

Scottish Inter - County Top Ten Association



CONSTITUTION & RULES

1. The **Association** will hereby be known as “The Scottish Inter - County Top Ten Association” affiliated to Bowls Scotland Ltd, the National governing Body for Bowls in Scotland.
2. The aims and purpose of the Association is to organise the Top Ten competition and promote, foster and safeguard the sport of Bowls amongst gentlemen bowlers throughout Scotland.
3. To maintain good relations with all the Counties and Clubs, and so engender a fraternal feeling amongst bowlers throughout Scotland.
4. To maintain good relations with **Ruling Associations**.
5. To consider and deal with all matters submitted to them in accordance with the constitution.
6. All Applications to be admitted to the **Association** shall be in writing to the Secretary.
7. At the Annual General Meeting, a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected.
8. The committee to consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, plus **two** representatives from each member Association. These people have the power to elect an Honorary President and Vice President or Members from persons they deemed to have worked to promote the **Association** in bowling.
9. Two Auditors will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
10. A majority of member Associations will form a quorum.
11. Other than a family bereavement or illness any Official who fails to attend two successive meetings during his term of office, shall forthwith cease to be a member of the Committee.
12. In the event of death, resignation etc of an Official during his term of Office, the Committee shall have the powers to make interim appointments.
13. Each member of the Committee present shall have a vote. The President shall have a deliberative and in cases of equality, a casting vote at all meetings of the Association.
14. All fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

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15. The Officials and Committee shall have the power to discipline any County or Counties, Player or Players, for not conforming to the **RULES** of the competition or for bringing the Association into disrepute. Discipline shall include the power to fine, suspend, expel or any other appropriate action determined by the Officials or Committee. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the President, Secretary, Immediate Past President plus two Committee representatives (to be selected at the appropriate time).
16. Any County or Player so disciplined shall have the right to appeal, provided the appeal is in the hands of the Secretary, in writing, within seven (7) days of being notified of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.
17. The appeals shall be heard by the Vice – President, Treasurer, and Three Past Presidents of the **Association**. In the case of any County, Club or Players being suspended or expelled from the Association, the County, Club or Players shall not have any claim or redress whatsoever against the Association, Officials, Committee and / or any member of the Committee or Association.
18. Alterations to the Constitution and / or Rules can only be made at the Annual General Meeting of the Association which is held in the Month of February each year, and after notice of the proposed alteration(s) or addition(s) has been given to the Secretary in writing not later than the preceding last Saturday in November, so that he may cause the said alteration(s) / addition(s) to be printed.
19. It is the responsibility of the Home County to provide Eighteen meals for the visiting players and Officials, in all rounds of the competition. The Association will provide the same number (Eighteen) to the Four Counties who qualify for the **Finals Day**.
20. **ALCOHOL** – No player will be allowed to consume Alcohol on the Bowling Green at any time. No player will leave the Green whilst the game is in progress and consume alcohol anywhere within the venue of the game. Any transgression from this rules, will be treated as Gross Misconduct.
21. **DRAW** – The draw for the Top Ten Competition will be made in September of each year at the Kenny Milne Trophy day, when all Counties have an opportunity to be present.
22. **History of Clubs** – All Counties should have the history of their representative Club in the hands of the Association Secretary by no later than the 1st October, to allow the programme to be compiled.
23. **DRESS CODE** – Dress code for all games under the jurisdiction of the Association is - Players shall wear the Uniform adopted by their respective Clubs. All team members should be dressed alike. White, Black, Grey or Brown bowling shoes may be worn.

The Code of Dress will be strictly adhered to, and it is the responsibility of each **COUNTY** to inform their respective Clubs of the Dress Code and any other matters relevant to the smooth running of the Association. The County Umpires should also make sure the rules are being adhered to.



TOP TEN RULES

- (a) The Scottish Inter – County Top Ten Championship to be run under Bowls Scotland Ltd rules and to be played on a knock out basis.
- (b) Qualifiers for the Competition are the Member Association’s winners from the previous year.
- (c) The Semi – Final and Final will be played at a central Venue.
- (d) The Competition will consist of a Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours.
- (e) The Singles First to reach 21 shots with Four (4) bowls each player.
The Pairs 17 ends with Four (4) bowls each player.
The Triples 15 ends with Three (3) bowls each player.
The Fours 17 ends with Two (2) bowls each player.
- (f) Two points will be awarded for each game won, one point for a drawn game, and if points are level, then shots up will count. In the event of shots being equal, the winner of the singles will win the match.
- (g) **All Games** will start at 2.00pm., except the Semi – Final which starts at 10.00am.
- (h) In All Games the **Singles** will start **30 Minutes** after the others.
- (i) In all rounds up to the Semi – Finals and Final, a **Draw** for **Rinks** shall take place with the two Counties representatives being present. In the Semi – Finals and Final where it is a neutral venue for the participants, a draw will take place with the County Representatives present to decide which Green their respective teams shall play.
- (j) Teams for the Semi – Finals / Finals are allowed 1 reserve who may be used in the Finals
- (k) All results should be phoned to the Secretary, immediately after the Game. It is the responsibility of the Home County to make sure the result is in the hands of the Secretary no later than 10.00pm on the Monday evening.
- (l) If a game is unable to be played or finished on the date it was to due to be played then it must be played / continued before the next drawn game. If the two Associations concerned cannot that day agree a suitable venue or date to play or continue the game, then the Association Secretary must be informed immediately and he will set a Venue, Date and Time for them. The Association Secretary’s decision will be final.

All these Rules must be Strictly adhered to.

Any Queries should be addressed to the **Secretary** of the **Scottish Inter - County Top Ten Association**, who is currently:

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