COMPETITION RULES

a. Each member club will be entitled to enter one team, consisting of a single, pair, triple and rink of gentlemen bowlers.

b. The competition shall be drawn up ANNUALLY and shall commence at 645pm at the first drawn teams green. All clubs MUST field a complete team.

c. Singles – 21 shots with four bowls per player, Pairs – 17 ends with four bowls per player. Triples- 15 ends with three bowls per player and Rinks – 17 ends with two bowls per player. Burnt ends do not count and all ends MUST be played.

d. Skips will draw the rinks to play on before each game. These games will consist of 15 ends for triples and 17 ends for pairs with one trial end (optional). Two points will be awarded for the winning discipline. If the score is level, then the winning aggregate shots will decide. A draw in any aspect will result in the points being shared. If the score is still level, the winner of the singles will win the match. All results MUST be sent to the ELBA match secretary by text or email or phoned in before 10am next morning by the HOME team. Failure to do so will result in a fine being levied at £10.

e. INTERRUPTED GAMES - Any match postponed or interrupted by weather MUST be reported as indicated above to the ELBA match secretary. If the match is postponed, then it MUST be played the next round at the same venue. If a match is interrupted by weather or other reason and all rinks having played at least 9 ends, the result will stand (at last completed end as long as above 9) and be reported as above. If the match is interrupted before 9 ends and cannot be finished that evening, the two teams MUST play the remainder of the match at the same venue, on the same rinks, starting at the score and end when the match was interrupted. Teams are allowed one substitute on each rink. Teams cannot move original players between rinks.

f. Once a player had played for a club, he cannot play for another in that competition.

g. Any anomalies will be decided by the ELBA secretary.

h. The trophy will be suitably inscribed by the winning club at their own expense and retained until 1st day of August annually and returned to the ELBA secretary.

i. The winners will represent ELBA in the next seasons national competition and will be eligible for £150 travel expenses if required.

j. Any club who does not play a scheduled game – who cannot field a team – shall be dealt with by the ELBA management committee and will be fined £10 or other punitive sanctions administered.

k. All players must adhere to code of conduct in the constitution.