

SOUTH LAKELAND RURAL BOWLING LEAGUE – CONSTITUTION AND RULES – 2019
(Updated following the AGM 15th November 2018 – see Message from League Secretary bottom P7)

CONSTITUTION

C1 NAME –

The League, formed in 1997, shall be known as “The South Lakeland Rural Bowling League” (SLRBL).

C2 OBJECTIVE –

To provide an opportunity for less experienced players to be encouraged to enjoy League competition in a friendly social and enjoyable environment. The objective included floodlit bowling from 1997.

C2.1 RECOGNITION –

The League recognises that Clubs may have insufficient “less experienced” players to form a team and need to include experienced players. Experienced players are very welcome but priority should be given by Clubs to include their less experienced players in teams whenever possible.

C2.2 ADDITION OF THE ‘DAVID SKIDMORE MEMORIAL COMPETITION’ -

Participating Clubs were invited to play in the ‘Levens Floodlight Leagues’ in 1997, which in 1998 became ‘The David Skidmore Memorial Competition’. From the 2000 season, the SLRBL accepted responsibility for running the event, recognising that the title, format and Trophy shall revert to Levens Bowling Club if the SLRBL cease to run the competition.

GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD -

The League Rules have never defined ‘Rural’, or the geographic spread of the League. The original Rules show ‘Applications for membership of the League will be considered from any club qualified as being in the South Lakeland Rural Area by the Committee.’ The Annual General Meeting held 19th November 2014 decided that the League should be reorganised in 2 geographical groups, North and South in Season 2015

C4 MATCH TIMES -

Matches shall be arranged for Friday evenings, commencing at 7.00 p.m.: or earlier to accommodate daylight availability.

Friday evenings are also designated for the ‘David Skidmore Memorial Competition’ matches. **(Note; November 2018 Annual General Meeting (AGM) decided that Competition matches are to be played on ‘neutral,’ greens. This will generally mean 2 extra nights other than Friday are required)**]

C5 GOVERNING ORGANISATIONS –

C5.1 THE BRITISH CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION (BCGBA) is the National Governing Body for Crown Green Bowls

C5.2 THE CUMBRIA COUNTY CROWN GREEN BOWLING ASSOCIATION (CCCGBA) Is the Regional Organisation to which all Leagues and Clubs must be affiliated

C6 LEAGUE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND LEAGUE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE –

C6.1 The League Executive Officers shall be Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The Executive Officers shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) and hold office until the following AGM, but may be re-elected.

The AGM will also elect a non-executive ‘Press Secretary’ Officer to provide results to the press, and to maintain the League’s ‘web-site’. (none elected at the AGM in November 2015 – Secretary to undertake)

C6.2 The League Executive Committee shall consist of the Executive Officers and one representative from each of the Clubs participating in the League.

C6.3 Officer Vacancies – If an Officer position becomes vacant, the remaining Officers shall seek to fill the vacancy – OR – shall call a Special General Meeting for that purpose if necessary.

C7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) –

C7.1 The Secretary shall give at least 21 days notice to convene a meeting of the Executive Committee to be held early in November each year. This will be identified as the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

C7.2 Its purpose is to: - receive the Chairman’s address, Secretary’s Report, Treasurer’s Report and Balance Sheet: elect Executive Officers and Press Secretary for the ensuing year: to agree various fees: to vote on amendments to the Constitution and Rules and to address all other matters on the meeting agenda.

C7.3 Matters that Clubs want considered at the AGM must be in written form and be received by the League Secretary no later than 15th October prior to the AGM.

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C8 OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS –

C8.1 The League Secretary must convene a Special General Meeting, at the earliest opportunity, upon the written request of not less than three of the participating League Clubs. The Clubs must clearly state their reasons for requesting the meeting.

C8.2 The League Secretary will also convene a Committee Meeting if the Executive Officers consider that events have occurred, or are likely to occur, that require a meeting of the Committee.

C9 VOTING –

The Chairperson and one representative from each Club may vote.

In the event of an equal vote, the Chairperson shall have one additional vote.

The Secretary, Treasurer and Press Secretary shall not have a vote unless representing a club.

C10 AFFILIATIONS, LEAGUE FEES, AND ACCOUNTS -

C10.1 The AGM shall decide and/or approve League affiliations and fees.

C10.2 The AGM will decide the SLRBL annual subscription required from each team, inclusive of the David Skidmore Competition.

C10.3 All fees must be paid to the League Treasurer within one month of the start of the League fixtures.

