MONMOUTHSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION

CONSITUTION and RULES

1. Title

The Monmouthshire Bowling Association hereafter referred to as the Association.

2. Objectives

(a) To foster, promote and regulate the level green game of Bowls for Male Bowlers.
(b) To adopt and enforce the laws as laid down by the International Bowling Board.
(c) To hold Inter-County and other matches.
(d) To organise competitions annually in Singles, Pairs, Triples, Fours, Club Cup and League Championships.
(e) To interpret, when called upon by affiliated clubs or members thereof, difficult, or doubtful questions of law and practice affecting the game, and to arbitrate in any difference between affiliated clubs which may properly be referred to, the Association.

3. Membership

3.1 Membership of the Association shall be open to all bowling clubs who's bowling green complies with the standard required by the Welsh Lawn Bowling Association.

3.2 All clubs must be affiliated to the Association, who will allocate the clubs to a District Association to which the cubs must also become affiliated. Any club wishing to transfer to Another District Association within the Association will first make written application to the Executive Committee.

3.3 The Association may elect Honorary Vice-Presidents with power to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association but shall not be entitled to vote.

3.4 The Association shall have the power to elect as Life Members those whose service to the Association entitles them to this distinction. These nominations to be submitted to the Honorary Secretary in writing. An elected panel of the President and three longest serving Executive members, reserve the right to recommend or otherwise, the nomination to the Executive Committee for the Annual or Special General Committee. A Life Member together with the Past Presidents of the Association shall be entitled to attend the Annual General, Special and Management meetings of the Association and vote there at.

4. Subscriptions

The amount of subscriptions to be paid in each year shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting, and must be paid not later than 31st May, a late payment fee of £25.00 will be levied on any club that fails to pay their fees by this date: any club then in default shall forfeit any right and privilege of membership as long as the subscription remains unpaid.

5. Meetings

The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a date fixed by the Management Committee each year, and Special General Meetings shall be convened as and when required. Each club may be represented at such meetings by two delegates, (but only one vote per club will be permitted), appointed for the purpose and each District Association by one delegate who shall also be entitled to vote at the meetings. Twenty-Five shall form a quorum.

6. Officers

At the Annual General Meeting or at any Special Meeting called for that purpose in each year the Association shall elect a Patron, President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Competition Secretary, Honorary League Secretary, Match Official and an Auditor: nominations in respect of the foregoing, other than the Patron, shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary before the commencement of the Management Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting, and nominations for the office of President, Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents shall be restricted to those who have served on the Management Committee of the Association for at least three years.

7. Management Committee

The Officers appointed in accordance with the foregoing rule together with the Patron, one representative from each affiliated club and one representative from each District Association shall form a Management Committee. The Patron, President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Immediate Past President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Competition Secretary, Honorary League Secretary and Match Official shall be ex-officio members of all Committees and Sub Committees, with the exception of the Selection Committee and shall be entitled to vote there at.

8. Executive Committee

At the Annual General Meeting the Association shall elect an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers, one member, (with the name of deputy) from each affiliated Association, and such representatives of the Association serving on the Council of the Welsh Bowling Association. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for controlling the affairs of the Association as required by the Management Committee.

9 Team Managers and Selection Committee.

9.1 Team Managers – It shall be the responsibility of the Association Executive Committee to appoint Team Managers for the County Championship, Senior County Championship, and Junior / Academy Teams respectively. Each appointment shall be for a three-year term. Team Managers of the County Championship and Senior County Championship are permitted to play in the team. The Junior and Academy Team Manager shall be responsible for the development of the Junior and Academy squad and for the selection of teams for WLB Junior Team Competitions.

9.2 Selectors – At the AGM, the Association Management Committee shall elect two non-playing selectors for the County Championship, and Senior County Championship teams respectively. This appointment shall be for a term of three years. The County Friendly matches will be selected by the President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President and the Match Secretary.

(Amended AGM 12th November 2026)

10. Honorary Treasurer

The Honorary Treasurer shall keep the books of accounts of the Association and at the Annual General Meeting he shall present an account of the Income and Expenditure for the financial year to the 30th September immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting, together with a balance sheet of the financial position of the Association at the date duly certified by the elected Auditor. A copy of the audited balance sheet and accounts of the Association shall be sent to each affiliated club and District Association and other persons entitled to receive the same, not less than ten days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

11. Honorary Secretary

The Honorary Secretary shall be responsible for keeping a record of all business transacted at any meeting in connection with the Association: and at the Annual General Meeting he shall submit a report of the activities of the Association during the previous year.

