations and the Laws of the Sport.
- 17.7** In the event of an extra end being necessary to decide a tie in pairs, triples or fours matches, the opponent shall toss a coin and the challenger shall call to determine who controls the jack for that extra end.
- 17.8** Players, Officers and Officials on international duties must be allowed to play in all stages of the competitions and if competitions are taking place on selected dates their matches will be rearranged to another date.
- 17.9** A player should not represent or allow their name to be submitted by more than one county or club for the county competitions in anyone year.
- 17.10** In pairs, triples and fours the players taking part in the first game shall constitute the team throughout the competition. One additional, and the same, substitute may be used at any time providing they have not already played in that competition. The substitute may play in any position, but such substitute should be a member of the same club to which the team belongs.
- 17.11** If during the course of a pairs, triples or fours match a player has to leave the green owing to illness, their place may be filled by a substitute in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.
- 17.12** A named entrant conceding a walkover before the first game of the competition, for a named entrant of a team cannot be a member of, or a substitute for, any other team in the same competition.
- 17.13** In all competitions in the event of any player or team failing to appear within 30 minutes of the appointed time for any round, the match will be given to the opposing side. Should both sides default then the match will be scratched altogether.

- 17.14** The under 18s and under 16s singles will be open to players who have not attained the appropriate birthday on the 1st of April in the year of the competition and are members of affiliated clubs. They shall consist of 21 points, four bowls each player, and may be played down to the final on selected dates or on a challenger/opponent basis. All these matches shall be under the control of the Youth Development Officer.
- 17.15** The winner of any trophy of the YBA shall give satisfactory security to the association for their safe keeping during the time they are in their possession. All trophies shall be returned in good condition to the appropriate committee administrator before finals day.

YBA REGULATION 18 – ADDITIONAL RULES FOR LADIES' COMPETITIONS

- 18.1** The four wood singles will be played on selected dates and greens, and the games will continue on that day to the last 16. There should be an official or competent person present at each green. Rinks will be drawn before the commencement of play. The semi-finals will be played on a green selected by the competition secretary and the finals will be played on the green of the President or a green of the President's choice. Otherwise the competition secretary and administrator shall select a green.
- 18.2** The two wood singles will be played on selected dates and greens and the games will be played to the final in one or two days.
- 18.3** The county Champion of Champions - Qualification for this competition will be by having one your club four wood singles event the previous season. It would be a single handed game consisting of 21 points, four bowls each player, and will be played on selected dates and greens. The semi-finals and final will be played on one day at Northallerton be see or on a neutral green selected by the competition secretary.
- 18.4** The Janet Harrow competition is an inter club competition for a shield, played as three triples, three bowls over 18 ends. Each club shall be represented by nine players forming 3 rinks who may be substituted in the subsequent rounds should the original players not be available. At the end of the game each team rink score will be added together, should the scores be level after the 18 ends have been played the captains shall toss a coin and the winner shall decide whether her team shall deliver the Jack. All three rinks will then play an extra end. The final should be played on a neutral green as decided by the competition secretary. Any club wishing to enter more than one team in the Janet Harrow or Anne Wilkinson competitions may do so, provided a list of players for each squad is received by the Competition Secretary prior to the draw being made.
- 18.5** The Anne Wilkinson competition is an inter club competition for a Rose Bowl - Double rinks, two bowls, 18 ends. Each club shall be represented by eight players forming 2 rinks , any member of the team may be substituted in the subsequent rounds should the original players not be available . Should the score be level after 18 ends have been played, the captains shall toss a coin and the winner shall decide whether or not her team shall deliver the Jack. Both rinks will play the extra end. Highest score wins. The final shall be played on a neutral green to be decided by the Competition Secretary.
- 18.6** After the commencement of a team game in any round, of the Ann Wilkinson or Janet Harrow, in the event of illness or an accident, only one substitute per rink will be allowed. Players in the rink may then be adjusted accordingly. No further changes to that rink will

be allowed. In the event of another player in the same rink having to leave the game, play in that rink will stop and the score held to the end of the game. If no reserves are available to substitute, play will halt and the rink score will be held to the end of the game. Any club wishing to enter more than one team in the Anne Wilkinson or the Janet Harrow clubs may do so, providing a list of named players for each squad is received by the competition secretary prior to the draw being made. Any affiliated club with 7 or less ladies registered may join another affiliated club in the same position to enter a team in the Janet Harrow and/or Anne Wilkinson competitions. The green for playing home games must be nominated upon entry.

