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**President:**

**Bryan Gonsalves.  
Croydon Municipal Officers B.C.**



**Dear Association Member**

I am privileged to have been asked to be the B.C.B.A. President for the next two years and will do my utmost with the help of my fellow officers to be as good as the last President Ann Wellington.

I wish all association members and their clubs every success in all their games and competitions for the 2024 season and look forward to seeing you on the green.

But remember this is just a lovely game to play and enjoy above all else.

**Bryan Gonsalves.  
B.C.B.A. President**

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## **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

The General Purposes Committee (GPC) is the body whose task it is to organise and oversee all the various activities of the Association. Its members are elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, held in November each year. The GPC consists of the various officers and up to five general members, all of whom are drawn from clubs affiliated to the B.C.B.A.

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## **DIARY DATES 2024**

Spring Council Meeting in 2024 will be on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm. at Purley Bury B.C.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Double Fours Final at C.M.O.B.C. at 17.30pm.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Hewitts Bowls Wear Double Triples Final at Shirley Park B.C. at 17.30pm.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Competition Semi-finals. For individual dates and times, see the Competition section. (Page 11)

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Finals Day at Shirley Park.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2024 Annual Dinner and Presentation. Venue T.B.A.

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Annual General Meeting at Purley Bury at 7.00pm

Spring Council Meeting in 2025 will be on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm. at Purley Bury B.C.

## **COMPETITIONS & RULES**

The Following competitions will be held annually unless any unforeseen event arises, with such alterations as from time to time are deemed necessary by the General Purposes Committee. They are open to all fully paid-up members of the Affiliated Clubs except where specific conditions apply.

- (a) **Championship Singles.** For the "Scratchley Cup". Runner-Up to receive the "Furby Cup" (21 Shots)
- (b) **Singles competition** for the "Jubilee Trophy". Automatic entry to players in the Championship Singles, who play and lose their first round. Walkovers do not count as 1<sup>st</sup> round games. (21 Shots)
- (c) **Unbadged Singles** for the "Pickard Trophy". Only open to players who are not qualified to play in Association matches. (21 Shots)
- (d) **Officer's Singles.** Open to the following Association Officers: Gen. Sec.: Asst. Gen. Sec: Match Sec.: Comp. Sec.; Asst. Comp. Sec.; Tour Sec.: Social Sec.; Hon.Treasurer, and the Secretary and Treasurer of each affiliated club together with their Match Secretary. (21 Shots)
- (e) **Pairs Championship** for the "Stacey Cup". (21 Ends)
- (f) **Unbadged Pairs Championship** for the "Frank Crow Millennium Trophy". Open only to players who are not qualified to play in Association matches. (21 Ends)
- (g) **Triples Championship** for the "Kennard Cup" (18 Ends)
- (h) **Fours Championship** for the "Scratchley Shield" Each Club may enter a maximum of 3 Fours. Runners Up to receive "The Goodwin Bowl" (21 Ends)
- (i) **Champion of Champions Singles Comp.** for "The Master Bakers Shield". Open to the previous season's winners of the Singles Championship of each Affiliated Club and the winner of the Championship Singles and Champion of Champions. Players who change clubs between seasons are still eligible. Entry for this competition and qualification under By-Law 1e is available to a player who in any one season entered the Singles Championship of only one Club.
- (J) **The Double Fours** competition for the "Advertiser Cup"(see separate Rules page 9)
- (k) **The Double Triples Competition** for the "Hewitts Bowls Wear Double Triples Trophy" (see separate Rules page 9).

Competitions shall be played in accordance with the current edition of "Laws of The Sport" as published by "Bowls England", except when a specific Rule has been put in place by The Association.

The administration of competition affairs shall be the responsibility of The Competition Secretary whose decision in any dispute shall be final.

Changes to the Competition Rules are determined by the G.P.C. Any proposed alteration to the Competition Rules by an affiliated club must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary of The Association by the Secretary of said club for consideration by the G.P.C.



