**AYRSHIRE BOWLING ASSOCIATION**

**AYRSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

***This notice has been thought necessary to counteract the unfortunate rule changes, enforced by BowlsScotland for the Scottish Championships, being applied to the Ayrshire Championships.***

1 Bowlers can only enter and play in **ONE** Ayrshire Championship.

(except the Top Ten which is a Club team entry, and the Mixed Pairs)

2 Seniors players can **either** play in Senior Championships or the regular Championships but not in both.

3 “Under 25” players can **eithe**r play in Under 25 Championships or the regular Championships but not in both.

4 “Under 16” players can play in Under 16 Championships, Under 25 Championships, or the regular Championships, but only in **ONE** of those.

5 Senior players must be **60** years of age or older on 1st April of the current year.

6 “Under 25” players must be **under** 25 years of age on 1st April of the current year.

7 “Under 16” players must be **under** 16 years of age on 1st April of the current year.

8 **Only** in the Under 16 Championships can a Club enter 2 players, and these players . can be either male or female.

9 Any club fielding an ineligible player in any Championship tie will be disqualified from the competition. The player, or team, immediately beaten by the disqualified player, or team, will be reinstated and participate in the next round of the ompetition.

10 Substitutes are permitted to fill **any or all** positions in all rounds of the Championships up to and including the District Final. The players taking part in the Ayrshire Semi-Finals **must** be able to play in the Ayrshire Final as no substitutes will be allowed.

11 Scorecards for all ties **must** have names of **all** players entered and the final score signed by the a member of the team. Singles ties markers must get both players to sign.

12 Scorecards will be collected by the host club and **must** be sent to the **District Secretary** **immediately after the ties.**

**FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES COULD RESULT**

**IN SOME DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAVING TO BE TAKEN**

**For reference only:**All singles – 21 shots, Pairs 17ends, Triples 15 ends, Fours 17 ends,

Mixed Pairs 17 ends, Senior Pairs 15 ends, Senior Triples 13 ends, Senior Fours 15 ends.

Gold & Silver Bowls - 1st Wednesday in June, Ayrshire Cup - 3rd Saturday in June,

Glasgow v Ayrshire - 1st Thursday in July