- 18.7** The National Benevolent Triples is an inter club competition. Each game shall consist of three players, 2 woods and 15 ends. This is a knockout competition to be played to a final in one or two days on green selected by the competition secretary. The final would be played on county finals day.
- 18.8** The over 55 singles, four woods and 21 shots, will be played on a home and away basis up to the final which will be played on county finals day.
- 18.9** The over 55 pairs, four woods and 18 ends will be played by two members of the same club on a home and away basis up to the final which will be played on county finals day.
- 18.10** If in any round, played on a home and away basis, the opponent has to travel more than 160 miles round trip, they may ask for a neutral green which the challenger shall arrange. The green selected must be affiliated to the YBA.

YBA REGULATION 19 – ADDITIONAL RULES FOR MEN'S COMPETITIONS

- 19.1** The Men's Club Championship (Marshall Shield) is an inter club competition, open to all YBA affiliated clubs. All players will be members of the same club and play their county/ national competitions from that club. Clubs may have an unlimited number of team entries. If a club enters more than one team, players can only play for the team that they represent in the first match. They may not play for any other team.
- 19.2** It shall consist of three rinks of four male players, played over 18 ends with an additional two trial ends. It will not be permissible to play with less than twelve players.
- 19.3** The draw for the Marshall Shield will be an open draw with matches up to and including the quarter finals being played on the green of the home club (the challenger) on the YBA published fixed dates. Where the mileage exceeds 160 miles round trip club to club, matches will be played on a neutral green midway between the clubs. Any disputes will be resolved between the relevant zone competition secretaries with any final decision beyond that falling to YBA Marshall Shield organiser. Matches taking place on a weekday shall not start before 6:30 PM, unless by mutual agreement. Matches taking place at the weekend or on a bank holiday shall not start earlier than 10:30am.
- 19.4** The semis and finals will be played at a single location on a fixed date as directed by the YBA Marshall Shield organiser.
- 19.5** If rink fees are payable these will be paid for by the challenger, unless it is a neutral venue when the fees will be shared evenly between the two teams.

- 19.6** The challenger is responsible for providing either an umpire (or competent person to act as an umpire).
- 19.7** Each game will start with a toss of a coin to establish the control of the jack on the first end. A further toss of a coin for the choice of which rink will play the extra end in the event of a tie at the end of the match will be made before play commences. The winner of each match will be decided based upon the total aggregate score of all three rinks. If the aggregate score is tied at the end of the match an extra end will be played by the elected rink. Extra ends will be played until a result is achieved.
- 19.8** Results of each match will be forwarded to the YBA Marshall Shield organiser within 24 hours of the conclusion of the event, along with the names of the match competitors. Dress code will be greys and club shirts until the semi-finals and final, where white will be worn below the waist. The semis and finals will be played at a single location on a fixed date, as directed by the YBA Marshall Shield organiser. All entries into the YBA Marshall Shield organiser by noon on 1st of April.
- 19.9** The Men's sub-committee, or a sub-committee appointed for that purpose, shall deal with all questions and disputes in the final stages. The decision of the appropriate committee shall be final and binding.
The men's two wood entry fee is no longer to go to the YBA Benevolent Fund.

AMENDMENTS

- A. Regulations 7.2, 7.4 and 8.3 amended at AGM 20.11.10
- B. Regulations 18.5, 19.11, 20.1 and 20.6 amended at AGM 19.11.11
- C. Regulations 15.1(a), 15.1(b) and 20.2 amended at AGM 17.11.12
- D. Regulations 7.3 and 17.2(a) amended at AGM on 16.11.13
- E. Regulations 6.7 and 20.6 added, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 9.5, 11.1 and 20.5, 20.7 amended at AGM 15.11.14
- F. Regulation 19.8 added and existing 19.8 to 19.11 renumbered, amended at AGM 29.11.15
- G. Regulations 17.2, 17.3, 19.1 to 19.7 and 20.4 amended plus 19.9 added at AGM 19.11.16
- H. Regulation 17.1(b) removed, 17.2(c) and 18.5 amended at AGM 17.11.18
- I. Constitution renumbered and reissued March 2019
- J. Constitution 2 amended, Regulations 7.1, 7.4, 7.5, 8.1, 9.7 amended, 10.3 added, 17.2 amended at AGM 16.11.2019
- K. Constitution and regulations reviewed, re-formatted, re-issued and accepted at AGM 21.11.2020
- L. Reference to Secretary, Ladies and Men's Secretary amended, Ladies Regulation 6.2 and Men's Regulation 19.1 amended at AGM 21.11.2021
- M. Constitution and regulations reviewed, reformatted including inclusion of 12.4 financial amendment, re-issued and accepted at AGM 27.11.2022 (Now versions controlled as Version 1)
- N. Regulations 6.4 and 6.5 and 14.3 added amended and accepted at AGM NOV 2023
- O. Regulations 1.1, 15.3.,18.4, 18.6 and 19.9 amended at AGM Nov 2024