## **THE DOUBLE FOURS & HEWITT BOWLS WEAR DOUBLE TRIPLES**

- 1.** These competitions shall be open to all Affiliated Clubs and shall be contested by two Fours/Triples from each Club. One Four/Triple shall play at home and the other away, starting not later than 6.30pm, on the dates determined by The Association. The combined scores of both Fours/Triples shall determine the winner and an extra-end, played on the green of "The Challenger" used to decide the result in the event of the game being tied at the end of normal play when both scores are known by all players.
- 2.** Each competing team must be made up of players from the same Club, each player not having played for another Affiliated Club, in any competition, in the same season.
- 3.** There is no restriction on the number of substitute players which may be used, except that in order to play in the Final a player must have played in at least one previous round unless special dispensation is granted by the Competition Secretary.
- 4.** The Finals of the competitions shall be played on a green and at a time nominated by The Association when both teams shall play on adjacent rinks. An umpire, appointed by The Association, shall be in attendance who will acquaint the players with Rules relevant to the occasion.
- 5.** The use of mobile phones to communicate scores between one green and the other is permitted providing that both teams players, Managers, and coordinators are made aware of the state of play and a score board is used during the game to show the other score.

# **COMPETITION RULES**

## **1: GENERAL RULES**

- 1a: The Competition Secretary shall, in consultation with The President and other Officers, make the draw for all competitions and fix the closing date for each round. No deviation from the closing date for each round will be permitted except in special circumstances and only at the discretion of The Competition Secretary.
- 1b: The winners of the competitions shall be entitled to hold the appropriate trophy until its return is requested by the Competition Secretary.
- 1c: All finalists will receive a prize, to be presented at the Association Dinner & Prize Presentation, together with the appropriate trophy. If a substitute player is used in a Final, the prize will be awarded to the player substituted or the substitute whoever has played the most games.
- 1d: The entry fees and the value of the prizes shall be determined by the General Purposes Committee.

## **2: ARRANGING A GAME**

- 2a: The first name drawn shall be the "Challenger" who until the semi-final shall have the right to nominate the green. A "Challenger" wishing to nominate a green other than their own must first seek the permission of The Competition Secretary.
- 2b: The "Challenger" shall offer the opponent three dates. One date must be a weekend. The opponent must accept one of the dates offered within twenty-four hours of receiving the challenge, except prelim/1<sup>st</sup> rounds when a response is not required until 2 weeks prior to the round end date.
- 2c: Ties may be played at any mutually agreed time of day, but no player may be required to play before 6pm, except at Weekends. (semi-finals excepted)

## **3: SEMI-FINALS & FINALS – CLUBS ARE INVITED TO HOST GAMES**

- 3a: Semi-finals and Finals shall be played on greens selected by The Association.
- 3b: Semi-finals shall be played on fixed dates determined by the Competition Secretary.
- 3c: All Finals shall be played on the same day, unless the G.P.C. decide otherwise.

## **4: ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- 4a: All competitors must be fully paid-up members of an Affiliated Club.
- 4b. All members of a Pairs, Triples or Fours teams must be members of the same Affiliated Club.
- 4c. A competitor may only enter the listed Association Competitions from one Affiliated Club, in any one season.

## **5. SUBSTITUTES**

In Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions, only one Substitute player may be used throughout the competition provided that the substitute player has not played for another team in the same competition. A substituted player may return to play in later rounds.

## **6: DRESS CODE**

- The dress code for the Finals shall be Club Attire registered with Bowls England.
- Registered Club Attire should be worn in all rounds of all competitions subject to the provisions of B.E. Rule 32.3c. in that club attire must be registered with Bowls Surrey and all the team must be dressed alike.

## **7. CONDUCT**

Players are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which does not bring themselves, their Club, or the Association into disrepute. Any domestic requirement of an Affiliated Club. e. g. "No Running on the Green" must be respected. Any misdemeanour will be investigated by the B.C.B.A.

## **8. SEMI-FINAL DATES**

The dates of the various competition semi-finals are fixed and will normally commence on the Monday of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August. Any player entering an Association Competition and reaching a Semi-Final will be expected to play on the given day or forfeit the game.

