

SCOTTISH INTER COUNTY TOP TEN ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

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 consider and deal with all matters submitted to them in accordance with the Constitution.
4. All Applications to be admitted to the **Association** shall be in writing to the Secretary by the end of August before the draw for the forthcoming year is carried out.
5. At the Annual General Meeting a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected.
6. The term “Executive” meaning the collective group of Office Bearers (which include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Imm Past President, Honorary President and Sponsorship Convenor) to oversee the running of SICTTA throughout the year and make necessary decisions on minor matters.
7. Executive Meetings shall be arranged by the Secretary when required, five members shall form a quorum at all committee meetings. Each member of the committee present shall have a vote at such meetings. The President shall have a deliberative vote and in the case of equality a casting vote at all meetings of the Association
8. Two Auditors will be elected at the Annual General Meeting and their duties will be to audit and certify the treasurer’s Financial Accounts.
9. A majority of member Associations will form a quorum at the Annual General Meeting
10. All fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
11. The Officials and Committee shall have the power to discipline and Associations, 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 actions 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)
12. Any Association or player disciplined shall have the right to appeal, provided the appeal is in the hands of the Secretary in writing within 7 days of being notified of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee.

13. The appeals shall be heard by the three Past Presidents of the **Association**. In the case of any Association, club or player being suspended or expelled from the Association, the Association, Club or Player(s) shall not have any claim or redress whatsoever against the Association, Officials, Committee and/or any member of the Committee or Association.
14. Alterations to the Constitution and/or rules can only be made at the Annual General Meeting 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 December so that he may cause the said alteration(s)/addition(s) to be printed.
15. It is the responsibility of the Home Association to provide 18 meals for the visiting players and officials, in all rounds of the competition. The Association will provide the same number (18) to the four Associations who qualify for finals day.
16. **Alcohol** -No player shall be permitted to consume alcohol within the parameters of the green.
17. **Draw** - The draw for the Top Ten competition will be made by the Executive Committee
18. **History of Clubs** - All Associations should have the history of their representative Club in the hands of the Association Secretary by no later than 1st October to allow the programme to be completed.
19. **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. Appropriate acceptable footwear must be worn.
20. The code of dress will be strictly adhered to and it is the responsibility of each **Association** to inform their respective clubs of the Dress Code and any other matters relevant to the smooth running of the Association. The Association/Umpire should also make sure the rules are being adhered to.

UP TO AND INCLUDING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 9th March 2025