

Schedule F - GBA Greens Committee Protocols

- 1 As defined in the GBA Constitution & Rules, the GBA Greens Committee will be elected annually, with each Section being represented by two members. A Chairman will be elected by the members of that Committee following the Men's Division October Divisional Delegate Meeting. A meeting may be arranged by any of its members.
- 2 The GBA Greens Committee exists for three purposes :
 - To rule on whether greens might be considered unsatisfactory or unsuitable for particular events (normally County competitions or County or National matches)
 - To rule on whether greens might be considered unsatisfactory in general, following substantive complaints by other clubs or individuals
 - Where possible to provide a link between Clubs and to the County Greens Advisor
- 3 A club green or individual rinks on a green may be considered unsatisfactory :
 - a) As a result of an inspection by the GBA Greens Committee for the purposes of said green being considered for the later stages of GBA competitions or a GBA County match or National Competition.
 - b) As a result of a substantive complaint or repeated complaints from either another club or by an individual, thought by the Committee to be sufficiently significant to require an inspection by the GBA Greens Committee.
- 4 No club may refuse an inspection by the GBA Greens Committee on the grounds noted in 14.3. The two members from each GBA Section are empowered to visit all greens in their Section, at any time, to make a subjective assessment of whether the playing facilities are of the required standard. Where a Section has not appointed members to the Committee members of other Sections will be similarly empowered.
- 5 The GBA Greens Committee shall determine who shall undertake greens inspections, and also the nature of the inquiries and tests to be undertaken. As a Committee, they may meet from time to time to standardise their methodology and discuss any changes in requirements.
- 6 Inspections may involve testing all rinks in both directions, and checking that the greens, ditches and banks are within the measurements set by the Crystal Mark Laws of the Sport, current edition. The Greens Committee member(s) involved may be required to re-inspect at a later date, should they have declared a green or rinks on a green to be unacceptable, or following a challenge by a County competition competitor.
- 7 Greens may be considered unsatisfactory on the basis of :
 - The overall even-ness of the green or parts of the green
 - Whether the playing surface is of the required standard
 - Particular unacceptable characteristics of the green – such as persistent irregularities, damage or diseases
 - The quality of the ditches and banks

In assessing these parameters, at the time of inspection the Committee member(s) will be mindful of both antecedent and existing weather conditions.
- 8 The inspecting greens Committee member shall prepare a report for the club, to be displayed on the club notice board, and also keep a file of such reports. They shall notify the County Administrator of the outcomes of inspections.
- 9 In preparing a report on greens being used for County competitions or a particular County or National match, the inspecting Committee member(s) may additionally include information on : catering facilities, changing rooms, car/coach parking, accessibility and other factors considered relevant.