



NORTHERN IRELAND TENPIN BOWLING FEDERATION

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

The Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Federation (NITBF) has been formed as the national governing body for tenpin bowling in Northern Ireland replacing the former Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Association (NITBA) and Tenpin Bowling Association of Northern Ireland (TBAONI) at its formation meeting on 19th September 1994. The federation has the full support of the British Tenpin Bowling Association (BTBA), Sports NI., European Tenpin Bowling Federation (ETBF) Federation des Quilleurs (FIQ) and World Bowling.

NITBF had its membership ratified and confirmed as full members of FIQ and World Bowling in Reno, Nevada, USA on 7th July 1995.

1. Jurisdiction

- (a) The NITBF shall have jurisdiction over all tenpin bowling in Northern Ireland.

2. Purpose.

- (a) Uniting all tenpin bowlers within its jurisdiction.
- (b) Encouraging sportsmanship and fair play.
- (c) Enforcing the playing rules of ETBF, BTBA, and World Bowling.
- (d) Conducting tournaments and national championships.
- (e) Selections of teams and individuals to represent Northern Ireland (NITBF) in international events at home and abroad.

3. Membership. (also see Rules of Association for definitions and more information.)

- (a) Membership of NITBF is open to anyone interested in Tenpin Bowling, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or political opinion.
- (b) Members will be subject to regulations of the Constitution and by joining accept the Rules of Association that the NITBF has adopted.
- (c) Categories are: Full, Senior, Junior, League, Life and Honorary.
- (d) Members in each category will pay membership fees, as determined by the NITBF council.

4. Equality Statement.

- (a) The NITBF is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following definition of sports equity.
- (b) The NITBF respects the rights, dignity, and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of Ten Pin Bowling, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- (c) The NITBF is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy Ten Pin Bowling in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- (d) All NITBF members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- (e) The NITBF will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to disciplinary procedures.

5. Child Protection Policy/Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

(see NITBF web site for full Child Protection Policy.) See appendix.

(See Rules of Association for Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.) see appendix.

6. Council.

- (a) The NITBF shall be conducted by a Council which shall consist of, President, Treasurer, Secretary, 1 Vice President and 5 Council members.
- (b) All Council members must be full or senior members of the NITBF.
- (c) The term of office of all on Council shall be a period of two years, Council members who have served one full term (2 years) period in the last 6 years on Council can apply for an executive post.
- (d) The Council shall be responsible for implementing the terms and conditions of the Constitution and Rules of Association and shall (within the limits of those terms and conditions) carry out and enforce the mandates of the NITBF.
- (e) The Council shall have the power to hear and determine all complaints arising from or because of a misconception of terms and conditions of this Constitution or of the Rules of Association, and shall have appellate and final jurisdiction on all matters brought to it on appeal. (Refer to Rules of Association for more information on complaints and appeals.)
- (f) The quorum for a meeting of the Council shall be 5 members of which 2 must be members of the executive committee.
- (g) The Council shall be empowered to act for and on behalf of the NITBF in setting up policies or procedure to regulate matters not fully covered in this Constitution or in the Rules of Association.

- (h) If the post of any Council or Executive member should fall vacant the Council has the power to co-opt a member to Council.
- (i) The Council will have powers to appoint any advisors to the council as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (j) Not more than one member of a family unit can be members of the Council's Executive during a term of office.

(7) Duties of NITBF Officers.

- (a) The affairs of the NITBF shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the President, Treasurer, Secretary, 1 Vice President and 5 Council members to oversee the day to day running of the NITBF.
- (b) The President shall represent the NITBF as and when required. The President shall preside at meetings of the Council and at general meetings of the NITBF. The President will be responsible for the smooth and efficient running of the business of Council.
- (c) The Vice-President shall in the absence of the President represent the NITBF and perform such duties as may be assigned by the President or Council.
- (e) The Secretary shall be Chief Administrative Officer of the NITBF. The Secretary shall conduct correspondence, keep records, chair council meetings (including minutes of meetings) present a report with recommendations to the AGM, perform the duties set out in Rules of Association, and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or Council.
- (f) The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid or donated to the NITBF and ensure such is deposited in a recognised banking institution in the name of the NITBF. The Treasurer shall maintain a statement of current financial condition of the NITBF, available on request by the President or Council. All receipt and disbursements recorded and kept and present an independently audited statement of the NITBF's financial affairs to the AGM.