12. League Secretary

The Honorary League Secretary shall be responsible for running all the Association Leagues, Monmouthshire Cup Competition Association matches and Carruthers section draw, and at the Annual General Meeting he shall submit a report of the league activities of the Association during the previous year.

13. Match Official

The Match Official shall be responsible for organising and overseeing the County match programme.

14. Competition Secretary

The Competition Secretary shall be responsible for arranging and organising the Association County Competitions, and at the Annual General Meeting he shall submit a report of the competitions of the Association during the previous year

15. Alteration of Rules

No alteration of the constitution of rules, or any addition thereof, shall be made except at a General Meeting of the Association.

16. Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion shall be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary before the commencement of the Management Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.

17. Badge players

(a) Only players who have played six or more games for the Association are entitled to wear the Association Blazer badge. Minimum qualification period three playing seasons
(b) Only players who have played in four or more County Championship Games are entitled to wear the Badge And Championship Scroll.
(c) Only players who have played in six or more Over 60 County Association Championship games are entitled to wear the Association Badge and the (Senior) Championship Scroll.
(d) Being selected for the whole competition in the Welsh Bowling Association under 25 Double Rink Tournament counts for one game towards your County Badge.

18. **Club Membership Applications.**

In order to safeguard and protect the wellbeing of their members, the Monmouthshire Bowling Association require clubs to perform "due diligence" on all applications for membership. Clubs should request all new applicants to complete an application form with details of their bowling history and of their previous clubs. The clubs should then contact the applicant's previous club(s) to ensure there are no concerns regarding the application. The application should then be reviewed by the club's officers and committee who should reach a decision based on the information gathered **(New item added AGM 12th November 2026)**.

GENERAL COMPETITIONS RULES

1. The Monmouthshire Bowling Association will hold annually the following competitions for male players

1.1 Club Competitions

1.2 Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Competitions

1.3 **Open & Over 60 pairs, triples & Over 55 fours to be played over 18 ends (added 2022 season)**

2. DUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

2.1 In the event of dual club membership, every competitor is allowed to enter National Competitions (i.e. Carruthers shield and W.B.A. Competitions) only from the club to which he is affiliated, and by notifying the club that he is opting for such a Tournament play in the one named club. He will only be allowed to play in our Association if the club to which he plays his National Competitions from, is a member of our Association.

2.2 If a club has to disband, their players should contact the MBA secretary in writing to transfer to another club or if a player wants to change clubs for a valued or specific reason, each application will be vetted by a subcommittee and individually decided on by its merits. **(Passed AGM 2016)**

3. CLUB CUP AND LEAGUE COMPETITIONS

3.1 All clubs must play in the County Cup and Monmouthshire league competitions unless given permission by the Executive Committee.

3.2 All matches shall be played in regulation dress.

3.3 Matches to be decided by all rinks playing 21 ends.
Association Cup and Inter – Association matches, to be decided by all rinks playing 18 ends
However a match may be deemed completed after playing a minimum of 90 ends (6 rinks)
60 ends (4 rinks), 45 ends (3 rinks), **and 30 ends (2 rinks)**. **(Amended at SGM April 2026)**
All completed ends to be counted.

3.4 The Association requires clubs to regard the date allocated as the official date on which the match should be played. It offers no objection to any 2 clubs mutually agreeing to a suitable date prior to the official date.

3.5 The visiting club must inform the home club 4 days before the date of the match of their arrival.

3.6 Immediately after each match both teams must advise the League Secretary of the result. by either email or telephone.

3.7 In the cup competition, the 1st round draw will be announced prior to the commencement of the season. All clubs will have the option to inform the league secretary by the end of the preceding year should they wish not to enter the cup for the following season. The draws for the subsequent rounds will be made 3 days after the preceding round. If a team wins a game and then drops out of any of the following rounds, they will be fined £25 and banned from the following year's competition. The semi-finals shall be played on suitable neutral greens as decided by the league secretary. (Passed AGM 2016)

3.8 League clubs to be in divisions with **2** clubs promoted and relegated each season

3.9 Match results to be decided on a points system;
League Matches; Team win – 6 points, Draw – 3 points, each rink win- 2 points, Drawn rink- 1point
Maximum total – 14 points, (4rinks) 12 points (3 rinks), **10 points (2 rinks) (Amended at SGM April 2026)**.
Inter – Association Matches Team win 10 points, Draw - 5points, each rink win- 2 points Draw- 1point
Maximum total – 22 points
M.B.A. Cup Matches, Overall Total Shots, (no points)
If at the end of the season, 2 or more clubs have the same number of points, the club with the best net score against opponents, who have played all their matches shall be declared the winner.