All players must present all previous rounds' scorecards to the Competition Secretary by 5.00pm with play expected to commence at 5.30pm.

### **Dates for 2024**

### **August**

Scratchley Fours	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>
Triples	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Officers' Cup	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Championship Singles	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>
Jubilee Singles	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>
Unbadged Pairs	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>
Champion of Champions	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>
Championship Pairs	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>
Unbadged Singles	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>

## REPRESENTATIVE FIXTURES 2024

M	Date	Opponents	Venue	Time	Rinks	Coach?	Whites /Greys
	<b>May.</b>						
1	Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	BELLINGHAM	BELLINGHAM	14.30	4-5 R	No	WHITES
	<b>Jun.</b>						
2	Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	BANKS B.A.	C.M.O.'s	14.00	5 R	No	Greys
3	Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	HORLEY	HORLEY	14.30	4-5 R	No	Greys
	<b>Jul.</b>						
4	Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	PURLEY BURY	PURLEY BURY	14.00	5 R	No	Greys
	<b>Aug.</b>						
5	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	SHIRLEY PARK	SHIRLEY PARK	14.30	5-6 R	No	Whites
	<b>Sept.</b>						
6	Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	CIVIL SERVICE B.A.	CROYDON	14.30	4-5 R	No	Greys
7	Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	C.M.O.'s	C.M.O.'s	14.00	5-6 R	No	Greys

Association matches are available to all Qualified Players  
(See By-Law 1) Apply to the Hon. General Secretary.

## **COMPETITION WINNERS 2023**

### **Champion of Champions**

James Rabson Purley Bury

### **Championship Singles**

Ian Hunter Old Coulsdon

### **Unbadged Singles**

Paul Senior Croydon MO's

### **Jubilee Singles**

Kevin Rudduck Shirley Park

### **Officer's Cup**

Mike Taylor Croydon MO's

### **Pairs**

Mike Taylor, Graham McInnes Croydon MO's

### **Unbadged Pairs**

Paul Senior, Andy Jones Croydon MO's

### **Triples**

R Lock, R Cresswell, J Seymour Croydon

### **Scratchley Fours**

N Ross, M Lodge, W Kavanagh, J Kennedy Shirley Park

### **Double Fours**

Old Coulsdon

### **Hewitt's Bowls Wear Double Triples**

Warlingham Park

### **President's Bowl**

Purley Bury BC

Details of finalists and the results of earlier years can be found on the Borough website at:

<http://www.bcbabowls.org.uk>

## **PAST PRESIDENTS**

### **YEAR PRESIDENT**

2024  
2021 PETER COATES  
2018 BARRY McDONALD  
2015 DAVE MARTIN  
2012 BARRY McDONALD  
2009 BARRY McDONALD  
2006 BARRY McDONALD  
2003 GORDON BERESFORD  
2000 FRANK CROWE  
1997 DAVE MARTIN  
1994 BRIAN CAMPS  
1991 TED GRANEY  
1988 B F HOWLAND  
1985 PAUL TERRY  
1982 A E JONES  
1979 ALF FLINT  
1976 M D WEST J.P.  
1973 W WHITE  
1970 R H HOLTON  
1967 C L A RICHES  
1964 S W HENLEY  
1961 E C SELL  
1958 W G GREEN  
1955 E J HARMAN  
1952 W E CAWLEY  
1949 F W JAMES  
1946 H WALLER  
1943 W J LAWRENCE  
1940 J M WALKER  
1937 M R STACEY

