

TITWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Bye - Laws (incorporating Use of Greens)

1) THE LAWS OF THE GAME

The laws of the game as laid down by World Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition) and adopted by Bowls Scotland shall be observed in all matters to which the said laws relate.

2) GREENS

The greens or so much of them as is required may be reserved by the Match Secretary for club competitions, matches or organised games.

The Greens Convenor, or appointed deputy, shall have the power to close the greens.

The Greens Convenor, or appointed deputy, shall have the power to re-open the greens which have been closed due to inclement weather.

The use of rink protection mats may be required by the Greens Convenor, or appointed deputy.

Players should check with the notice board or, if necessary, the Greens Committee to verify which rinks may be used.

The order of precedence for use of rinks is:

- a) Association Games.
- b) Inter-Club games.
- c) Organised Club games.
- d) Ties.
- e) Other games.
- f) Private games unless previously agreed with the Match Committee.

Games of lower priority must give way. For example, bounce games give way to ties

3) CLUB AND CUP MATCHES

The names of players selected by the Match Committee shall be posted on

the notice boards. Any player unable to play shall, as soon as possible, advise the Match Committee in order that a substitute may be chosen.

4) COMPETITIONS

Members of the club shall be advised of all club competitions either by the issuing of an entry form or by notice on the respective notice boards.

A closing date for entry shall be given and entry to the competition shall not be allowed after the specified date.

5) RULES FOR COMPETITIONS

- a) Ties will take precedence over bounce games. All players will therefore vacate a rink when required to do so.
- b) Any member requested to play a tie who refuses to do so cannot play a bounce game
- c) Members will be advised of the format of each competition.
- d) In the event of a tie an extra end or ends will be played.
- e) If a match cannot be completed for any reason (e.g. bad light or weather) the tie must be resumed at the same score as when the game was stopped. Trial ends may be played in a match resumed on another day.
- f) The loser(s) in any match will put the name of the winner(s) forward on the competition sheets.

6) CHALLENGING OPPONENTS IN ALL COMPETITIONS

- a) Any players or teams are considered to be challengers and shall arrange mutual dates for ties to be played. In

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- the case of singles ties a marker should also be arranged.
- b) If an opponent cannot be contacted, the challenger should contact the match secretary, or appointed deputy, by email, text or letter (delivered well prior to closing date indicating action taken, dates offered and means by which challenger can be contacted. A note to this effect (e.g. "referred to Match" should be entered on the competition sheet.
 - c) Three dates should be offered, at least one of these being at least five days before the closing date. Not more than two days should be consecutive. In case of dispute the Match Secretary's decision is final.
 - d) All ties must be played by the closing date shown on the competition sheet.
 - e) In the event of a tie not being played by the closing date, the Match Committee reserves the right to disqualify one or both of the participants as may be found necessary.
 - f) Thirty minutes grace will be given in all ties after which the opponent(s) may claim the tie.
 - g) Any difficulty should be reported to the Match Secretary.
 - h) The Match Committee shall have the power to grant an extension in any competition beyond the stipulated period provided that the request from a participant or team is accompanied by a sufficiently good reason. Requests for extensions should be made at least 7 days before the closing date, except in exceptional circumstances.
- i) No ties may be played on a Monday evening or when any other organised game is being played except with the approval of the Match Secretary, or appointed deputy.
- 7) SUBSTITUTES**
Pairs, Triples, Fours.
- a) Each pair or triple will only be allowed one substitution in the competition.
 - b) Each four will be allowed a maximum of two substitutions in the competition.
 - c) Players taking part in a tie cannot claim a rink until all participants are present.
 - d) A substitute will be allowed in the event of the death of a player at any stage of the competition. The Match Committee will select another member to continue in the competition.
 - e) In the event of a player being unable, for any reason other than death, to play in the competition, the partner(s) of such a player may apply to the Match Secretary to continue with another player.
- The Match Committee shall have power at their discretion to grant or refuse such permission. In the event of permission being granted the Match Committee shall select another member to play with such partner(s).
- 8) DRESS**
Generally members and visitors are expected to wear tidy and presentable clothing when visiting the club or using the greens. Dirty work attire and

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clothing showing sports club colours (other than bowling clubs) are **not** acceptable.

