

**ECCLES & DISTRICT
VETERANS
BOWLING LEAGUE**

**AFFILIATED TO THE
GREATER MANCHESTER COUNTY
BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

RULES

THIS LEAGUE WAS FOUNDED IN 1946

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BYELAWS

1 This League shall be called “The Eccles & District Veterans Bowling League” and membership shall be open to Both Ladies and Gentlemen of any organised body of veterans in the Eccles or surrounding districts after acceptance by the executive. The League shall play under the BCGBA rules (see rule 29)

2 The objectives of the League are:-

(1).To cement veterans together in a common brotherhood of friendship and goodwill, irrespective of any other consideration.

(2).To arrange by fixtures each year that every affiliated association shall compete for the various trophies owned by the League, either as teams or individuals

3 The League shall be governed by the Executive Committee which will consist of:-

President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer
And two members from each Association (2 votes only)

When a voting tie occurs the presiding official shall have a further casting vote.

Further members of Affiliated Associations are welcome to attend meetings but are not allowed to vote.

4 Two Auditors shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting

5 Three trustees shall be appointed by the Executive. In the event of a temporary suspension or dissolution of the League, all property (including Bank Books and any Trophies and Cash) shall be handed to these Trustees

6 The Annual General Meeting shall be held on a Wednesday in October of each year. Each Affiliated Association shall be entitled to 2 delegates to vote. Further non-voting members are welcome.

Bye-laws can only be amended at the AGM. Notices of Motion must be submitted in writing to the Secretary on or before the last Executive meeting prior to the AGM

7 The Leagues bank shall be LLOYDS TSB

8 All meetings shall be held on a Friday at Winton Park and shall start at 10 am and the dates shall be notified in the handbook

9 Members shall pay £2.50 per annum. Payment of £1.00 shall entitle a person to be a Patron for one year, Members and Patrons shall be entitled to a fixture card. Extra cards are available on request. The fees mentioned above shall be agreed at an AGM

10a Each Association shall pay £15.00 to the cost of the Champions versus the Rest entertaining

10b Each Association shall pay £10.00 towards the cost of the Merit and Pairs competition

11 Team players eligible to play must be registered members of the Eccles & District Veterans Bowling League. All members must be 55 years of age or over, and must be registered with the League Secretary at least seven days before playing, and must hold a BCGBA registration

12 The first team shall consist of 9 players and compete for:

Winners: ALBERT JOHNSTON CUP

Runners-up: N.HOLDEN CUP

Second teams to consist of 5 players and compete for:

Winners: NORWEST CO-OP MEMBER RELATION CUP

Runners-up: CO-OPERATIVE CUP

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITION

First teams compete for

Winners: HARRY WOOD ROSE BOWL

Runners-up A.E.I.MERIT CUP

Second teams compete for:

Winners: BEECH CUP

Runners-up: VETERANS CUP

INDIVIDUAL POINTS COMPETITION

Prizes awarded to both 'A' & 'B' Divisions, Winners shall receive:

'A' Division Aggregate: G.R.PARKER CUP

'B' division Aggregate: CHRISTOPHER TRAVEL ROSE BOWL

RULES GOVERNING ACTUAL PLAY

13 Players may only bowl for one Association in each season unless specially permitted by the Executive for such reasons as removals etc.

14 All League and Cup Matches to be decided by the aggregate score of the two teams.

15 Team Captains shall submit their score cards numbered in order of play. The home team is responsible for completing the match sheet and scoreboard. The Home Captain or Vice-Captain is to hand out the first five cards to ensure a prompt start. SCORE SHEETS TO BE SIGNED BY BOTH CAPTAINS. THE HOME CAPTAIN SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING THE SHEET TO THE FIXTURE SECRETARY

by 1st class post or email within 48 hours

16 Home teams to endeavor to sit markers together. Home teams to provide refreshments.

17 No practice is allowed on day of play on the green on which a match has been arranged. A player breaking this rule shall not be allowed to play and his opponent awarded 21 points.

No practice is allowed for 7 days before playing matches on a neutral green, unless it is the playing of any competition or league match.

18 All League and Cup matches shall commence at 1pm where possible. A Captain choosing a player unnamed or leaves a player's name standing, may play the named player or substitute whilst there are still three 'A' team jacks or 2 'B' team jacks in play at the time of the required change

19 Players are interchangeable in the 'A' and 'B' team league matches, but a player who has played in four 'A' matches shall not be allowed to play in the last four 'B' team matches. Offending players to forfeit their game. A player taking part in three 'A' team league matches cannot play in the 'B' team knockout matches

Players can only play in one knockout team. Offending teams will be disqualified. All players in the Semi-finals and Final of the knockout completion must have played in at least four league matches. A player having played in the 'A' Team knockout shall not be allowed to play in the 'B' Team knockout. Any registered player can play in the 'A' Team knockout with the proviso that he has played in the required number of 'B' Team matches. In the event of an infringement the offending players score shall be deleted from the teams total and the opponents be awarded 21-0 walkover.