3.10 Each league club must fulfil all the fixtures with the clubs in their division, **unless rule 4.7.1 is applied to a specific fixture in which case the fixture will not be played. (Amended at SGM April 2026)**

3.11 All M.B.A. league matches must be programmed to be completed by the **second** weekend of September. No extension to this date to be allowed **(Amended at SGM April 2026)**

4. ALL CANCELLED OR POSTPONED MATCHES

4.1 All cancelled games must be played prior to, or within 3 weeks of the original date and **should be played on the weekend unless both clubs (and the League Secretary) agree to the match being played mid-week. (Amended AGM 12th November 2026).**

4.2 In the event of a postponement through inclement weather, Carruthers Shield or National Finals alternative date shall be agreed within 7 days, **and played by the second week in September (Amended at SGM April 2026) and should be played on the weekend unless both clubs (and the League Secretary) agree to the match being played mid-week (Amended AGM 12th November 2026)**.

4.3 Any cancellation, other than for the reasons stated in rule 4.2, the offending side shall forfeit 6 points, these will be awarded to the non-defaulting side. The game must be replayed when only the rink points will be played for i.e., 8 points for a 4-rink game, 6 points for a 3-rink game, **and 4 points for a 2-rink game (Amended at SGM April 2026).**

4.4 Clubs who must postpone their league match to play a Carruthers Shield match must give their opponents at least 5 days' notice of postponement and at the same time, offer alternative dates for the re-arranged match.

4.5 If within 7 days of the original schedule date of the match, the 2 clubs fail to agree a date between them, then BOTH clubs will submit their reasons in writing to the League Secretary. The HOME club to nominate at least 3 suggested dates for the match to be played

4.6 The League Secretary will attempt to arrange the match based on the dates supplied. If no agreement can be reached, then the League Secretary will inform the Disciplinary Committee, and their decision, which could possibly involve allocation of points, be relayed to the involved clubs.

4.7 Should any club default on 2 or more occasions within any season, then their place in the league next season will be discussed by the Disciplinary Committee at the end of the season.

4.7.1 **Should any club default on 2 occasions in the same fixture with the same opposition, all available points plus a positive shot aggregate of 5 shots per rink will be awarded to the non-defaulting team, the defaulting team shall be awarded zero points a shot aggregate of minus 5 shots per rink. (New Rule added at SGM April 2026).**

4.7.2 **In the inter-association championship, if any match is cancelled for any reason other than adverse weather then all available points plus a positive shot aggregate of 5 shots per rink will be awarded to the non-defaulting team, the defaulting team shall be awarded zero points a shot aggregate of minus 5 shots per rink. For matches postponed due to adverse weather then rule 4.2 shall apply. (New Rule added at SGM April 2026).**

4.8 All clubs will have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee against decisions of the Disciplinary Committee, the decision of the Executive Committee shall be final.

4.9 Match cards for games not played must be completed and returned to the League Secretary.

4.10 All Matches to be decided by all rinks playing 21 ends, however a match may be deemed completed after a minimum of 90 ends (6 rink) 60 ends (4Rink) 45 ends (3 Rink)
Add - Providing both captains agree. (Amendment passed AGM Nov '22):
If not rule 4.12 must be adhered to (Abandoned match)

4.11 **<u>GWENT LEAGUE MATCHES ONLY</u>**

4.11.1 The league is to be known as the G.B.L. and consist of **3 divisions, 2 of 3 rinks & 1 of 2 rinks**.

4.11.2 The object of the leagues is to promote and foster competitive bowls for players not selected for their club first team. **(SGM March 2022) - If there is an insufficient number of male bowlers, it is in order for clubs to play female players.**
(SGM March 2024) From season 2024, in the GBL, there must be at least 50% of male players to play on each rink.