(8) Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings.

- (a) The Council shall each year convene the AGM of the NITBF. Timing, agenda, voting arrangements and other matters relating to the business conducted at the AGM will be provided in the Rules of Association.
- (b) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be convened as laid out in the Rules of Association.
- (c) Amendments to the Constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM. (see Rules of Association.)

(9) Rules of Association.

- (a) The detailed implementation of terms and conditions of this constitution shall be set out in a collection of by-laws to be known as the Rules of Association, which shall be published as an appendix to the NITBF Constitution.
- (b) The Rules of Association may be amended by motion through a majority vote at any Annual/Extraordinary General Meeting.

(11) Dissolution.

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the NITBF can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of members.
- (b) In the event of dissolution all debts should be cleared with any funds. Any assets (see rules of association,) that remain following this will become the property of another club with similar objectives that are recognised by the governing bodies of Ten Pin Bowling. (See Rules of Association)

(10) Declaration.

- (a) NITBF hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members. Signed and dated by the President and Secretary.

(12) Appendix.

Please go to web site www.nitbf.org.uk for information on,

- Child Protection Policy
- Rules of Association
- All other related information on NITBF



Northern Ireland Tenpin Bowling Federation

Rules of Association

1. Membership.

The membership shall be for one year, commencing 1st October to 30th September of the following year, regardless of when membership was taken out, on receipt of an annual payment decided by the NITBF council. Membership application forms are available from the NITBF web site www.nitbf.org.uk

2. Types of Membership.

- (a) **Full Membership** Life members shall be termed full members. Only full members can be selected for FIC/Senior squads.
- (b) **Junior Membership** to be eligible an applicant must be under the age of nineteen (19) years on the first day of membership term. If a junior wishes to receive ranking points they must purchase full membership and also pay full entry fee.
- (c) **Senior Membership** to be eligible an applicant must be 50 years or turning 50 years during the ranking tour season. If a senior wishes to receive ranking points for FIC they must purchase full membership.
- (d) **League Membership** individuals who bowl in NITBF sanctioned leagues. League membership does not entitle the individual to ranking points if they choose to compete in the ranking events they must take out the applicable membership. League membership does not provide the individual with any voting rights at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings held by the NITBF
- (e) **Honorary Membership** may be conferred on persons who have rendered valuable service to the NITBF. It shall have an initial term of five (5) years and may be renewed by further periods of five (5) years in accordance with the conditions of section 3 of these rules.
- (f) **Life Membership** shall only be open to Honorary Members. It may be conferred only after the expiry of the initial term of Honorary Membership in accordance with the conditions of section 3 of these rules

3. Procedures for conferring Honorary and Life Memberships

- (a) A person may be nominated for Honorary or Life Membership or for Renewal of Honorary Membership by proposal carried by unanimous vote at a meeting of the Council.
- (b) Written proposal signed by ten (10) voting members. Proposals should reach the Secretary not later than seventeen (17) days, before the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The Secretary shall publish all details of proposals not later than fourteen (14) days before the Annual General Meeting.
- (d) Voting, proposals shall be by secret ballot at the AGM and shall require at least two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to succeed.

4. **Membership cards** each member shall be issued with a membership card which shall at least indicate.

- **NAME**
- **MEMBERSHIP NUMBER**
- **DATE OF EXPIRY**

5. **Register of Members** the NITBF shall keep and maintain a register of all members. This register shall at least incorporate the following information concerning each member.

- **NAME**
- **ADDRESS**
- **DATE OF JOINING NITBF**
- **PREVIOUS SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL**
- **PREVIOUS INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE**
- **DATE OF BIRTH**
- **DATE OF EXPIRY**
- **ANY PREVIOUS BAD STANDING WITH ANY ASSOCIATION**

6. **Data Protection.**

(a) All personal data acquired by the NITBF shall be used for the purpose of the NITBF and shall not be disclosed to third parties. All data will be retained by the Secretary. Please see link www.gov.uk/data-protection

7. **Suspension of Membership.**

(a) The Council shall specifically be empowered to suspend membership rights as a disciplinary measure, either indefinitely or for a specified period.

(b) In the case of Honorary or Life Members, the Council's power of suspension shall at the most extend until the next AGM. The council may table a proposal at the next AGM either for extension of the suspension or for withdrawal of Honorary or Life Membership. The Member concerned may appeal against the suspension at an Extraordinary General Meeting if they succeed in canvassing the required number of signatures laid down in rule 28iii.