In all representative games and listed club fixtures players in a team must **all** wear one of the following dress options.

Men

- a) regulation grey trousers and white shirt with club tie or
- b) Club polo shirt with grey or black trousers or shorts.

Ladies

- c) regulation grey bowling skirts or trousers with plain white top or
- d) Club polo shirt with regulation grey skirt or trousers or tailored black trousers/shorts.

N.B. When playing out for the Club players should check with each Association's Rules as to whether black trousers are permissible.

9) FOOTWEAR

Players must wear bowling shoes on the green. These are shoes that have no heel and a sole with little or no patterned tread. This is to prevent mechanical damage to the greens. They should also be reserved for bowling and not worn outwith the grounds of bowling clubs. This is to minimise the risk of taking diseases or damaging chemicals onto the green.

New players trying out the sport, or in other exceptional circumstances may use flat shoes without heels or heavy grips that have been cleaned with an anti-bacterial spray prior to walking onto the green.

N.B. Bowling Shoes must **not** be worn on entering or leaving club premises.

10) BANKS

Mats, dead bowls, articles of clothing or cloths etc. must not be placed on the banks.

11) UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS

No member will be allowed to play in any club match or competition until their subscription is up to date.

Members who have been removed from the roll according to the constitution shall be deemed to have resigned (unless otherwise agreed by the board).

12) HOURS OF PLAY

Monday to Sunday - 10 am until sunset, unless otherwise advised.

Ties may commence at any time the greens are open (see exceptions under Bye-law 6).

Rinks to be used for Association or League games should not be used prior to such games.

If you do not have a club key please check that the club will be open.

13) JUNIORS

Players under 18 should be supervised by a parent or guardian.

14) VISITORS

Members are entitled to bring along guests occasionally. Members wishing the exclusive use of a rink or rinks for a private game or match must first obtain the consent of the Match Committee (also see Bye-Law 2).

Non-bowling members are encouraged to try out bowling as are visitors who

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are not members of other clubs and would like to try out bowling. Try-outs should be under the supervision of a bowling member and suitable footwear should be worn.

On Sunday afternoons, Members may bring along family and friends to play.

The Match Committee, at their discretion, may ask a non-member to fill a vacancy for a friendly game.

15) ANIMALS

Animals (with the exception of service animals) are not allowed in the clubhouse, but are permitted on a leash in any other part of club property.

16) PERSONAL PROPERTY

Members leaving property within the Clubhouse or grounds do so entirely at their own risk as the Club does not carry insurance for personal items lost or stolen.

Honorary and Ordinary members are entitled to the use of a locker (providing one is available).

When a member resigns their membership they should empty their locker prior to the start of the new season and return their locker key. Any member changing to social membership should also empty their locker and return their key prior to the start of the new season (unless otherwise agreed with the board).

Members who leave the club other than by resignation after the AGM should clear their locker and return keys within a month. Should a member die then their next of kin should remove the contents of their locker and return keys prior to the start of the next season or within 6 months, whichever is longer.

17) REASONABLE CAUSES FOR REJECTION OF APPLICATIONS

The following causes are considered reasonable for either rejecting an application for membership or for asking an existing member to leave.

If a person

- a) is convicted on indictment of any criminal offence
- b) is adjudged as bankrupt
- c) makes a composition or arrangement with his/her creditors under the provisions of any statute
- d) has a trustee appointed for the benefit of his/her creditors
- e) is no longer capable of looking after his/her affairs
- f) has been asked to leave a bowling club due to improper conduct or their conduct has been deemed to be improper within the Club.

18) ALTERATIONS

Any alterations or additions may be made at any time by the "Board" and the said alterations or additions must be displayed as soon as possible thereafter on both notice boards.