

Middleton Cup Governance

Team Manager

The Team Manager is appointed by the Men's Division Delegates' Meeting (MDDM) at their October meeting (6.3).

Middleton Cup experience is highly desirable for this post. It is expected that the Team Manager will generally not be a playing member of the Middleton Cup team.

The Team Manager is responsible for the selection of teams for the:

Middleton Cup;
Balcomb Trophy (Two Rinks); and,
White Rose Trophy (Junior Two Rinks).

These team selections will be published to all clubs via the County Secretary and County Website.

The Team Manager (following consultation with the Secretary and one other County officer) will appoint four section advisers (one from each section) with whom he shall consult during the season. The final decision over these appointments rests with the Team Manager (12.2).

The Team Manager will call meetings as required of the four Advisors. The Secretary is entitled to attend such meetings as an ex-officio member.

The post is accountable to the Men's Divisional Management Committee (MDMC) and is a member of this committee. He is expected to attend MDMC meetings and Divisional Delegate's meetings. Where he is unable to attend an advisor shall take his place.

The Team Manager will prepare the rink cards in advance of the match and match day duties include attendance for the draw for rinks and participation in any coin toss.

Team Advisors

Team Advisors are appointed by the Team Manager; one from each of the four sections (see above).

Middleton Cup experience is preferred for this post (ideally, they should not be a current player so that they can attend the games and observe performances).

They should provide advice, assistance and support to the Team Manager.

A key role for the advisors is the identification of prospective players within their section.

Match Official – Junior Vice-President

The Match Official is responsible for administration before, on and after match days, liaising with the;

Team Manager;
Host club concerning refreshments;
County Records Officer over badges; and,
Treasurer.

Their duties on match days include:

- Attending the rinks draw and writing out the cards after any coin toss;
- Issuing bowls stickers to players;
- Collecting any money due and payment of any match or food fees due to the host club;
- Collection of the cards after the match;
- Providing the Treasurer with a financial report and receipts where appropriate.

Players

A team member shall:

- Observe at all times the relevant Constitution, Regulations and Rules of the County and Bowls England;
- Conduct himself in a manner that reflects favourably upon himself, his fellow bowlers and his County;
- Show respect to colleagues, opponents and officials and not subject them to any physical or verbal abuse at any time;
- Report punctually at prescribed times;
- Not render himself unfit through alcohol or drugs before or during a match; and,
- Follow the rules on dress and discipline.

The Team Manager will decide all matters relating to both Dress and Discipline. A player shall have a right of appeal against a Team Manager's decision on these matters to the County Secretary who will convene and chair a meeting of the four advisors to consider the appeal. Their decision will be final.

Dress Code

The dress code shall be to attend the match in greys and either white shirt and County tie or County shirt or other GBA badged clothing. Blazers may be worn where desired. For the match itself, whites (including BE approved shorts) and County shirt will be worn.

Flashes

Flashes that can be worn on the sleeve of a County shirt for Middleton Cup, Balcomb Trophy and White Rose will be awarded for 50 full games and 100 full games.

Trials

There will usually be two trials, one against County opponents and one internal at the end of the season. All County Finalists from that year will be offered the opportunity for an internal trial.

Match Fees

Match fees will be agreed annually in advance. These will be recommended by the Divisional Finance Committee and confirmed by the MDMC (5.8).

Once agreed by the MDMC, this will form part of Schedule B to the Constitution (6.8)