20 Visitors shall lead the jack in all league matches. In the knockout matches Captains shall decide by the toss of a coin which teams shall lead the jack, choosing odd or even numbers? Knockout greens shall be allocated by the Executive committee.

21 An aggregate prize will be awarded to the player with the best points total in each division. To qualify players must have played in at least 75% of league matches. Points are awarded as follows, one point for a home win, and two points for an away win. In the case of a tie on points the average of match results will decide. The points awarded to a player receiving a walkover shall count in his point's totals but the 21 chinks will not be included in his average.

22 Captains or Vice-Captains to act as referees in all league matches, and in knockout matches the host Association on whose green the match is played shall provide referees, except in the Final at which the Executive shall appoint the officials. Officials will be appointed by the Executive for play off matches

23 All team ties for honours shall be played off on neutral greens, if more than two; a draw must be made, the last drawn to receive a bye or byes. Matches shall be decided by aggregate only. When a first team or second team or play-off match ends in a draw, each captain shall select one player to play and determine the result. This game shall be 15 up

24 When weather conditions seem doubtful of a match being commenced, the green keeper shall decide on the greens suitability for play. Should there be no green keeper then the Captains shall decide, with the home captain having the final say. If the decision to postpone the match is made in the morning, the home captain shall inform the visiting team by telephone before noon. The captains shall arrange a date for the match to be played. Cancellation of league matches is not allowed, except for bad weather.

25 Should a match be stopped because of the weather, the games already played shall stand, and the captains to arrange a date for the match to be continued. Unfinished games will continue from where they ended on the green, with the original scores. When a player is unable to attend, a substitute will be allowed. If any player is taken ill during a game then a substitute will be allowed in his place.

26 All rearranged matches to be played as soon as circumstantially possible. No dates of arranged cup ties to be altered, except in the case of bad weather conditions.

27 Championship teams shall play the rest of the league on a green selected by the committee

28 Any protest or complaint should be in the Secretary's hands within 48 hours of the incident

29 The maximum mark allowed shall be 40 yards (36.6 metres). Objections can be made as with the 19 metre rule, except that the Captains and Vice Captains may also object

30 The Knockout competition shall be played on neutral greens on a handicap basis. Teams will be handicapped according to their position in the previous season's final league table. 'A' teams will concede four points for each position in the table; 'B' teams concede two points. Teams finishing with the same number of points shall share the same handicap and the team below them shall take the handicap according to their league position. 'A' Team winners of the competition will carry an additional handicap of four points, runners-up two points; 'B' Team winners carry two points and runners-up one point. These penalties will apply for one season only. In case of a tie, refer to rule 23.

Competition Rules (Merit, Pairs, Bowler of Year)

Starting time 11am with strike out at 10-45am, and be played on Mondays, and the competition dates in other leagues be taken into account when setting the dates. Players entering these competitions must check in with the organising officials. In case of bad weather, only players checking in on the green will be allowed to play in any rearranged situation. No practice is allowed on competition venue except in the case of league and cup games dated in the handbook. Any player who breaks this rule will be treated as a player playing on his own green and handicapped minus 2. Normal rules as to a player having a bye apply in having five minutes or four ends practice. All games will be 21 up with all players starting off 4 and home green players starting off 2. Last year's winners of Pairs and Bowler of Year will carry a further handicap of 3, runner up 2, semi-finalists 1.

HANDICAP READY RECKONER

Entry	1st	Byes
10	4	6
11	6	5
12	8	4
13	10	3
14	12	2
15	14	1
16	16	0
17	2	15
18	4	14
19	6	13
20	8	12
21	10	11
22	12	10
23	14	9
24	16	8
25	18	7
26	20	6
27	22	5
28	24	4
29	26	3
30	28	2
31	30	1
32	32	0

Entry	1st	Byes
33	2	31
34	4	30
35	6	29
36	8	28
37	10	27
38	12	26
39	14	25
40	16	24
41	18	23
42	20	22
43	22	21
44	24	20
45	26	19
46	28	18
47	30	17
48	32	16
49	34	15
50	36	14
51	38	13
52	40	12
53	42	11
54	44	10
55	46	9

Entry	1st	Byes
56	48	8
57	50	7
58	52	6
59	54	5
60	56	4
61	58	3
62	60	2
63	62	1
64	64	0
65	2	63
66	4	62
67	6	61
68	8	60
69	10	59
70	12	58
71	14	57
72	16	56
73	18	55
74	20	54
75	22	53
76	24	52
77	26	51
78	28	50

Entry	1st	Byes
79	30	49
80	32	48
81	34	47
82	36	46
83	38	45
84	40	44
85	42	43
86	44	42
87	46	41
88	48	40
89	50	39
90	52	38
91	54	37
9	56	36
93	58	35
94	60	34
95	62	33
96	64	32
97	66	31
98	68	30
99	70	29
100	72	28