4.11.3 All GBL matches must be scheduled to be played on a Saturday afternoon. Re-arranged games (following a postponement) should be played on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon unless both clubs and the MBA League Secretary agree that the match can be played mid-week. Only one 3-rink GBL match can be played by an individual club on the same day. If a club intends to play two 2-rink GBL matches on the same day it must first ask the permission of the League Secretary. It should be clearly understood that Gwent Bowls League matches take priority over club internal competitions, and arranging such internal competitions is not a valid reason for refusing to play a re-arranged GBL Match on the weekend **(Amended AGM 12th November 2026).**

4.11.4 Should it be necessary to select first team players due to a shortage of names, these players are to play out of normal position, i.e., players who normally play 1st or 2nd for the first team, can play 3rd or 4th in the G.B.L. similarly players who play 3rd or 4th for the first team can play 1st or 2nd for the G.B.L.

4.11.5 The winning clubs shall hold the respective league shields for one year.

4.11.6 These rules are governed by a "Gentlemen's Code of Conduct". Any flouting of the said rules will be acted upon by the Executive Committee with powers of expulsion from this competition

4.11.7 The Leagues to be in divisions with **2** clubs promoted and relegated each year

4.12 **ABANDONDED MATCHES**

Each club to retain the score cards

The game to continue with the scores as they were and playing the same way on the green (If possible)

If any one player of an original rink is unavailable, a substitute will be allowed.

Players should NOT however be transferred from one rink to another. The substitute to play in any position other than skip, the other players in that rink can rearrange their positions as necessary.

5. RULES GOVERNING SINGLES, PAIRS, TRIPLES AND FOURS COMPETITIONS

5.1 Single competitions are open to all affiliated club members. In the event of a player changing clubs out of season and transferring his single matches to his new club, no entries for the handbook will be permitted after 31st of December.

5.2 Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions are only open to a combination of competitors from the same club.

5.3 All competitions shall be played in accordance with the notice, announcing the result of the draw.

5.4 All singles will be for 21 shots, **pairs, triples & fours will be 18 ends (added for 2022 season)**

5.5 At the conclusion of the first round played in the fours, triples and pairs competition, the score card with the names of all the players plus reserve must be forwarded to the Competition Secretary who will retain the cards for scrutiny when required.

5.6 The draw for each round will be printed in the handbook, and each competitor of any singles tournament drawing a home match must offer their opponents 2 dates on which the tie can be played. One of the dates must not be the closing date of the round. Saturday and Sundays are by mutual consent only.

5.7 All pairs, triples and fours tournaments are scheduled on specific dates; these dates are printed in the handbook and must be adhered to. Games however may be played prior to that printed by mutual consent only. Games will normally commence at 6.00pm but may be changed by mutual consent.

5.8 Any opponent who refuses to play on the dates offered or fails to appear on the date agreed will be struck out of the competition.

5.9 The winner of the competition must advise the Competition Secretary of the result not later than 2 days after the match has been played.

5.10 The semi – finals and final will be played on a date and "green" selected by the Executive Committee

5.11 Players must ensure they are available to play on all the fixed dates prior to entering the competitions

5.12 Should player(s) give a "walkover" in any but the very first round to be played, i.e. preliminary round (if any) or round 1, without a reason acceptable to the Executive Committee, then his/their entry(ies) for the following years competitions will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.

5.13 Should "home" player(s) fail to notify their opponents that their green is unfit for play – when it is known in advance of the day of play – then his/their entry (ies) for the following years competitions will be reviewed by the Executive Committee

6. **MOBILE TELEPHONES**

No mobile telephones are to be used by players or officials on or in the confines of the green whilst in any authorised games. Failure to comply may incur disciplinary action

DISCIPLINARY POLICY and PROCEDURE (SGM March 2022)

1. INTRODUCTION.

1.1 Any member club, or member of an affiliated club, of the Monmouthshire Bowling Association [M.B.A.], against whom an allegation of misconduct is made, as defined below, may be subject to investigation which may lead to disciplinary measures being taken.

1.2 Improper interference with the functioning or activities of the M.B.A. or any members of M.B.A., whether at local, County, or international level.

1.3 Action which otherwise improperly damages the M.B.A. or any Club or any member thereof.

1.4 Brings the sport of Bowls or the M.B.A. into disrepute by word or deed. This includes on social media, bullying, and drugs, violence or bad language used on a bowling green that can be heard by members of the public.

1.5 If an allegation is considered to be a Police matter and not a bowling issue, then the complainant will be advised accordingly.

