

7 **GENERAL MEETINGS**

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on the third Tuesday of March each year, within the Clubhouse of the President at 7.30pm for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee of Management, including Statement of Accounts for the previous year, electing a Committee of Management together with two auditors for the forthcoming year, determining annual subscriptions, conducting a draw for the Championships and the Gilliland League, and transacting any other competent business. The Secretary shall send or cause to be sent to each member Club a Notice calling the meeting at least ten days prior to the meeting. A copy of the Statement of Accounts shall be printed on the Notice calling the Annual General Meeting together with a copy of the minutes from the previous years A.G.M. and any E.G.M. that may have occurred that year.
- b) The Committee of Management shall submit nominations to the Annual General Meeting for such vacancies on the Committee as normally arise by retirements or may otherwise occur. Nominations may also be submitted independently by ordinary representatives of the Association, either directly to the Annual General Meeting or by prior notice to the Secretary. The Committee's nominations along with any independent nominations of which notice has been received timeously, shall be incorporated in the Notice calling the meeting. All nominations must have the previous consent of the nominees.
- c) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the Committee of Management and may also be called on a requisition sent to the Secretary of the Association, signed by five or more constituent Clubs stating the business to be raised. Such a meeting, shall be held within twenty-one days of receipt of the requisition. At least four of the signatories must be present at that Meeting otherwise the purpose of the requisition shall become null and void.

8 **ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION & BYE - LAWS**

Any alteration to the Constitution or Bye - Laws of the Association may be made at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for that purpose under Rule 7c. Written notice of any proposed alteration at the Annual General Meeting of the Association, must be signed by the proposer and seconder, and lodged with the Secretary not later than 31st December, and these shall be printed in the Notice calling the meeting.
Any alteration to either the Constitution or the Bye - Laws must be carried by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

9 **DISSOLUTION**

If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property or monies whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred either, to a similar organisation, or, to one or more Charitable Institutions, or to both categories. These matters are to be determined and passed by the membership of the Association at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose on or before the time of the dissolution.

BYE – LAWS

1 ASSOCIATION TROPHIES FOR ANNUAL COMPETITION

- | a) | Trophies | Competition | Established |
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| | The Robert Nairn Trophy | Gents Singles Championship | 1958 |
| | The Gregor MacKenzie Cup | Gents Pairs Championship | 1960 |
| | The David Grant Memorial Cup | Gents Triples Championship | 1979 |
| | The Rutherglen Reformer Trophy | Gents Sen. Fours Championship | 1976 |
| | R. & D.B.A. Junior Shield | Under 16s Mixed Junior Championship | 1996 |
| | The John Gilliland Trophy | Gents League Fours | 1962 |
| | The Allan Chapman Rose Bowl | Gents Fours Competition | 1943 |
| | Triples League Cup | Gents League Triples | 1997 |
| | Jubilee Triples Trophy | Gents Triples Tournament | 1992 |
- b) The Trophies are the absolute property of the Association and shall be played for annually between Member Clubs. They cannot be won outright.
- c) Member Clubs winning any of the above Trophies shall keep them for one year. They are responsible for their insurance, engraving their Club name and their safe return to the Secretary of the Association on or before the following years A.G.M.

2 CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a) The duration of the Competitions including the Finals will be:-
SINGLES.....21 SHOTS JUNIOR SINGLES..... 21 SHOTS PAIRS.....17 ENDS
TRIPLES..... 15 ENDS SENIOR FOURS..... 15 ENDS
- b) All Competitions shall be played on dates and times to be decided by the Committee of Management.
- c) All Member Clubs are required to provide rinks up to, and including the Quarter Finals as drawn at the A.G.M.
- d) The age limit for the Mixed Junior Championship shall be up to 16 years of age before the 1st. April in the year of the Competition being played. All other age restrictions are as per S.B.A. Regulations 4(b)
- e) Gents Singles Championship entry shall be from the following in order of precedence, (1) the current Gents Club Champion or the Runner-up, (2) The current holder of the Presidents Cup, (3) The current holder of the Vice-Presidents Cup, (4) Any Past Club Champion.
All other entries shall be at the discretion of the Club.
- f) The adult Semi Finals will be played on the Vice-Presidents Club green. 2 rinks at 2.00pm for Senior Fours and 6 rinks at 6.30pm for Singles, Pairs and Triples. Junior Semi Finals to be played at 10.30am on the Saturday or alternatively on the Sunday morning prior to the Finals on the Past Presidents Club green.
- g) All Championship Finals will commence play at 6.30pm on the Presidents Club green. 6 rinks are to be provided for Singles, Junior Singles, Pairs, Triples, Senior Fours and the Gilliland League Final.
R. & D.B.A. Trophies, and Winners Medals are to be presented on the night.

3 SUBSTITUTION

The players participating in the first tie of any section of the Championships shall be regarded as the official entry. Only when a substitution is necessitated by family bereavement shall the player for whom substitution has been made be allowed to play in subsequent ties. In all other cases the substitute must continue throughout the remainder of the Competition.

In the Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships the substitute may be eligibly introduced in any one of the four rounds. The reason for the substitution must be intimated to the R. & D.B.A. Match Secretary prior to the substitution taking place.

In the Singles Championships no substitute shall be introduced after the first tie has been completed.