8. **Treasurer** the Treasurer shall be accountable to the Council for the day to day regulation of finances. The President has the right to periodically check the accounts.

(a) Money in the NITBF's bank account shall be available to repay expenses incurred in the day-to-day running of the NITBF and the legitimate furtherance of the purpose of the NITBF.

(b) Withdrawals from the NITBF's account shall.

- Be by cheque bearing the signature of the Treasurer and the signature of such other officer authorised by the Council or by bank transfer.
- And only if formally authorised at a meeting of the Council.
- In exceptional circumstances withdrawals may be made when authorised by the cheque signatory and a third officer and reported at the next meeting of the Council by the officers concerned.

9. Auditor

- (a) The council shall appoint an independent auditor from outside of their own membership.
- (b) The continuance of the appointment of the auditor shall be subject to at the AGM, failing which an auditor may be elected by the members present and voting.
- (c) The financial year for the purpose of the auditor's signed statement shall commence on the 1 day of April in any year.

10. The Council/Nominations and Election Rules.

- (a) The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Ordinary Members of the Council shall be elected at the AGM.
- (b) Written nominations shall be required for positions open to election at the AGM in order to be valid, written nominations must,
 - Nominee must be a NITBF member.
 - Be signed by two (2) voting members (who are defined as active members who are in good standing with the NITBF, over the age of 19 and are not within the ranks of either honorary or life or league members.
 - Contain a declaration of willingness to serve, signed by the nominee.
 - And bear the current NITBF membership number of all members.

11. The following shall be eligible for nomination.

- Outgoing members of the council
- For the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer only members who have previously served at least one full term (2 year) period in the last 6 years on Council, provided there are in good standing.
- For the position of ordinary Council members, all voting members provided that in all cases nominees are members and are in good standing with the NITBF.

12. Nominations shall reach the Secretary not later than seventeen (17) days before the AGM.

- If an excess of nominations for any position is received, a secret ballot shall take place.
- If the nominations does not exceed vacancies, those validly nominated shall be deemed elected, and where necessary, additional nominations shall be taken from the floor. Nominees from the floor should be present at the meeting and shall be required to;
 - (a) Satisfy the eligibility requirements for nomination set out in rule 10.
 - (b) And to declare to meeting their willingness to accept office if elected.

- 13.** A position left open at the meeting shall be filled as soon as possible in accordance with the conditions in Rule 10.

14. Term of Office

The term of office to the Council shall be for a period of 2 year. Members shall have served on Council for a minimum period of two years in the last 6 years prior to become eligible to apply for an Executive post.

15. Council Meetings

- (a) The Council shall where possible meet at least every 6 weeks, once a month, on a day and a time appointed by the President. When possible at least 2 Council meetings outside the AGM to be face to face.
- (b) The secretary shall notify the members of the Council of the date, time and venue of all the meetings.
- (c) The quorum for the meeting of the Council shall be six (5) members of which two (2) must be members of the Executive.
- (d) The President shall normally preside/chair meetings of the Council. In their absence, one of the Secretary or Vice-Presidents shall temporarily preside/chair.
- (e) The Secretary will issue the agenda of the Council meeting prior to the meeting. Any documents of importance which require detailed reading/analysis will also be distributed prior to the Council meeting by the Secretary for discussion at the Council meeting.
- (f) The Secretary shall record the minutes of all Council meetings. In the absence of the Secretary someone will be appointed to take the minutes.
- (g) Any member of the Council who, without reasonable cause, fail to attend three consecutive meetings shall be deemed to have vacated his or her office.

16. Non Constitutional proposals raised at Council meetings.

- (a) All Council members have the right to one vote on each proposal at council meetings. Proposals can only be voted by members attending the meeting, unless Council members agree to withhold vote until more members are present.
- (b) Each submission made at Council must be proposed and seconded. The proposal with the most votes will be passed.
- (c) Voting will take place in Council meetings by a raising of the hand, however for important issues the Council may decide that a secret ballot should take place.
- (d) The date of upcoming Council meetings should be displayed in bowling centres and the NITBF web site. If an individual has something they wish to have discussed at the NITBF council they should submit this to the Secretary in writing/e-mail at least 48hours prior to the meeting.
- (e) If something is of extreme importance and the Council have only met previous, the Secretary will inform the Executive to meet and discuss and also provide a report to the next Council meeting, if it needs an immediate response the secretary will contact council members for a vote.