1.6 If it can be proven that a bowling member of the Monmouthshire B.A. has been abusing or using defamatory language against another player or club using the social media or private messaging platforms, then the MBA Executive Committee will suspend that individual with immediate effect and refer the matter to the Disciplinary Sub-Committee who will decide what action is to be taken. **(Addition AGM 12.11.26)**

2. PROCEDURE FOLLOWING AN ALLEGATION OF MISCONDUCT

Any person wishing to make a complaint of misconduct by an affiliated club or by a member thereof, where the issue cannot be dealt with at a local level, **must do so within 30 days of the alleged offence occurring, unless the complaint concerns an ongoing MBA Competition in which case it must be raised within 7 days of the alleged offence (such cases will be "fast-tracked" to avoid disruption to the competitions). All complaints to be submitted in writing to the M.B.A. Secretary. (Amended AGM 12th November 2026).**

The M.B.A. Secretary shall arrange for three officers of the Executive Committee [M.B.A. officers] who shall first consider the issue before appointing a Disciplinary Sub Committee [D.S.C.] if necessary. Only the M.B.A. officers shall be entitled to put a complaint to the D.S.C.

The M.B.A. officers shall have the right at any point in time prior to any further proceedings to impose a provisional suspension if deemed necessary.

Any complaint deemed necessary for further action shall firstly involve the complaint being sent to the accused person or club in writing, setting out details of the alleged misconduct and requiring a written response within 7 days.

If no written response is received within 7 days, the accused person or club shall be deemed to have admitted the complaint and sanctions may proceed.

If a defence to the complaint is received, a D.S.C. meeting should be called to discuss the issue and a personal hearing take place if requested. The date, time and location of such personal hearing shall be fixed by the D.S.C. and notified to all parties.
The D.S.C. must be appointed and meet within 10 days of the complaint being received.

3. JURISDICTION

3.1 Disciplinary Sub Committee [D.S.C.]

The M.B.A. officers shall from time to time, appoint Disciplinary Sub Committees [D.S.C.], made up of persons who, by virtue of their knowledge of bowls, sport in general or whom the M.B.A. officers consider are well placed, to hear and determine issues arising out of alleged misconduct.
A list of 10 suitable candidates, who will sit on a D.S.C., will be drawn up and be made available to the M.B.A. secretary. Three people will be appointed to sit on such committees depending on availability and the nature of the complaint. This list will be updated annually.
This committee shall comprise three people one of whom should be elected as a Chairman and in the event of a split decision have the casting vote. The Committee shall hold plenary powers in deciding guilt or otherwise. These powers shall also cover, in the event of a matter being proven, such penalties or sanctions as listed below.
The meeting will be attended by the Secretary to record the proceedings; he will not be entitled to speak or vote, except for advice on procedure.

The decision of the D.S.C. to be relayed to all parties within 3 days.

Any member of a club or member of an affiliated club, of the M.B.A. has the right to appeal the decision of a D.S.C. An appeal, stating the reasons and the basis upon which the appeal is being pursued, must be lodged with the Secretary within 7 days of the D.S.C. decision being received.
An A.S.C. must be convened within 7 days thereafter to hear the appeal.

3.2 Appeals Sub Committee [A.S.C.]

The Executive committee of the M.B.A. shall from time to time appoint an Appeals Sub Committee [A.S.C.] made up of executive committee members who by virtue of their knowledge of bowls or experience in disciplinary processes, the executive committee considers are well placed to hear and determine appeals against decisions of the D.S.C.
This committee shall comprise three people one of whom one should be elected as a Chairman and in the event of a split decision have the casting vote. No member or club with an interest in the case to be heard shall be appointed or otherwise sit. The Committee shall hold plenary powers in deciding to uphold or reject the appeal.
The meeting will be attended by the secretary to record the proceedings; he will not be entitled to speak or vote, except for advice on procedure.

Admission of any new evidence, not considered at the first instance, may only be permitted, if relevant, at the discretion of the A.S.C. who will require a full explanation as to why the evidence was not placed before the D.S.C.
In disposing of the appeal, the A.S.C. may affirm the original decision, uphold the appeal in full or in part or substitute a decision with a new one and take any steps which they may consider appropriate in order to deal justly and finally with the issue.

The decision of the A.S.C. shall be final and relayed to all parties within 3 days.