C10.4 The funds shall be placed in a Bank or Building Society account as determined by the Committee. *[The League banks with the Cumberland Building Society, Kendal Branch]*

C10.5 Withdrawals from the account shall require the signatures of any two of the Executive Officers.

C10.6 Expenses properly incurred by the Secretary, Treasurer or others on behalf of the League shall be repaid from League funds.

C10.7 The League Accounts shall be closed on the 31st October in each year for the preparation of the Accounts and Balance Sheet, a copy of which to be available to each participating club at or before the Annual General Meeting.

C11 INSURANCE –

The League Treasurer shall ensure that an insurance policy is obtained and maintained to provide Public Liability Insurance cover as required by the British Crown Green Bowling Association.

C12 LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS – (Also Fixture List Considerations)

C12.1 ~~The League has one ‘League Table’ to avoid relegation/promotion pressures on players.~~ It was decided that the League should be reorganised in 2 geographical groups, North and South in Season 2015.

C12.2 The League shall be structured to accommodate Clubs wanting to join

C12.3 The League Secretary shall devise a fixture list following the format as may be agreed at the preceding Annual General Meeting

C13 LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS AND RESIGNATIONS –

C13.1 Application for membership of the SLRBL should be submitted to the League Secretary before 31st October in any year for consideration at the next AGM.

C13.2 The Committee at the AGM will consider any application. If successful, the Club will be included in the fixture list for the following season.

C13.3 No Club shall have more than one team in the league. The only exception that may be permitted can occur if the League has an overall ‘odd number’ of teams. Any such ‘2nd team’ may be admitted for one season only. They shall not be re-admitted the following season if another Club has successfully applied for admission.

C13.4 The League Secretary should receive written notice of Resignation from the League before 15th October-but no later than the AGM to take effect from the start of the following season.

C14 CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION OR RULES –

C14.1 Notices of motion proposing changes to the Constitution or Rules must be written and in possession of the League Secretary no later than the 15th October in each year.

C14.2 Changes agreed at an AGM will apply from that date.

C14.3 The League Secretary, before the start of the following Bowling Season, will issue the amended pages or a re-printed Constitution and Rules.

C14.4 The League Secretary shall have authority to adjust the wording of new or amended items for reasons of clarity or presentation – but not the meaning or intent of an item. If discussion at an AGM identifies a need for clarification or definition, the Secretary may incorporate this as part of the Constitution & Rules document amendments/reprint. Member Clubs should scrutinise the re-issued document and refer any problems noted to the League Secretary.

C14.5 The document will be subject to formal approval at the next AGM.

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RULES –

R1 LAWS OF THE GAME OF CROWN GREEN BOWLS -

The British Crown Green Bowling Association issues an annual Official Handbook. The Handbook contains the definitive up-to-date Laws. [A copy is required to be available by each Club.]

All SLRBL games are to be played in compliance with the BCGBA Laws.

EXCEPT the SLRBL will use one marker per game rather than two as specified by the Laws.

Standard Jacks shall be used which have been tested and are stamped with a currently valid expiry date.

R2 MATCH DAYS – Matches shall be played on Friday evenings, except as provided for below.

R3 START DATES–

R3.1 League matches may be scheduled from the **FIRST** Friday in April.

R3.2 If 'Good Friday' falls in April it will be a scheduled match date, but with the proviso that a Club may agree with their opponents to play the game on another day within the same week

R3.3 The **“David Skidmore Memorial Competition”** matches shall be played on Friday evenings starting on the Friday following the end of the SLRBL fixtures *(Note: But see note in Constitution Clause C 4 consequent upon decision at made at 2018 AGM that Competition is to played on 'neutral' greens)*. Two matches will be played at each scheduled venue each evening. If one or more preliminary matches are needed, they will be scheduled ahead of the 1st round.

R4 MATCH START TIMES –

R4.1 Matches shall commence at 7.00 p.m. **EXCEPT** those played during April, or on or after 8th August which will be scheduled for 6.30 p.m. to meet daylight availability needs. (However the two captains may agree earlier starts for all matches.)

R4.2 For the **“David Skidmore Memorial Competition”**, ~~all games for the first match played on any evening MUST start by 7.0 p.m. to enable the second matches to be completed before the 10.0 p.m. “light out” requirements. Where two matches are to be played on the same green both matches will start simultaneously at 7pm~~ The nominal starting time for the second match shall be 8.0 p.m. but to assist with timing, ~~games for the second match of the evening should be started as soon as each first match game has been completed.~~

R5 POSTPONEMENTS –

R5.1 In the event of severe weather, the **'home team'** captain shall decide if the green is fit for use.

