

British Isles Women's Indoor Bowls Council
Constitution
Amended March 16th 2009

1. TITLE:

The controlling body for Women's Indoor Bowls played in the British Isles shall be called the British Isles Women's Bowls Council.

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of the BIWIB (herein after referred to as The Council) shall be: -

- (a) To promote and foster the game of Women's Indoor Bowls in the British Isles.
- (b) To formulate the Rules and Constitution of Women's Indoor Bowls, which shall apply to all games played under the auspices of The Council.
- (c) To authorise and control all Women's Indoor Bowls International Matches and British Isles Championships and Tournaments.
- (d) To control all tours of National Teams of the constituent body.
- (e) To adjudicate upon any dispute which may arise and whose decision shall be final.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership shall be confined to one affiliated Women's Indoor Bowls Association or one affiliated Joint Indoor Bowling Association from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Channel Islands.

Where possible the Secretary and Treasurer from each Country should be on the Council as this gives continuity within the Council.

4. ADMINISTRATION:

- (a) The Council shall consist of the Secretary and Treasurer from any Women's Indoor Bowls Association or two lady representatives from any Joint Indoor Bowling Association plus one representative from the Channel Islands.
The Chairman shall be the Secretary or the representative from the Host Country of the Senior International Series in that season.
- (b) The Office of the Council shall be the Residence or Office address of the Host Secretary to whom all correspondence must be forwarded.
- (c) Secretary to be paid £100

5. POWERS OF THE COUNCIL:

- (a) To appoint a Secretary and Treasurer from the Members of the Council.
- (b) To approve expenses to the Secretary, Treasurer and any Council Member.
- (c) To fix the honoraria of the Treasurer.
- (d) To appoint such Sub-Committees as The Council may consider desirable.
- (e) To appoint an Auditor who shall not be a member of The Council.
- (f) To fix the Annual Affiliation Fee this shall be paid by September 1st

6. MEETINGS

- (a) Two meetings shall be held each year.
The Annual Meeting shall take place during the British Isles and International Series and the Interim Meeting prior to the commencement of the Junior International Series, when detailed arrangements for any forthcoming Championships and International Series shall be made. All matters arising out of the British Isles Championships and International Series should be put in writing and forwarded to the incoming Host Secretary, within 21 days.
Minutes of all Meetings shall be circulated to all Members of The Council within Two months of each Meeting.
- (b) Any Association may send a requisition to the Secretary to call a Special General Meeting of The Council. Such requisition shall state the nature of the business to be brought forward and, upon its receipt, the Secretary shall lay the same before the members of The Council who shall, if they deem the matter of sufficient

importance, instruct the Secretary to call a Special General Meeting. The Notice of the Meeting shall state the business for which it has been called and no other business shall be transacted at such meeting.

- (c) Each National Association may appoint a proxy to act on their behalf if one of the Delegates is unable to attend any meeting.
- (d) The proxy cannot accept office on The Council.
- (e) Only one proxy shall be allowed from each Country.
- (f) Each Council Member or appointed proxy shall have one vote.
- (g) The Chairman of each meeting shall have a Casting Vote.
- (h) At all officially convened meetings, a quorum shall comprise full representatives from three countries.

7 SPONSORED, INVITATION AND OPEN TOURNAMENTS

Players taking part in an Indoor Sponsored, Invitation or Open Tournament should seek permission from their National Indoor Association, unless the green to be used is not a green used by a Club affiliated to one or other of the National Associations who are members of the BIWIBC.

8 ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION.

No alterations or additions to the Constitution shall be permitted except at the Annual Meeting or an Extraordinary Meeting of The Council.

9 PENALTIES FOR DRUG ABUSE

In the event of Drug Abuse arising, The Council shall consider individually such cases and would impose such penalties as considered appropriate and fitting for such cases. If Drugs are properly prescribed by a Qualified Practitioner, they would be acceptable.

10. PRINCIPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE FOR THE PROTECTION Of CHILDREN.

It is the policy of The Council to safeguard the welfare of all children, by protecting them from physical, sexual and emotional harm.

The Council is fully committed to safeguarding the well being of its members. Officials and volunteers should, at all times, show respect and understanding for there rights, safety and welfare and conduct them in a way that reflects the principles of The Council.