3.3 General

Meetings of the D.S.C. or the A.S.C. will take place by a personal hearing.
Any person or club against whom a complaint is made may request representation at the hearing but must inform the committee who will be attending and in what capacity.
Any documentary evidence must be produced to the committee at least 3 clear days in advance.
Both parties to the complaint shall be present but interviewed separately while the complaint and responses are being heard by the Committee.

Witnesses may be called by both parties, but any individual who is the subject of a complaint or a witness who is under the age of sixteen years must be accompanied by one of his or her parents, legal guardian or a "guardian ad litem".

It shall be the duty of any party wishing to call a witness to ensure their attendance.
In the event of non-attendance by any party, by the plaintiff or the defendant, to the proceedings, the relevant committees may continue to hear the matter and reach a conclusion "in absence".
The deliberations of the D.S.C. or the A.S.C. shall be in private.

4. Decisions and Sanctions of the DSC

Decisions shall be notified in writing to all interested parties as soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of the hearing but no later than three working days.
When considered appropriate, either committee may deliver an oral decision at a conclusion of a hearing.
If the D.S.C. determines that misconduct has been established and the complaint upheld, an appropriate penalty or sanction may be imposed as appropriate by the committee.
Sanctions may include but are not limited to:
4.1 A verbal or written caution
4.2 Suspension for a period from all M.B.A. activities
4.3 Suspension from all Welsh Bowling Association activities
4.4 Expulsion from M.B.A.
4.5 A combination of the above
Sanctions shall ordinarily take effect immediately pending any appeal.

5. MULTIPLE INCIDENTS

Where there are disciplinary proceedings against more than one person or entity, these may be heard separately or together, however the D.S.C. or A.S.C. may determine.

6 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY /APPEALS COMMITTEES

In respect of any matter not provided for in these rules, the decisions of the committees shall be taken according to the general principles of fairness and justice.
All attempts must be made to complete the whole procedure within 30 days or less.

CODE OF DRESS

COUNTY MATCHES

1. All players selected to play for the Association must arrive in regulation dress, of blazer, County tie (where qualified), grey trousers and white shirt.

2. No player shall be given, or shall be entitled to wear the Association official tie, blazer badge or respective chevrons unless he has:

a. Tie – Represented the Association in one match

b. Blazer badge and respective chevrons – represented Association in the required number of matches

3. It is essential that all players selected to play in representative County games shall wear the recognised regulation attire. They must turn up to the match wearing a County tie, dark blazer with County pocket badge (if qualified), grey trousers and white shirt.
The wearing of County polo shirts will be allowed in County Championship, over 60 County Championship and County Friendly games, along with white trousers including white belt, white socks and white headgear (if worn)
After the game players must revert to the recognised attire i.e. County tie, dark blazer with County pocket badge (if qualified) grey trousers and white shirt
No denim trousers will be allowed.
International blazers may be worn.
Pullover or cardigan (if worn) must be white and bowling shoes as **World Bowls Laws of the sport of Bowls on Page 62 A.2 Footwear. AGM November 2019.**
Players, umpires and markers must wear flat-soled (heel-less) shoes when they play on the green or act as umpires or markers.
World Bowls and Member National Authorities can approve specific colours for footwear to the types of sole.
Ties will only be discarded with the prior approval of the President.
Waterproofs must be white.

4. COUNTY COMPETITIONS

1. Early rounds – Grey trousers, bowling shoes as above, white clothing (or County approved coloured shirts) above the waist.

2. Semi Finals & Finals. Regulation Club/County attire as item 3 above.

5. CARRUTHERS / ASSOCIATION / COUNTY LEAGUE MATCHES

1. The correct bowling attire, as previously described, shall be worn at all Association and County League matches.

2. County approved coloured shirts may be worn in League matches providing ALL players wear the same. In the case of certain League matches being played mid week, grey trousers with white (or County approved coloured shirts) above the waist shall be permitted. If the regulation attire is not worn for whatever reason, permission must first be obtained from the opposing captain.

Addendum: -

For clarification purposes: -

Due to much confusion in the season to playing three players in a side game, the Executive will add to MBA Handbook the rules of World Bowls.

Rule 39.2. states: -

If one player is absent from one or more teams in a side, the game must continue but:-

39.2.2.1 the number of bowls played by each defaulting team must be made up of the lead and second, both playing three bowls singly and in turn: and

39.2.2.2 one fourth of the total shots scored (including decimal places) by each defaulting team must be deducted from their score after the game has finished. **AGM November 2018**