17. Confidentiality.

- (a) Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in these Rules, the proceedings of the Council shall be wholly confidential, no Council member shall disclose any information relating to these proceedings except insofar as formally determined by the Council.

- (b) Unless otherwise stated elsewhere in these Rules or formally determined by the council, all minutes of the NITBF shall be treated as wholly confidential by persons having lawful access to them.
- (c) Members shall have access to the proceedings of the Council either via NITBF web site or noticeboards in bowling centres.
- (d) The NITBF will never promise to keep secrets. However, information of a confidential nature will only be communicated on a “need to know “ basis, with the welfare of the child/individual paramount. Considerations of confidentiality will not be allowed to override the rights of children or young/individuals members to be protected from harm.

18. Vacancies in the Council shall be filled in accordance with the following conditions.

- (a) The Council shall appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.
- (b) Vacancies on the Executive should be filled by member of the full council.
- (c) Persons appointed to fill any vacancy shall satisfy the eligibility requirements for nomination set out in Rule 10.

19. Resignations.

- (a) Resignations from Council should be made to the Secretary in writing.
- (b) Where an individual resigns the Secretary is responsible for ensuring that they are removed from all mailing lists and correspondence to do with the NITBF. The Individual must return all NITBF records, documents or other materials belonging to the NITBF.

20. Disciplinary Policy and Procedure.

- (a) Complaints alleging misconduct by Council or members should be lodged in writing with the Secretary at least 7 days following the incident. If the misconduct is by the Secretary the complaint should be lodged in writing to the President.
- (b) The Executive must first decide if the complaint is of a nature to be dealt with by the NITBF.
- (c) No action will be taken until the case has been fully investigated and the facts are established from all members/parties involved.
- (d) At every stage in the procedure, the member will be advised of the nature of the complaint against them and will be given the opportunity to state their case before any decision is made.
- (e) Following the presentation of the evidence at a hearing, the Executive Council shall by simple majority vote, in secret ballot find the complaint proven or not, if proven dependent on the nature of the complaint the member in question may have their NITBF membership revoked.
- (f) The outcome of any disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made by the Secretary or President if complaint is against the Secretary.
- (g) Any Executive/Council member shall not be entitled to vote on the question of their alleged complaint.

- (h) If on Council and complaint is proven they shall surrender to the Council all records, documents or other materials belonging to the NITBF which may be their possession and is ineligible to serve in the future as a member of the Council unless the case is re-opened and the original verdict reversed.
- (i) Any member may lodge a complaint in writing alleging violation of the Constitution or of the Rules of Association to the Council set out in rule 19a.
- (j) All records of disciplinary hearing shall be held by the Secretary for future reference.

20. Appeals.

- (a) Right of appeal should be lodged with the Secretary no later than 5 days after the hearing. The Executive will consider the appeal within 7 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

21. Committees/Appointments.

- (a) The Council may delegate any of its functions by appointing committees, the President will propose who is in each committee.
- (b) Committees may co-opt additional voting members or other specialist individuals to their ranks, subject to ratification by the Council.
- (c) Where possible, every committee shall be presided over by a member of the Executive.

22. Committee Regulations.

- (a) The term of office of any committee shall be determined by the Council, but may only extend until the next AGM.
- (b) Any vacancy arising on committee during its term of office shall, if necessary, be filled by Council appointing a replacement to serve the unexpired term.
- (c) The Council may terminate committee appointments at any time.
- (d) Every committee shall present a report to Council not later than twenty-one (21) days before the AGM, or on completion of its assignment, and shall present further reports as requested by Council.

23. Standing Committees.

- Junior Committee
- Full International Committee
- Senior Committee
- (a) The President shall appoint each term a Junior/FIC/Senior Committees to administer the affairs of said squads.
- (b) The Committees shall consist of at least three (3) voting members specifically appointed to the position of Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. (At least one member of the Junior Committee must be a trained Child Liaison Officer.)
- (c) All Committees shall maintain a written record of its meetings and these shall be made available to the Council through the NITBF Secretary.
- (d) All income accumulated by fund-raising activities, sponsorship or subscriptions shall be available to repay expenses incurred exclusively in connection with legitimate furtherance of bowling.
- (e) Withdrawals from NITBF's bank account on behalf shall be cheque or bank transfer bearing the signatures of the NITBF's Treasurer and one other authorised official.

