

Constitution of The Farnham & District Bowling Association.

1. Title

The Association shall be called 'The Farnham & District Bowling Association' herein after referred to as 'The Association'

2. Objective

To promote, foster and safeguard the outdoor game of bowls within the District and to provide a summer programme with League Matches, Club Competitions and Individual Singles and Pairs Competitions.

3. Membership/Affiliation

The Association will consist of Lawn Clubs within a 7 mile radius of Farnham Bowling Club. New membership applications will be voted on by Clubs at the AGM and will be accepted on a majority vote of those present (1 vote per Club plus the Committee). An affiliation fee, approved annually at the AGM, will be payable upon acceptance to the Association.

Each affiliated Club will nominate one person to represent their club at the AGM and will provide contact details (phone number & email) to be held by the League Secretary. This person will also be the contact for competition entries, unless the League Secretary is advised otherwise.

4. Management & Administration

The Management of the Association will be conducted by a committee which will comprise of Officers being: President, General Secretary, Treasurer, League & Team Competition Secretary and Individual Competition Secretary. Officers shall be members of affiliated clubs, shall be elected at the AGM and shall hold office for the period of election, retiring at the end of the period of election. All officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election to the same office or another office at the end of their period of election.

The role of President will be filled by a member of an affiliated Club and this will be rotated through the Clubs on an alphabetic basis annually following the AGM

The Committee shall be responsible for;

- *The smooth running of the league*
- *The setting up and running of Team & Individual Competitions*
- *The presentation of an annual set of accounts at each AGM*
- *The selection of an Auditor*
- *Maintenance of the website www.fadba.uk*

Any disputes will be settled by the Committee whose decision will be final.

The League and the Competitions will be run in accordance with the separate rule presented with the Constitution. Any alterations to these rules will be decided by the committee and will be relayed by email to Affiliated Clubs by their representative.

5. Finance

All Affiliated Clubs are required to pay an annual fee to the Association, these fees to be approved annually by the AGM. The funds will be used for administration costs, purchase and engraving of trophies and such other expenses incurred in the running of the League and Competitions.

Entry fees to competitions;

- *Team competition fees will be part of the Affiliation fee.*
- *Individual competition fees will be per person per entry.*
- *Competition fees to be approved annually at the AGM.*

6. General Meetings

The AGM will be held each year in October. The minutes of the previous AGM, together with the venue, proposals, nominations and agenda of the current AGM, will be circulated to all Affiliated Clubs 21 days prior to the meeting.

The business of the meeting shall be o;

- *Receive the reports of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition and League Secretaries.*
- *Elect the Officers on a simple majority basis from the valid nominations received.*
- *Appoint an Accounts Examiner.*
- *Consider all motions put and pass on a vote where necessary.*
- *Approve Annual League and Competition fees.*

Any vote will be decide by a majority vote of those present – 1 vote per Club plus the Committee. Any proposal must be put to the Secretary in time to be circulated to Affiliated Clubs prior to 21 days before the date of the AGM.

7. Discrimination, Equal Opportunities and Human Right Legislation

The Association acknowledges its responsibility under this Legislation to ensure, inter alai, that nobody is unfairly discriminated against solely on grounds of gender, sexuality, age, race, religious belief, disability or level of personal income whilst participating or seeking to participate in the Associations' bowls programme.

8. Changes to the Constitution

Alterations to the Constitution will only be made at an AGM or an EGM.

9. Dissolution of the Association

In the event of the dissolution of the Association any remaining funds and assets shall be distributed equally between member clubs.