R5.2 For “David Skidmore Memorial” matches, the **HOST CLUB** representative shall decide if the green is fit for use.

R5.3 Should a match or game or parts of a game have to be postponed through unfavourable weather or other special circumstances, they shall be resumed with the scores as they existed at the time of disruption.

R5.4 The teams concerned must arrange to play or complete the match or game within 28 days.

If it cannot be played on the designated green, the options available to the two Captains can include arranging to play the match on the 'away green' or on a neutral green by mutual agreement; and then advise the League Secretary of the arrangement. **[David Skidmore Memorial matches – 7-day limit applies]**

If a match is to be continued, each game scorecard shall be initialled by both Captains and retained by the Home-team's Captain for use in the resumed match. Games shall resume from the residual score but restart from the original point of entry to the green. This avoids argument of exactly where players were on the green at the time of postponement. The winner of the previous end shall lead out the jack.

NOTE - If a scheduled match cannot be played due to a waterlogged green, the home team should offer 2 dates within the stipulated 28 days. Failure to accept either date by the away team, the match shall be recorded 4-4.

NOTE -

R5.5 For the “David Skidmore Memorial Competition” matches, the **HOST CLUB** representative shall liaise with the team Captains to ensure the matches are completed within **7-days** so the Competition can proceed to schedule

R6 PLAYERS PER TEAM –

R 6.1 A team will consist of eight (8) players.

R6.2.

Whenever a club's circumstances dictate that they have to field a number of experienced players, efforts should be made between the respective team captains, prior to the match starting, to 'seed' such players against the better players of the opposing team priority should be given by Clubs to include their less experienced players in teams whenever possible. . *(Note: In this respect Member Clubs should pay due regard to the Recognition Objective in Rule C2.1 thus 'priority should be given by Clubs to include their less experienced players in teams whenever possible')* See also Rule R8.3 opponent selection.

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R7 PLAYER REGISTRATION –

- R7.1 Only players who are registered with the BCGBA and are paid-up Members of their Club are permitted to play in any SLRBL match.
- R7.2 The registration of players for the League can be effected at any time by a Club adding a new player with their Registration Number to the Clubs list of Registered Players on the MB Results Service web-site. If a Club have a new player that they have not entered into their list of Registered Players they will show on Match Reports as 'Unlisted'. A Club that has the Unlisted player should enter that player into their Registered players list and go back to the Match Report and change the 'Unlisted' player to the correct player.
- R7.3 If a player already registered with a club wishes to play for another club during the same season, that person must make an application to the League Executive Committee through the Secretary for permission to re-register.
- R7.4 No person shall be allowed to play for two teams.

R8 MATCH RULES –

- R8.1 **Practice** for both teams will be permitted for SLRBL matches.
The visiting team shall have exclusive use of the green for the ¼ hour preceding the fixture.
NOTE - Practice is **not permitted** for the "David Skidmore Memorial Competition" matches.
- R8.2 **Handicapping of players** is forbidden for SLRBL and for "David Skidmore Memorial" games.
- R8.3 **Opponent selection** – shall be by a random draw by the two Captains for SLRBL matches.
Team Captains can exercise discretion only to avoid gross mismatching of inexperienced bowlers.
No form of "Merit Order" opponent selection shall be permitted.
For the "**David Skidmore Memorial Competition**", the two Captains shall draw, in a random fashion, for pairings and for opponents, overseen by the Host Club organiser.
- R8.4 There will be four games played from the start of the match (i.e. four jacks on the green).
- R8.5 **Time limits for player attendance** – For SLRBL matches, there must be at least four players from each team available and ready to play at the appointed start time for the match.
Any team failing to provide a sufficient number of players to form a full team for "singles" games may make up the team by allowing a player to play twice. (Selection to be made by the opposing Captain by means of a random draw.) Up to a maximum of 3 players shall be allowed to play twice; anymore than this the match shall be re-arranged.
Players must be available to play when required or the penalty will be a game or games being forfeit by the offending team who will have zero "chalks" and the opponents will be awarded the point(s) for the game and 21 "chalks".
- No allowance** can be made for insufficient players in the "**David Skidmore Memorial Competition**". All players must be present and available to play at the stated match start time i.e. 7.0 p.m. **or 8.0 p.m.** Any game which cannot start on time due to absent players will be awarded to the complying side who will be awarded the game points and 21 "chalks" and the offending side shall be awarded zero "chalks".
- R8.6 For SLRBL matches; visiting teams shall have the first throw of the jack.
- R8.7 For "David Skidmore Memorial" matches, the lead-out of the jack for each game is pre-determined on the match report sheet to ensure each team leads out two jacks; scorecards to identify lead-out.