- (f) Special applications for financial assistance from the NITBF funds can be requested by writing to the Secretary or via Council member for consideration at the next Council meeting, after which person or persons will be inform of the outcome.
- (g) The Committees shall be responsible for the organisation of the selection of teams to represent Northern Ireland/NITBF in tournaments and international events at home and abroad.
- (h) The Junior Committee will be responsible for the implementation and monitoring of the NITBF's Child Protection Policy.

24. Legislative Committee

- (a) The President shall appoint legislative committee at least two (2) voting members or other specialist individuals. The committee shall advise the Council on matters of interpretation of the Constitution and Rules of Association.
- (b) The Legislative Committee shall advise the Council on proposed amendments to the Constitution or the Rules of Association.
- (c) The Legislative Committee shall review all papers, documents and evidence pertaining to appeals as requested by Council.
- (d) The Legislative Committee shall keep and maintain a written record of its recommendations concerning matters of interpretation, which shall be referred to as necessary to establish precedents and ensure consistent judgements.

25. General Meetings

- (a) All General Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Standing Orders of the NITBF.

26. Attendance and Voting at General Meetings.

- (a) All current members of the NITBF shall be entitled to attend Annual General Meetings.
- (b) Only voting members shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings (Honorary, life and League card members are not entitled to a vote.)
- (c) Voting by proxy shall be allowed provided that votes for positions and motions are presented to the NITBF Secretary in a sealed envelope to be opened during the appropriate AGM at least 48 hours before the AGM and is restricted to one (1) proxy vote per member. This is not a postal vote, but allows the recipient to vote on behalf of the issuing member as he or she sees fit.

27. Annual General Meetings (AGMs)

- (a) The AGM shall be held during the Month of April, on a date and a public venue decided by the Council.
- (b) Members shall be given at least twenty-eight (28) days' notice of the date and venue for the AGM.
- (c) The agenda for the AGM shall be as follows;
 - i. Minutes of the previous AGM.
 - ii. Secretary's Report.
 - iii. Treasurer's Report.
 - iv. Confirmation of Audit.
 - v. Council Elections.

- vi. Motions.
- vii. Honorary and Lifetime Proposals.
- viii. New Business.

28. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

- (a) Members shall be given at least twenty-eight (28) days' notice of an EGM convened by the Council, such notice shall include details of business to be discussed.
- (b) The Council may convene an EGM on its own initiative.
- (c) NITBF members may at any time request the Council to convene an EGM.
- (d) Every request from Member(s) for an EGM shall.
 - i. Be submitted in writing to the Secretary.
 - ii. State the business required to be discussed.
 - iii. To be signed by at least fifteen (15) members (not Honorary, Life or League members.)

29. Motions.

- (a) A motion may be tabled for inclusion on the Agenda at any General Meeting
- (b) The Council may table a motion provided the text has been formally approved at a Council Meeting. Other motions shall be submitted in writing and signed by two (2) voting members.
- (c) Unless otherwise provided elsewhere in these rules, motion other than those emanating from the Executive Council should reach the Secretary not later than seventeen (17) days before the General Meeting.
- (d) The Secretary shall publish details of all motions not later than fourteen (14) days before the General Meeting.
- (e) The Council may table an amendment to a motion. Other amendments shall be submitted in writing, signed by two (2) voting members and should reach the Secretary not later than seven (7) days before the General Meeting.
- (f) The Secretary shall publish details of all amendments not later than four (4) days before the General Meeting.
- (g) In the case of extreme urgency a motion or an amendment which has not been submitted in advance may be discussed and acted upon if agreed by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
- (h) Unless otherwise provided in the Constitution, elsewhere in these Rules, or in standing orders, a motion or amendment to a motion shall be adopted by simple majority vote.

30. Amendments to Constitution.

- (a) A motion proposing an amendment to the Constitution may be tabled.
 - i. By the council following consultation with the Legislative Committee.
 - ii. By a submission in writing signed by five (5) voting members.

31. Motions other than those emanating from the Council.

- (a) Should reach the Secretary not later than 20 days prior to the AGM.
- (b) Motion be referred to the Legislative Committee for preliminary study and possible Elimination of those which in its judgement do not merit consideration by the Council and AGM.

