

MIDLAND COUNTIES WOMENS' INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION
ESTABLISHED 1995
CONSTITUTION & RULES

REVISED 2002, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2016, 2021, 2023.

1. NAME:

The Association shall be called the Midland counties Women's Indoor Bowling Association.

Affiliated to English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd.

2. OBJECTIVES:

To Promote, foster, safeguard, and develop the level green game of Indoor Bowls for women throughout the area of Associated Counties by organising such leagues, matches and competitions as may be deemed beneficial to the sport of Indoor Bowling.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be open to all County Indoor Bowling Associations, within the Midlands area, affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Association.

4. FEES and SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Each affiliated County shall pay a yearly subscription at the rate fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the Association not later than late April /early May in each year. All raffle money raised at the Midland County Matches to be kept by the Home County. A levy of £15 is to be paid annually from each County.

5. ADMINISTRATION:

- a) The affairs of the Association shall be conducted by a Council consisting of President, Immediate Past President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and two representatives of each affiliated County.
- b) The Emergency Committee will be the President, Immediate Past President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.
- c) All disputes arising from whatsoever cause will be settled by the Emergency Committee and their decision shall be final.
- d) The President, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- e) At meetings of the Council five members present shall constitute a quorum.
- f) The Council shall have the power to appoint sub-committees for specific purposes.
- g) The Council have the power to fill any vacancy arising among the Officers during the year.
- h) The President shall be deemed to be the Chairman of the Council and at the Annual General Meeting.
- i) The mandate for payment and withdrawals on behalf of the Association shall consist of two signatures, from the Hon. Treasurer and from another person of the Midlands Counties committee.

6. ANNUAL AND OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS:

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in late April / early May each year. The notice and agenda of the meeting shall be forwarded to affiliated Counties and Council members 14 days before the date of the meeting.
- b) Two representatives only of each member County shall be entitled to vote at a General Meeting. Each County shall appoint the two delegates and notify the Hon. Secretary of their names in writing before the meeting.
- c) A Special General Meeting shall be called at the request of a minimum of three Counties.
- d) Nominations for Officers and other propositions must be received by the Hon. Secretary not later than 31st March prior to the A.G.M.

7. REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES:

The Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer shall be entitled to have their expenses reimbursed.

8. ALTERATION OF RULES:

- a) Alteration or additions to any of the foregoing shall only be made at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for that purpose, after Notice of Motion by a member County or Counties providing that such Notice of Motion shall be given at least 28 days prior to such a meeting.
- b) In the case of a Special General Meeting, four weeks' notice of the meeting shall be given by the Hon. Secretary of the Association to those entitled to attend the meeting.
- c) No proposal for alteration to the rules shall be deemed to have been passed at any General Meeting unless the majority of the votes are in favour thereof.

24th April 2023