



GLOUCESTERSHIRE BOWLS ASSOCIATION

'2021 Affiliation submission to county - additional guidance'

ANNUAL PROCESS

In order to comply with Bowls England Rule 4 and GBA Constitution & Rules (2016) Rules 4.6 – 4.8, all your Club's playing members for the season from 1 May 2021 must be affiliated, and payment made to the County Treasurer by that date. A few days grace will be allowed for the payment to possibly be made by a person (Club Treasurer) different from the person who submits the Affiliation Form (Club Secretary), but only that. Failure to comply or late payment, may result in your Club not being affiliated to both the County Association and our National Governing Body (Bowls England) and, therefore, your Club members would be unable to play in National and County competitions, County matches and possibly matches against other affiliated clubs.

1. A list of ALL playing members of a club, including Life, Honorary and Junior Members, must be sent to the County Treasurer by 1 May 2021. A pro-forma will be supplied for this purpose. This has separate sub-lists of Male Members and Female Members. Members under the age of 18 must be clearly identified (see [3] below).
2. The total FEE payable is £9.00 per playing member (£4.00 GBA Affiliation Fee plus £5.00 Bowls England Affiliation Fee). These may be paid in cash, by cheque (from club only) or by Bank Transfer (from club only).
3. For Juniors under 18 as at 1 April 2021, only the Bowls England fee is payable. Currently £5.00. The GBA Joint Executive Committee introduced this as an incentive to Clubs to encourage junior bowlers and to encourage their affiliation (all the more vital this year due to the setting up of the Gloucestershire Youth Academy).
4. If members belong to more than one club, each club must pay the Bowls England fee (£5.00) for that member, but only the player's MAIN club need pay the additional County Fee (£4.00). This is usually the club from where they enter County and National competitions.
5. Club Secretaries should ensure that the club's total fees are passed, either by themselves or the Club Treasurer, to the GBA County Treasurer by 1 May 2021 or very soon afterwards. A covering pro-forma for payment is supplied. Bank details are : Barclays Bank sort code 20-33-83 Account no: 73840131 Account name GBA 2010.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP DURING THE SEASON

6. Additional members joining your club after Affiliation numbers have been declared on 1 May must also be paid for, before they will be formally eligible to play in 2021. The GBA understand that new members, most particularly those involved in a club early-season coaching course, may not affiliate until part way through the season, but whatever subscription the club levies on such new members must factor in the Affiliation component.
7. The acting County Treasurer must be informed of all additions and deletions of membership to ensure the data base of the GBA is up-to-date and in order, to comply with Data Protection regulations.
8. As has a purely one-off concession for 2021 and an encouragement for clubs to get involved in the 'Bowls' Big Weekend', 28-31 May 2021, Bowls England has agreed that no Affiliation Fee needs to be paid for new recruits to clubs resulting from that four day event.

Acting County Treasurer. April 2021