### **YEAR PRESIDENT**

2023 ANNE WELLINGTON  
2020 PETER COATES  
2017 ROB HOBART  
2014 GEORGE BATTLEY  
2011 MARK MILES  
2008 TOM SINGLETON  
2005 BILL HARRIS  
2002 GEORGE JALFON  
1999 TED DEWING  
1996 IAN O'NEILL  
1993 MIKE NICHOLS  
1990 L D BRUCE  
1987 RAY HAMBLING  
1984 G W POLLEY  
1981 E G SCOTT  
1978 R E BENNETT  
1975 F E STANBRIDGE  
1972 H FORD  
1969 H A STEWARD  
1966 S WORCESTER  
1963 H A POULTON  
1960 E C GWILLIAM  
1957 R D WARDLE  
1954 C C HOMES  
1951 W T EAGLES  
1948 A H PICKARD  
1945 W HUNT  
1942 J THOMSON  
1939 M MOYES  
1936 J DIXON

### **YEAR PRESIDENT**

2022 ANNE WELLINGTON  
2019 PETER COATES  
2016 BARRY McDONALD  
2013 GEORGE BATTLEY  
2010 MARK MILES  
2007 TOM SINGLETON  
2004 TOM HUGHMAN  
2001 DOUG ASHBY  
1998 PETER F H LOWE  
1995 IVOR TILL  
1992 R C GILES  
1989 R R MACGREGOR  
1986 A G RICHARDS  
1983 REG WILLIS  
1980 ALF FLINT  
1977 E W COMPTON  
1974 W G S WARD  
1971 R H HOLTON  
1968 C BYE  
1965 S H STEDMAN  
1962 E C SELL  
1959 F E PIPE  
1956 G J COLE  
1953 C G RANSOM  
1950 B FURBY  
1947 A H PICKARD  
1944 N NUTMAN  
1941 A ELSEY  
1938 M R STACEY  
1935 J DIXON

## **BY-LAWS**

### **1: QUALIFICATION**

The condition under which any member of an Affiliated Club can play for the Association shall be: -

- 1a: The finalists in all the Association competitions except the Double Rink and the Hewitt's Double Triples. (see 1h below)
- 1b: The finalists in Unbadged Pairs, Triples and Rink competitions, must have played in at least one round prior to the Final to be eligible.
- 1c: The Semi-Finalists and Finalists in the Pairs Championship who must have played in at least 2 rounds prior to the Semi-Finals.
- 1d: The Quarter Finalists of the Singles Championship
- 1e: In the Unbadged Singles, the two finalists if the entry is sixteen or less. If the entry exceeds sixteen the four semi-finalists.
- 1f: The current Singles Champion(s) of an Affiliated Club.
- 1g: If they are qualified to play for a County.
- 1h: A member of the winning team in the Double Rink or the Hewitt's Bowls Wear Double Triples provided that they have played in every game.
- 1i: If they have been elected to an Office as defined in Rule 4a of the constitution.

### **2. REPRESENTATIVE GAMES**

These are the Association matches as shown in the Fixture List each year. "Presidents Games" are not deemed to be "Representative Games"; they do not count towards the games referred to in By Laws 3 & 4. If a "Representative Game" is cancelled without prior notice, players selected for and attending that game shall be deemed as played.

### **3. ASSOCIATION BADGES**

A player who has played in one Representative game is awarded the cloth badge of the Association.

A player who has played Twenty Representative Games is awarded the Gold Wire Badge of the Association.

### **4. LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

A player who has played in one hundred Representative Games shall be awarded a plaque or other suitable trophy. Together with a "BCBA 100 Games" blazer flash. The completion of two hundred and any subsequent hundred games will be similarly rewarded.

### **5: HOME FOURS**

When a "Representative Game" is played on the green of an Affiliated Club, that Club shall have the privilege of nominating one four to play in the match. The players selected must be "Qualified" (see By-Law 1) and such games will count towards the awards in By-Law 3 & 4.

## **6: ASSOCIATE OF THE BCBA**

Any qualified member who ceases to play for an Association club immediately loses all rights and privileges they had as an Association member, as previously detailed under these By-Laws and elsewhere under the Constitution & Rules.

Former members who had received their Gold Wire badge for playing 20 games may, however, request to be considered as an Associate of the BCBA and if accepted as such by the General Purposes Committee may be invited to play as a 'Guest' for the Association from time to time at the discretion of the Selection Committee of the GPC.

