

# Crowborough Wolfe Bowling Club

## Club Rules

### January 2022

#### 1. Membership Application

- 1.1 Application for Full or Social membership must be submitted, to the Membership Secretary, on the appropriate form. Forms provided are subject to data privacy protections governed by the consent of those applying.
- 1.2 For Social membership the form must be accompanied by a fee which is determined annually by the Club Committee. Any joining fee or fees for club keys are non-refundable. Keys are required to be returned when members leave the club.
- 1.3 The application form for a Playing or Social Member will be submitted to the Membership Secretary. All new applicants will initially join as a Playing or Social Temporary member only, whilst their application is processed by the Club Committee, and have full entitlement to play in competitions, matches and roll-up sessions. The Membership Secretary will inform the applicant, that they have been accepted as a Temporary member, whilst their application is being processed. The new Temporary member will also be advised of the (non-refundable) Joining Fee and Annual Subscription, which must be paid, in full, within fourteen days, to the Membership Secretary. The Temporary membership fee will be equivalent to the Playing or Social Membership fee at that time. The Temporary membership will be valid until the application has been formally approved by the Club committee.
- 1.4 Applications are normally discussed by the Committee at the next available meeting, but can be approved in advance via email.
  - 1.3.1 If the application has been approved, the new Member shall be informed by the Membership Secretary of their election into the Club, as a Full or Social member.
  - 1.3.2 If the application has been rejected, by the Club committee, the Membership Secretary will inform the applicant and a proportion of their Temporary membership fee will be refunded on a pro rata basis, using the playing season as the time period.
  - 1.3.3 The Club can refuse membership, where they have good reason to believe that the applicant would be a disruptive influence or prejudice the good conduct of the Club. But there must be no discrimination in such a decision.

1.4 A list of names and addresses of members shall be kept by the Membership Secretary, who will ensure that all appropriate data protection provisions are considered. Members understand that their contact details are required for club purposes and in line with the CWBC Data Protection Policy.

1.5 All new members of the Club shall attend an induction course and coaching sessions prior to using the playing facilities.

## **2. Subscription and Fees**

2.1 The Annual Subscription and all Fees shall be such as set by the Club Committee.

2.2 All monies to be paid to the Club Membership Secretary during March in each year, or within 14 days of acceptance as a Member of the Club.

2.3 Members whose subscriptions remain unpaid at the beginning of the season shall forfeit all rights and privileges of the Club until all arrears have been paid.

2.4 New members elected after 15th July shall pay the Joining Fee and only half the amount of the annual subscription for that year.

2.5 The payment of the subscription shall be regarded as a binding acceptance of the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws of the Club, a copy of which will be presented to each member on joining.

## **3. Dress Code**

3.1 Correct bowls attire shall be worn for all matches and club competitions.

3.2 All players shall wear club approved footwear.

3.3 For all Club Matches and Club Finals Day white skirts, trousers or shorts and the Club shirt/blouse shall be worn, except when, by agreement, with an opposing club. The Club fixture card indicates the dress code to be worn when playing.

3.4 For all internal competitions and some evening matches a grey skirt, trousers or shorts shall be worn. A white shirt/blouse shall be worn for internal competitions whereas the Club shirt/blouse shall be worn for evening matches. Again the dress code is highlighted in the fixture card especially for evening matches.

3.5 For all Competitions or General play shorts may be worn by both men and ladies, but they must be tailored shorts and the length must be *'just above the knee'*. When wearing shorts long or short white socks must be worn.

- 3.6 Ladies may wear skirts, culottes, shorts or trousers, providing they conform to the colour requirements identified above.
- 3.7 For Roll-ups or General Practice, smart casual wear may be worn. Tee shirts or jeans are not acceptable.

#### **4. Team Selection and Play**

- 4.1 Matches shall be arranged by the Match Secretary. Teams for the Club Matches and League Fixtures will be selected by the Club Captain, Ladies Captain, Ladies Vice Captain, and Day Captains. The Captain may ask any other member to assist in team selection.
- 4.2 Each member will be responsible for entering their name on the availability sheets displayed on the notice board. Availability sheets will be displayed a minimum of fourteen days before the event.
- 4.3 Teams will be indicated on the notice board where possible seven days before the match.
- 4.4 Each member must, against their name, confirm that they are available to play and indicate that they will either travel direct to the match venue or meet at the Club Pavilion. This confirmation must be completed as early as possible at least one day prior to the date of the match, thus enabling the Day Captain to be confident that a full team is available for the fixture.
- 4.5 Any member selected to play and who cannot play will confirm this with the Captain of the day prior to the day of the match.