R9 MATCH SCORES –

- All games shall be played "21 up".
All SLRBL games shall be "singles".
All "David Skidmore Memorial" games shall be "doubles".
The SLRBL match scores shall be one (1) point for each individual win (eight (8) points per match).
The "David Skidmore Memorial" games shall score two (2) points for each game won plus one (1) point for the team having the higher aggregated score (nine (9) points per match).
[See **DSR 5** below for "tie breaker".]
There shall be one scorer for each game who shall attend on the green if required.
Scores shall be called as required by the players.
Scoreboards, where available, should be used for all matches.
Scoreboards are required for 'Finals Night' for the David Skidmore Memorial Competition'.
Any scores dispute shall be referred to the two captains for reconciliation.

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R10 RESULTS, MATCH REPORT SHEET ROUTING AND RELATED MATTERS –

- R10.1 The Match Report sheet **MUST** contain forename and surname for each player.
- R10.2 Team Captains must **confirm the match result** by each signing the completed match report. The completed Match Report sheets are to be kept by the Home Captain until the season is over.
- R10.3 The Match Report is the definitive document for determining League positions.
- R10.4 The **Home-team Captain** must ensure that the match reports are entered onto the League/MB Bowling Results website and both Captains should check the published results on the internet to make sure they are correct. If a mistake is identified in the first instance Captains should make contact with each other to discuss. If this then becomes a dispute and is not resolved team sheets should be scanned and emailed to the League Secretary to decide what the published result should be.
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R11 SLRB LEAGUE CUP AND THE DAVID SKIDMORE MEMORIAL TROPHY –

Mr. Colin Burrow & Mr. Tom Baxter generously provided a League Cup. However, the Minutes of the League Annual General Meeting held 19th November 2014 Minute 16.6, records, consequent to the decision to reorganise the League into 2 geographical groups North & South, that there is to be no play off to decide the League Champion; there will simply be a Winner of the respective groups. In fact the Trophy was engraved with the 2 winners for each to hold for 6 months

Levens Bowling Club incorporated the late David Skidmore’s bowls in a trophy for the floodlit competition. The items will usually be presented at the enLA9 4RFd of the relevant season, but will then be engraved and re-presented at the next AGM. The winning club(s) will hold the trophies until four weeks before the end of the following season. Trophies shall then be returned to the League Chairman or Secretary.

R12 PROBLEMS, DISPUTES, APPEAL.

If problems or disputes occur during a match, the Team Captains should attempt to resolve matters amicably in the first instance.

If a resolution is not achieved, an appeal shall be made to the League Secretary who will discuss the matter with the League Executive Officers for resolution. If the Executive Officers cannot resolve the issues, the matter will be brought before a special committee (appointed by the League Executive Officers) not later than 7 days after such appeal is lodged. The decision taken shall be final and binding on all parties.

“THE DAVID SKIDMORE MEMORIAL COMPETITION” - INFORMATION & RULES

MATCH FEES - A fee of £4 per playing club is payable to the host club for each match. Of the £16 collected, £12 goes to the host club to cover floodlighting and refreshment costs; the remaining £4 is paid to the ‘best win’ pairing of the evening. In the event of there being one match only played on the night the host club will retain £8.00 and the ‘best win’ prize of £4.00 shall be met from League funds.

DSR-1 **i) This ‘knock-out’ ‘doubles’ competition shall be open only to the Clubs participating in the SLRBL and for players who have played in 50% of the League games in the current season (Definition of 50%: In 2019 Season North Group Teams will have 21 League games - 50% qualification to be taken as = 10 games; South Group Teams have 16 League games thus their 50% qualification = 8 games.**

ii) Matches are to be played on ‘Neutral’ greens.

DSR-2 The Chairman will normally make the draw for opponents at the AGM.

