

English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd

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“Promoting the level-green game of Indoor Bowls in England”

Affiliation to the E.I.B.A. Ltd

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Applications for Affiliation may be made by letter together with:

- ◆ a copy of the Club Constitution and Rules
- ◆ Name, Address, Telephone Numbers of the Club and Officers
- ◆ Such other information that may be required by the Executive Committee of the Association.

To be eligible for Affiliation, the Club must have the use of an Indoor Green, which conforms to the Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls as approved by the World Indoor Bowls Council (W.I.B.C.).

MEMBERSHIP

Each Member Club shall pay such annual subscription as may be determined by an ordinary resolution of the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

Each Member Club shall in addition pay a levy in respect of each of their playing members who have attained the age of 14 years of such amount as may be determined by an ordinary resolution of the Members at the Annual General Meeting

A “playing member” for the purposes of the Levy is regarded as any person entitled by virtue of his or her membership to use the playing facilities of the Club.

For the 2010/2011 Season the following monies are currently payable:

- (i) For the 12 months ending 30th November 2011, the Annual Levy payable by each Club in respect of each of their playing members who have attained the age of 14 years, as at 1st December 2010, shall be £2.30. This sum to be paid by 31st December 2010.
- (ii) For the 12 months ending 30th November 2011, the Subscription Fee for Clubs shall be £100, this sum to be paid by 31st December 2010.

Full details relating to the Association can be found at www.eiba.co.uk including downloadable copies of our Articles of Association, AGM Booklets and related Paperwork, Regulations, Diary of Events.

BENEFITS OF AFFILIATION:

- As a member of the Association, which is the National Governing Body for playing Level Green Indoor Bowls in England – you can have a direct influence on the running of our Sport.

Laws of the Sport – all Affiliated Members can have a direct input into the content of the Laws of the Sport of Bowls by submitting suggestions for amendment to the Association. The Association, after due consideration, will then submit these proposals to our World Governing Body – WIBC (World Indoor Bowls Council)

Executive Council - all members of Affiliated Clubs are eligible for Election to the controlling body of the Association and thereby have a direct influence on the work of the Association.

All members of Affiliated Clubs have an immediate access to Officers, Committee Members and Staff of the Association, who are available to provide advice and guidance.

As your National Governing Body, we provide the Sport with a structure which enables Indoor Bowls to be recognised by Government agencies, corporate bodies and the general public.

- Bowls Development Alliance (BDA) – the Association is an active partner in the Alliance, supported by Sport England Regional Offices and County Sports Partnerships that are based across England.

The BDA consists of the following National Governing Bodies of Bowls:

- ❖ British Crown Green Bowling Association (BCGBA)
- ❖ English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA)
- ❖ English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd (EIBA)
- ❖ Bowls England (BE)

The BDA has been awarded more than £750,000 by Sport England to help deliver grassroots opportunities and increase participation over the next four years.

The funding will be used primarily to develop bowls and increase participation in the sport, in all its forms, across the country through joint recruitment and retention projects.