Such 'Guest' appearances do not confer any other rights and may not be at the expense of any Association applicant of similar playing ability. These restrictions do not apply to BCBA Past Presidents.



## **CONSTITUTION & RULES**

### **1: TITLE**

The Association shall be called the "Borough of Croydon Bowling Association".

### **2: OBJECTS**

- a) To promote, foster and safeguard the level green game of bowls in Croydon.
- b) To hold annual and other championships.
- c) To organise competitions, tournaments, inter Association games and other such games as the General Purposes Committee may approve.

### **3: MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Membership of The Association shall be open to all Clubs whose headquarters, at the time of application is situated in the area controlled by The London Borough of Croydon or whose club house is allocated a "CR" postcode and are affiliated to Bowls Surrey and whose application is approved by the General Purposes Committee.
- b) Application by Clubs for admission to The Association shall be made to The General Secretary in writing and must be accompanied by a list of Office bearers and the address of the Club Secretary and the address of the green.
- c) The Annual Subscription for membership shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and payable not later than the closing date for competition entries in each year. Any Club failing to make this payment shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership so long as such fee remains unpaid.

### **4: ADMINISTRATION**

a) The over-all affairs of The Association shall be managed by a Council consisting of:-

The President, Vice-President, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Asst. Gen. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Match Secretary, Hon. Competition Secretary, Hon. Asst. Comp. Secretary, Hon. Tour Secretary and Hon. Social Secretary, hereinafter called The Officers, elected at the Annual General Meeting, together with all Past Presidents and two delegates from each Affiliated Club.

Nominations for all Officers or General Members who are to be elected at the Annual General Meeting can be made by Affiliated Clubs, or if necessary, by the G.P.C. Nominations by Affiliated Clubs shall be received in writing, by the General Secretary, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September each year. All nominees must be a member of an Affiliated Club.

b) The day-to-day affairs of The Association shall be conducted by a General Purposes Committee consisting of the Officers together with the Immediate Past President and five members to be elected at the Annual General

Meeting The service of the Past President shall be limited to the year following the year of their presidency unless they are elected as an Officer or Member of the General Purposes Committee.

c) The General Purposes Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies in the afore-mentioned Offices arising during the year, provided that such replacement is made from within the existing General Purposes Committee. Should the General Purposes Committee wish to make a replacement from outside its own ranks, such replacement must be ratified by The Council at its next meeting.

d) The General Purposes Committee shall have the power to co-opt General Members where a vacancy exists, without the need for ratification.

e) The General Purposes Committee shall have the power to form Sub-Committees which it feels are necessary to ensure the good management of the Association

## **5. ANNUAL AND OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS**

a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of November each year. Twenty-one days' notice of it, and every other General Meeting shall be given and twelve members of Affiliated Clubs, with voting powers shall form a quorum.

b) At these meetings, all Officers and Past Presidents of the Association shall be entitled to vote, and every Affiliated Club shall be entitled to send two voting delegates. Other members of Affiliated Clubs are entitled to attend these meetings and may participate in the discussions but shall have no voting power.

c) General meetings of The Association may be convened by the G.P.C. whenever in its opinion it has determined that sufficient cause exists. An Extraordinary General Meeting must be held within twenty-eight days of the requisition of any three Affiliated Clubs to consider the business or grievance set forth in the requisition.

d.) This requisition must clearly state the nature of the matter at issue and be signed by at least two Officers of each Club. The Notice calling such a meeting shall state the purpose for which it was requisitioned.

## **6. THE COUNCIL IN APPEAL**

The Council shall be empowered to adjudicate upon any dispute referred to it, arising between or among Affiliated Clubs, or any member thereof or any practice or policy or complaint which it shall hold to be in its jurisdiction. The subject of reference or appeal must be stated in writing to the General Secretary. who, after reporting the same to the General Purposes Committee, shall call either a Special Meeting of the Council to discuss it or

postpone its consideration until the next Ordinary Council Meeting. Parties on each side may be heard and the decisions of the Council shall be binding subject to rule 8.