- (c) Eliminated motions shall be returned to the applicant.
- (d) A returned motion may be resubmitted the following year if supported by a Petition signed by a least seven (7) voting members, without further referral to the Legislative Committee.
- (e) Having considered the views of the Legislative Committee on motions which have not been eliminated, the Council shall report to the AGM its conclusions and recommendations.
- (f) Each proposed Constitutional Amendment considered at an AGM shall be;
 - i. Adopted as submitted or amended.
 - ii. Rejected or
 - iii. Deferred for one year for further study.
- (g) Motions to table or postpone indefinitely shall be out of order.

32. Date for enforcement of Amendments to the Constitution and the Rules of Association.

- (a) An amendment to the Constitution or to the Rules of the Association shall not normally become effective until three (3) months have elapsed from the date of adoption.
- (b) In the case of extreme urgency a motion proposing amendment to the Constitution or to the Rules of the Association may include a provision for immediate enforcement.

33. Rules of the Council Executive Procedure and Legislative Operation.

- (a) The Council may make rules to regulate its own procedure and to facilitate the operation of the Constitution and Rules of Association.

34. Provisional Rules of the Association.

- (a) The Council may make provisional rules which shall be valid as such until presented for ratification at a AGM.
- (b) The Council shall table such provisional rules for ratification in the form of motions at the latest at the next AGM

35. Playing Rules.

- (a) The NITBF shall adopt playing rules to regulate the playing of the sport of tenpin bowling and the running of leagues and tournaments in N. Ireland.
- (b) The NITBF adopts the playing rules of World Bowling.
- (c) The NITBF shall adopt and enforce the World Bowling, ETBF, USBC and FIQ specifications regulating the equipment necessary for the sport of tenpin bowling. All bowling balls must be on the USBC approved list , www.bowl.com/approvedballlist.com
- (d) The NITBF shall enforce the rules of World Bowling regulating the sanctioning of leagues and tournaments, and the sanctioning of bowling establishments and the granting of bowling lane certificates.

36. International Duty.

(a) To be considered for selection,

- An individual must be a current member of the NITBF.
- Be selected based on the criteria in the National Ranking Tour, Rules and Regulations.
- Been born in Northern Ireland or a permanent resident in Northern Ireland at time of application for selection.
- An individual born outside of Northern Ireland must not have represented any other country at international level within the last 4 years.
- Selection dates for international competitions will be set by Council and advertised to all members.
- If selected to represent NI the Secretary will send a selection letter, the Council will decide the deadline on reply to accept or reject place.

37. Behaviour and Team Uniforms.

(a) While representing the NITBF in international competition, members are expected to behave in a manner which will not reflect adversely on Northern Ireland or the NITBF.

(b) Respect for the honour of representing Northern Ireland dictates that team uniforms (such as shirts etc.) for international duty should only be used when so engaged. This provision allows for such uniforms to be worn during team training, exhibition matches as well as formal international events. Uniforms which are similar in appearance to, or could be readily mistaken for official uniforms are likewise restricted. This does not apply to superseded shirts.

(c) Permission to wear current Northern Ireland uniforms in non-representative competition may be given by Council.

38. Use of NITBF Seal, Crest or Logo.

(a) The Seal, Crest, Initials or Logo of the NITBF cannot be used without the permission of the NITBF.

39. Use of Prohibited Substances in Sport.

(a) The NITBF shall take advice from, and act upon directives from Sport Northern Ireland in regard to use of prohibited substances.

(b) The anti-doping rules of the NITBF are the UK Anti-Doping Rules published by the Drug Free Sport Directorate of UK Sport (or its successor) as amended from time to time. Such rules shall take effect and be construed as rules of NITBF.

(c) It is a players responsibility if taking prescribed medication that is Wada approved this list can be found on their web site, www.wada-ama.org

40. Smoking.

(a) Any tobacco products or use of any kind of synthetic cigarettes or e-cigarettes while in competition is not permitted.

41. Assets.

- (a) The purchased and disposal of assets of the NITBF is in the remit of the Executive Council. Any proposal brought forward by the Executive Council will be subject to a majority vote of the whole Council.

42. Appendix.

Please go to web site www.nitbf.org.uk for information on,

- Child Protection Policy
- Code of Conduct for Coaches, Members, Volunteers, Helpers and Officials.
- Rules of Association
- All other related info on NITBF