

# Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association

## CODE OF CONDUCT

### EXPECTATIONS

Crown Green Bowling is a sport suitable for the widest range of individuals – young, old, male and female, able-bodied and disadvantaged. However, to maximize the benefits and opportunities available, Shropshire Crown Green Bowling Association (SCGBA) expects the highest standards of conduct from all involved – players, spectators and officials.

This document sets out the expectations of the conduct of all involved parties and includes the responsible use of social media. This conduct is expected to be observed at all times and sanctions will be implemented for non-compliance.

### PLAYERS & SPECTATORS

All participants and competitors should:

- With exceptions to medical prescription, no one will render themselves unfit through alcohol or drugs, either on, around or away from the green whilst still under the jurisdiction of the County or League

- Conduct themselves in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect their own and the safety of others

- Adhere to the rules, byelaws and procedures of the BCGBA, SCGBA, leagues and clubs including prohibited

- Smoking and use of Mobile Phones on the green

- Act in accordance with the rules of the competition or event inclusive of Players Dress Code, where applicable

- Accept the decisions of officials of the event

- Act in a sportsmanlike way at all times

- Treat officials and others present with respect

- Refrain from verbal & physical abuse including swearing, shouting and threatening behaviour

- Abide by the BCGBA Mission Statement on Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults

### USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media provides a powerful forum for an exchange of views or constructive debate. The SCGBA expect all users to respect others by:

- Being courteous, honest and fair whilst treating all people how they would like being treated

- Acting in ways that supports the reputation of the sport

- Maintaining appropriate confidentiality with regards to personal matters

- Avoiding comments and behavior which might reasonably be perceived as harassment, discrimination, bullying, intimidation, racist or threatening

- Being genuine and not hide behind aliases or nicknames

- Asking themselves, Is it true? Is it necessary? & is it relevant? before posting any comments

### NON-COMPLIANCE

This Code of Conduct should be seen as a guide to best practice to allow enjoyment of the sport by all those involved. However, failures to comply will inevitably occur and in such breaches, it is essential that some judgement is provided and disciplinary action taken. Any such breach will be reported within seven days of the alleged incident to the County Secretary who will arrange for a Disciplinary Sub-Committee to convene and consider the case.

Any allegation, concern, or any issue (including discrimination) which relates to the Safeguarding of Young persons (Minors) or Adults at Risk: The procedures and protocols/guidelines as agreed between the National Governing Bodies of Bowls shall take precedence over other codes of conduct or other procedures and shall be complied with. These procedures and protocols/guidelines can be found at the following web addresses:

<http://www.safeguardingbowls.org/policies.html> and <http://www.safeguardingbowls.org/downloads.html>