~~**NOTE** – Hosting Clubs will be pre-selected to play their opening matches on their own green, with an 8 p.m. starting time. If they progress, and are scheduled to host the ‘next round’, they will be scheduled for the 8 p.m. start. [This is for practical reasons of encouraging home support for administrative and refreshment and ‘clearing up’ activities.] If they are ‘knocked out’, host Clubs will continue to meet their obligations as ‘hosts’.~~

DSR-3 Matches will be played at more than one venue to complete the competition in a reasonable timescale. Two matches will usually be played at each venue ~~on Fridays, one both~~ starting **SIMULTANEOUSLY** at 7.00 p.m., ~~the second at 8.00 p.m.~~ (but starting as soon as a (When first match jack is free ~~the next game in that match shall be started~~ so that all games to be completed by 10.00 p.m. so far as possible). *(The intention of starting both games at 7pm is to ensure that there are sufficient players present off the green, from the four participating teams, to mark and measure their own matches; thus the host club are relieved of this task).*

If preliminary matches are needed, they will be scheduled ahead of the 1st round.

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DSR 4 **Opponent selection** – For the “David Skidmore Memorial Competition”, the two Captains shall draw, in a random fashion, for pairings and for opponents.

DSR-5 **Match Result** – Two points shall be awarded to the winning pair. The match results shall be aggregated and one point awarded to the winning team so making 9 points per match.

TIE BREAK – If a “knock-out” match ends with both teams having two wins and equal aggregate scores, then the last game to be completed will play a “tie break” to achieve a result. The final score of the normal game will be 21/? (Irrespective of the number of chinks won during the final end.)

The last pairs to finish their game will play the tiebreak from the position where the last jack finished.

The “tie break” starts with the toss of a coin. The winner of the toss shall decide whether their side will play first or second. The jack is then led out and bowled to in the usual manner.

The team that wins the tiebreak shall be declared to be the winner of the match.

DSR-6 Void (This rule referred to play off between beaten semi-finalists; it was deleted consequent to the AGM held 2 November 2009)

DSR-7 The host club functions will rotate annually.

DSR-8 The competition requires 4 weeks (with 16 teams). (if another team clubs join the League a Preliminary round would be required) **‘Hosting’ and ‘Rotation’ will be as follows –See side Note:**

Venue ‘A’ will host Week 1 & Week 3 (Semi Final). [Following year becomes ‘B’]

Venue ‘B’ will host Week 1 & Week 2 (Quarter Final) [Following year becomes ‘C’]

Venue ‘C’ will host Week 1. [Following year becomes ‘D’]

Venue ‘D’ will host Week 1 & Week 2 (Quarter Final) [Following year becomes ‘E’]

Venue ‘E’ will host Final [Following year becomes ‘A’]

Venue	Hosts	2019	2020	2021	2022
A	Week1 & Wk 3 (SF)	Netherfield	K A Hale	K Lonsdale	Burton
B	Week 1 & Wk 2 (QF)	Victoria	Netherfield	K A Hale	K Lonsdale
C	Week 1	Burton	Victoria	Netherfield	K A Hale
D	Week 1 & Wk 2 (QF)	K Lonsdale	Burton	Victoria	Netherfield
E	Final	K A Hale	K Lonsdale	Burton	Victoria

Note:

Hosting & Rotation
 This has to have regard to decision taken at AGM held 15th November 2018 to play Competition on ‘neutral’ greens. Thus the semi final and final venues cannot now be determined in advance as hitherto

NOTE – Other Clubs with floodlighting facilities may volunteer to act as a host – in which case the above schedule will require amendment.

DSR-9 The winning club will hold the David Skidmore Trophy until the start of the following year’s competition. The Trophy is to then be returned to the League Secretary.

NOTE – EXTRACTS from the RULES particular to ‘DAVID SKIDMORE’ are repeated below:

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MESSAGE FROM LEAGUE SECRETARY –

The Motions passed at the AGM, held on 15th November 2018, affected the League Rules solely in relation to the David Skidmore Memorial Competition; in making the required changes I have exercised the authority provided by clause C14.4 of the Constitution.

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Alterations from the 2018 issue are marked thus in the right margin thus ‘]’. **Also deletions have been marked in RED with text ruled through; additional or changed wording is marked in YELLOW and underlined.** Main changes; DSR 1 i) Introduction of qualification requirement; to qualify players are to have played in 50% of League games in the current season. DSR 1 ii) matches to be played on neutral greens. R4.2 and DSR-3 Where two matches are being played on the same green, both matches are to start simultaneously at 7.00pm.

Unless there are significant problems found with this document, **this Constitution and Rules defines the League requirements from 15th November 2018.** The document will require formal approval at the 2019 Annual General Meeting

The Rules are re-issued for Season 2019 in accordance with Rule C14.3 *The League Secretary, before the start of the following Bowling Season, will issue the amended pages or a re-printed Constitution and Rules.*

John Smith, League Secretary
January 2019