

## **Protocol regarding bereavements of members or former members of the GBA**

Note that this protocol is not intended in any way to conflict with the role of the Women's and Men's Division Benevolent Secretaries. These will continue exactly as before and anyone who would previously have advised a divisional Benevolent Secretary, should please still do so in the future. The protocol is solely about formal communication with the GBA in the event of the death of a GBA member or former member.

Please also note that the protocol does not include family members of present or past GBA members. It is felt that such circumstances will be more appropriately and sympathetically handled by colleagues and friends in the relevant clubs.

In the event of the passing of any GBA member or former member :

- All bereavements should please be notified to the County Administrator [only] by one the following contacts :
  - A member of the bereaved family
  - A club secretary (only)
- A divisional Benevolent Secretary may also be separately involved (including in follow-up, possibly with letter, card or flowers) and be part of the communication chain, but the death must please be confirmed by one of the two above. Clubs or families will naturally decide for themselves whether they wish to independently inform the Benevolent Secretary.
- Relatives of players or former players are not covered by this County protocol, though might obviously be part of a club involvement and follow-up.
- The initial contact (family or club secretary) must please confirm the full bowling background of the deceased individual - a new County Administrator could not be expected to necessarily know such details. This person must also confirm whether the family wish the death to be generally announced and circulated.
- Divisional Secretaries will receive notification of bereavements from the County Administrator, for acknowledgement at divisional Delegate Meetings, if agreed by the family.
- Deaths will be notified by the County Administrator to all 62 GBA club secretaries and to all County officers and officials. This again presumes family agreement. It will be for club secretaries to decide whether and how to disseminate the information.

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