- Information and Guidance Service - by Affiliation to a National Governing Body of Sport which is recognised and supported by Sport England, an Affiliated Club and County will benefit from a Network of Advisers on such subjects as:
 - ❑ Community Amateur Sports Club's & Charitable Status (CASC)
 - ❑ changes in Government Legislation
 - ❑ Licensing Act
 - ❑ Sources of Funding
 - ❑ Technical Advisers – Lighting, Heating
 - ❑ Assistance with increasing Club Membership
 - ❑ Assistance with engaging with Schools
- Access to Services offered via the Sport and Recreation Alliance (www.sportandrecreation.org.uk)
- By being Affiliated to the Association, your Club can take an active part in the development of our **National Strategic Development Plan**, which is designed to ensure the continuance of our Sport of Indoor Bowls.
 - ❖ Recruitment – Increase participation in our sport by encouraging those over 55 years of age to take up our Sport.
 - ❖ Increase participation in our sport by helping young people access five hours of sport a week by establishing “School-club Links” and encouraging our Clubs to achieve “Clubmark Accreditation”.
 - ❖ Retain existing participants.
 - ❖ Increase the proportion of people satisfied with the aspects of sport that are important to them.
 - ❖ Develop the continuous Player Performance Pathway – from Beginner to International.
 - ❖ Create an effective link between Youngsters, Schools, Bowling Clubs and other interested Organisations.
 - ❖ Improvement of Facilities.
 - ❖ Assist Clubs to achieve “Clubmark Accreditation” via their local County Sports Partnership.
 - ❖ There is a dedicated member of staff to engage with County Sports Partnerships to ensure the needs of Indoor Bowls are looked after and enhanced. See http://www.eiba.co.uk/csp/csp_summary.php
- Arbitration Service – the Association will assist Clubs, Counties and individual Members to resolve difficulties that may occur.
- English Bowls Youth Development Scheme (EBYDS) – through the Associations funding of the EBYDS, assistance and guidance on the provision of bowling for young people is available to all Affiliated Clubs and Counties.
- Joint Child Protection Panel – through the Associations funding of the Panel, assistance and guidance on all matters relating to Child Protection Legislation is available to members of all Affiliated Clubs and Counties.
See <http://www.eiba.co.uk/youth/childprotection.php>
- English Bowls Umpires Association (EBUA) – through the Associations funding of the EBUA, the services of fully trained Umpires are available to all Affiliated Clubs and Counties.

- English Bowls Coaching Scheme (EBCS) – through the Associations funding of the EBCS, the services of fully trained Coaches are available to members of all Affiliated Clubs and Counties.
- Membership Services - we are able to offer the Members of Affiliated Indoor Bowling Clubs a variety of specially arranged Services.

See <http://www.eiba.co.uk/mb/membersbenefits.php> and <http://www.eiba.co.uk/partners/partners.php>

Companies and their products / services are sourced and secured for Affiliated Clubs to utilise at beneficial rates which will reduce their overheads and help keep subscription rates and rink fees to an attractive level.

- Direct Benefits from Sponsors – through our negotiations with our Sponsors, Affiliated Clubs and Counties can obtain special benefits which are communicated on a regular basis.

See <http://www.eiba.co.uk/partners/partners.php>

- EIBA Bowls Holidays - The opportunity for members of Affiliated Clubs to enjoy discounted Indoor Bowls Holidays at Potters Holiday Resort and a Warner Breaks Resort.

- EIBA Newsletter – A Newsletter is distributed free of charge to every Affiliated Club during the Indoor Season.

See <http://www.eiba.co.uk/news/newsletter-index.php>

- Ability to nominate members of a Club for Junior and Senior International Trials, and ultimately the ability to play for their Country at British Isles (BIIBC and BIWIBC) and World (WIBC) level events.

- Participation in 29 National Competitions See http://www.eiba.co.uk/bss/competitions_list.php

Additional reasons for being Affiliated:

- By being Affiliated to a Member Nation of the World Indoor Bowls Council, your members are entitled to play the Sport of Indoor Bowls in accordance with the WIBC Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls.
- Potential Partners/Funders/Insurers are provided with the assurance that your Club receives assistance from a National Governing Body from which you can obtain assistance and guidance on matters relating to the running of your Club.
- We provide support, advice and guidance on matters relating to the sport whether this is on or off the rink. An example recently is the production of promotional material which Clubs can access as part of their Affiliation to recruit new bowlers.
- We are now becoming very proactive in helping promote the sport nationally and regionally. In fact the National Men's Singles was filmed by a TV production company and matches were shown live on the web and 21 hours of highlights were broadcast on Sky Sports in June and July. This initiative is not a one off and discussions are already taking place to secure coverage next year and include Ladies Singles.
- The EIBA can and does support Clubs who are facing the threat of closure due to landlords looking to use the facility for other activities. This has achieved a change of mind and or ensured that a new facility includes an indoor bowls facility.

For further information about the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd please contact the Administration Manager/Company Secretary – Stephen Rodwell e-mail: SteveR@eiba.co.uk or visit our Website at www.eiba.co.uk

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