4 **OTHER COMPETITIONS**

a) **JOHN GILLILAND TROPHY**

Member Clubs of the Association shall be invited to submit a team of four players to compete for this Rinks League Competition. Each game is to be played over 15ends commencing on the 1st. Tuesday in May. There are no restrictions as to the number of players that may be used up to and including the Final.

The draw will take place at the A.G.M. consisting of two sections of six Clubs and played as a league for 5 consecutive weeks. The teams are required to play either 3 games at home and 2 games away or 2 games at home and 3 games away, dependent on the draw. 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw. The Final between the winners of each section will be played on the same evening as the Championship Finals.

The Trophy and up to 5 Medals will be awarded to the winning team. Should a Member Club require more than the prescribed number of Medals, they may purchase them from the Association, after giving prior notice of their additional requirements to the Committee of Management.

b) **ALLAN CHAPMAN ROSE BOWL**

Member Clubs of the Association shall be invited to submit a team of four players to compete for this Rose Bowl played over 17ends + 1 This game is to be played on the Wednesday evening prior to the Championship Finals on the Presidents green. Should one or more Member Clubs fail to provide a team, Bye - Law 5b will be invoked. Two teams shall be the maximum entry from any Member Club. A draw will be made that evening to decide the opposing teams and on which Rink the games are to be played. The team with the highest shots up on the night will be the outright winner. Should there be no outright winner or runner up after 17 ends the extra end will then be counted. Should there still be a tie with the extra end included, two further ends shall be played between the tied winners on a neutral rink. Should there still be a tie, a third and decisive end shall be played. The Trophy and the R. & D.B.A. Winners Medals will be presented on the night.

c) **TRIPLES LEAGUE CUP**

Member Clubs of the Association shall be invited to submit two teams to compete in this Triples League Competition played over 11 weeks commencing on the 2nd. Tuesday in June. There are no restrictions as to the number of players that may be used. All games will consist of 15 ends.

One team will play at home while the other plays away, against the same Club. 2 points for an away win, 2 points for a home win and 1 point for a draw.

One of the dates for playing this League coincides with the G.B.A. Glasgow Cup. It may therefore be necessary to alter this date with the opposing Club. Rearrangement of this game is the responsibility of the respective Match Secretaries.

Should one Club's green be unavailable for play for whatever reason, both teams may play on the opposing Club's green but this can only be by mutual consent. Teams are then designated home and away before play commences. Points are awarded to the visitors the same as though they were playing at home or away.

The League positions will be intimated weekly on the Association website. Notification of the final League placings and eventual winners will also be posted on the web site.

The Cup and up to 9 Prizes will be awarded to the winning team at a suitable date. Should a Member Club require more than the prescribed number of Prizes, they may purchase them from the Association, after giving prior notice of their additional requirements to the Committee of Management.

d) **JUBILEE TRIPLES TROPHY**

Member Clubs of the Association shall be invited to submit one Gents Triples Team to represent their Club, in this all day Tournament to be held on the 1st. Saturday in July on the Presidents Club green. Should one or more Member Clubs fail to provide a team, Bye - Law 5b will be invoked. Two teams shall be the maximum entry from any Member Club. Completed entry forms, together with the appropriate fees must be returned by the closing date to the R. & D. B. A. Match Secretary. The Trophy and the R. & D.B.A. Winners Medals together with the Runners up Prizes will be presented on the day.

5 **GENERAL**

- a) Trial ends may be waived by mutual agreement in any Association Competition, however should a player or a skip request a trial end or ends they must be played and S.B.A. Rule 22a (Trial Ends) be invoked.
- b) In the event of any Club not being able to provide a team for Competitions other than the Championships notice must be given at least 7 days in advance of the Competition to the R. & D.B.A. Match Secretary by the Secretary or the Match Secretary of the Club concerned. The first choice substitute team will be from the Presidents Club, whom failing the Vice-Presidents Club, whom failing the Immediate Past Presidents Club and thereafter each successive Past President in order of precedence. Should an even number of Clubs be unable to provide a rink, the remaining entries will compete in the Competition.
- c) Host Clubs are expected to appoint umpires and provide markers for any singles ties played on their green, including the Semi Finals. This may be by any Committee Member or Ordinary Member of their Club as they so choose.
- d) All Association evening games are to commence at 6.30pm. All Association afternoon games are to commence at 2.00pm. 30 minutes to be allowed for a team turning up late. Should a team fail to turn up then the tie is forfeited or in the case of league games the tie is forfeited and the appropriate points awarded together with 8 shots.
- e) Postponements are allowed in both League Competitions by mutual consent; however in the event of the request being due to an S.B.A., G.B.A., or L.B.A. commitment, then in the spirit of Sportsmanship, it would be expected that at least one alternative date be granted. Should any such game require to be postponed during the Triples League Competition, it must be rearranged and played within seven (7) days of the original date. Any postponed games occurring in the last two weeks of the Triples League must be completed on or by the Tuesday following the final week of the League.
- g) Qualifying Rules for both League Competitions are as follows.

The team with the highest number of points wins the Section.	If equal
The team with the greatest shot differential wins the Section	If equal
The team with the highest total shots scored wins the Section.	If equal

A play off will be arranged by mutual agreement with the R. & D.B.A. Committee on a neutral green.