## **7. THE HON. TREASURER AND HON. GENERAL SECRETARY**

The Hon. Treasurer shall render to the Annual General meeting an account of the income and expenditure for the past financial year, audited and signed by one competent person who shall not be a member of the Council or General Purposes Committee and who shall have been elected at the previous A.G.M.

The Hon. General Secretary shall cause a record to be kept of all the business transacted at the Annual General Meeting and other General and Council and Committee Meetings and shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a report of activities of the Association since the previous Annual General Meeting.

Copies of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to every Affiliated Club before the Annual General Meeting.

## **8. SEVERANCE OF MEMBERSHIP**

It shall be competent for the Council, after due investigation of the facts and if need be, the examination of witnesses and relevant documentary evidence, to suspend or determine the membership of any Club.

## **9. DISPUTE**

Any member club shall have the right to appeal to the Association in General Meeting, against an adverse decision by the Council on any point provided the appeal be signed by the Club's Officer Bearers and lodged with the Hon. General Secretary of the Association within twenty-one days of the Council's decision. Such appeal shall state the grounds on which it is made.

## **10. SUSPENSION**

All Affiliated Clubs and members thereof shall be under the jurisdiction of the Council in Competitions held by the Association and must conform to the various Rules. In the event of any breach thereof, the Council shall have the power, after enquiry, to suspend the Club or individual members thereof from the Association's competitions for such period as they may deem proper.

## **11. LIFE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association shall exist so long as at least two Clubs continue to carry on its objects and in the event of all Clubs except one having withdrawn or refusing to carry on the objects of the Association, the property and funds shall be held in trust by that Club for the objects of The Association.

## **12. ALTERATION AND INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION & RULES**

No alteration of or addition to the Association Constitution & Rules may be made, except at the A.G.M. of the Association or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and any such alteration or addition must receive at least two thirds of the votes cast. Intimation of any proposed alteration or addition shall be given in writing to the Hon. General Secretary not later than the thirtieth of September and shall be specified in the notice convening the meeting, of which twenty-one days' notice shall be given. Any alteration or addition shall be duly intimated by the Hon. General Secretary to the Secretaries of all the Affiliated Clubs.

When in doubt as to the correct interpretation of any part of the Constitution & Rules, or in the event of a point arising, not covered herein, the Rules of Bowls Surrey shall be applied and if a point arises not covered by the County Rules, the matter shall be referred to Bowls England whose decision, in every case, shall be final.

## **BOWLS SURREY REGULATIONS**

Bowls Surrey Regs 2.5.1 The date of the affiliation year has now formally been changed to 1 May. The Regulation stipulates that the affiliation process should continue throughout the season with a final top-up on 1 September.

Requirement for Clubs and Members to adopt and follow BE Regulations.  
Regulation 2.5 2 (detailed below) now says this about the mandatory requirements that must be included in all clubs' constitutions:

Bowls Surrey Regs 2.5.2 All clubs and county associations, must as a qualification of membership adopt and follow:

- a) All policies and guidelines approved by Bowls England. Including but not limited to, safeguarding policies, inclusion policies and anti-doping policies.
- b) All procedures set out in Bowls England Regulation 9, 9A and 9B when dealing with any disciplinary/misconduct issues.
- c) All members shall be deemed to have made themselves familiar with and agreed to be bound by the UK Anti-Doping Rules and to submit to the authority of UK Anti-Doping in the application and enforcement of the Anti-Doping Rules. The UK Anti-Doping Rules apply to all members participating in the sport of Lawn Bowls for a minimum of 12 months from the commencement of membership, in accordance with Bowls England's Rules & Regulations whether the member is a citizen of, or resident in, the UK.
- d) All sanctions, recommendations and/or decisions from the Case Management Panel or National Disciplinary Panel.
- e) **These requirements shall be included in all Club and County Constitutions."**

**Note.** The "Case Management Panel" is a reference to the Safeguarding Case Management Panel. Clubs should now update their constitution/rules to add new requirements i.e. anti-doping, to ensure conformity.

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