#### **5. Liability**

- 5.1 The Club, Officers and Committee accept no liability for the loss or damage to any property of persons whether members or non-members using the facilities of the Club. Property left unclaimed for thirty days may be disposed of.

#### **6. Playing Visitors**

- 6.1 A member may introduce visitors for play provided that another member is not thereby prevented from playing.
- 6.2 The green fee for visitors then in force shall be paid before play commences.
- 6.3 Visitors' names and addresses must be entered in the visitors' book which must be signed and dated by the member.
- 6.4 The same person may not be introduced more than three times in any one season.

- 6.5 Members are held responsible for the conduct of their visitors and must ensure that regulation shoes are worn and that no damage to the playing surface of the green ensues from their play.

## **7. General Rules for Internal and External Competitions**

### **Internal Competitions**

- 7.1 Club competitions are open to all full playing members of the Club
- 7.2 The winners of the Men's and Ladies Championships are expected to represent the Club in the County Champion of Champions competition.
- 7.3 The General Playing Rules will be those laid down in the current edition of the Laws of the Sport and the competition rules of Bowls England which must be adhered to. There may be exceptions that could affect these rules.
- 7.4 No player shall enter a competition with the knowledge that they will be unable to play on Finals Day.
- 7.5 Each round of the competition must be played by the final date shown on the draw sheet. There will be no general extensions.
- 7.6 Competition games will take precedence over roll-ups.
- 7.7 The Challenger is the top player or team on the draw sheet.
- 7.8 The Opponent is the bottom player or team on the draw sheet.
- 7.9 The Challenger is ultimately responsible for arranging a date, booking the rink and arranging markers when required. The Opponent should make contact if he or she has not been challenged within the first three days of the playing period. There may be the odd occasion when it is difficult to play the match in the designated timeframe. When these instances occur both parties need to inform the Competition secretary.
- 7.10 If the match has not been played by the final date and the Challenger has offered not less than three dates, the Opponent must forfeit the game. If a date has been agreed and only one party turns up to play then that party is deemed to have a walk over. This rule should only come into force in very rare situations, since it is expected that members will enter into the sportsmanlike spirit of the game and be accommodating in trying to find an agreed time and date on which to play.
- 7.11 If both players or teams are unable to make themselves available by the specified date they will both be withdrawn from the competition.

- 7.12 Any player unable to play on Finals Day will be withdrawn from the competition.
- 7.13 Substitutions will only be allowed in the team games in the event of illness, injury, holidays or selection for National, County, London & Southern Counties or any other Association. The Competition Secretary to be advised of any substitution before the game is played.
- 7.14 In team games the team playing in the first round shall constitute the team and will normally play together throughout the competition.
- 7.15 One, and the same player, may be used as a substitute at any time, but may not be used in the final unless they have played in at least two preceding rounds.
- 7.16 The substitute may play in any position other than skip. A substitute cannot play for more than one team. If a substitute is used, in any match, then the Competitions secretary needs to be informed.
- 7.17 In the event of darkness, weather conditions or any other valid reason a match may be stopped by the Greens manager, his representative or by mutual agreement. Under these circumstances, when the match recommences, the scores will be as they were when the game was stopped.
- 7.18 If a match cannot be played or completed on the agreed day because of bad weather, a special dispensation must be obtained from the Competitions Secretary if completion has to take place after the specified date.
- 7.19 In the event of any dispute the Competitions Secretary must be notified. The dispute may be referred to the Competitions Committee (which consists of the Competition Secretary and two other members appointed by the Club Committee) for a decision which is final.
- 7.20 A competent marker and Full playing member must be in attendance for all singles matches
- 7.21 Scorecards must be signed by both sides and the winners are responsible for placing the card in the box provided.

### **External Competitions**

- 7.22 National, County, London & Southern Counties and any other competitions agreed by the Club Committee shall take precedence over club competitions, matches or events at all times and in all circumstances.

- 7.23 Any player/team taking part in any of these competitions shall have the choice of direction of play, rink and mark on which to play with the proviso that if this is achieved by altering the normal set up of the green it is returned to the original settings immediately after the completion of the game.
- 7.24 Any player selected to represent any of the above Associations shall be allowed to rearrange the date of any club competition which may be affected or arrange a substitute.
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#### Version Control

Note: This document replaces the previous version dated April 2014.

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28 October 2021	Various	Amendments agreed at the Club AGM held on 28 October 2021, with approval from members provided to the committee to effect changes	Membership / Committee