



Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

CLUB BYELAWS

Club Byelaws – Indoor

1. Dress for members during play
 - a) Male Members

Club Leagues, Competitions, and roll-ups
Club registered shirt or predominantly white collared shirt with or without a tie (however, if a tie is worn it shall be the club tie).
Grey trousers or bowls manufacturer grey shorts.
White cardigan or pullover.
Flat-soled regulation bowls shoes.
Whites to be worn when specified.
 - b) Female Members

Club Leagues, Competitions and roll-ups
Club registered shirt or predominantly white collared shirt with set in sleeves.
Grey trousers, skirt, crops or bowls manufacturer grey shorts
Club blue or white waistcoat or long-sleeved fleece.
Flat-soled regulation bowls shoes.
Whites to be worn when specified.
 - c) Inter-Club (friendly), County and EIBA games and Competitions
Dress will be specified on the team sheet or in accordance with County or National Associations rules and regulations.
 - d) Casual Bowling and roll-ups
Smart casual dress can be worn indoors for casual bowling and roll-ups (not league games) on the following sessions: -

Monday to Friday	12noon to 2.00pm
Monday to Friday	4.30pm to 6.30pm
Saturday	6.00pm to close
Sunday	12noon to close
2. Drinking or consumption of food is not allowed on the green or within one metre of the green.
3. Running is not allowed on the green.
4. Mobile phones must not be used in the bowls hall.
5. Members may introduce and entertain a guest at the Club provided the guest is signed into the Visitors Book by the member. The member introducing the guest is responsible for ensuring the guest observes the rules and byelaws of the Club. Guest bowlers may only play once per month and must pay the designated rink fee plus £1.00.

6. Occupation of the green.
The precedence to the booking of rinks is: -
 - a) National (EIBA) Inter Club Competitions and National (EIBA) Individual Competitions.
 - b) County League matches (Men and Ladies).
 - c) Club Friendly matches.
 - d) Club and County Competitions (i.e. those Club Competitions that progress to the Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association Championships).
 - e) Club Domestic Leagues.
 - f) Club-only Competitions (including Top Team, Handicap Singles, Evening Triples Knock Out Cup, Plate Competitions, Novices Competitions, and Mixed Pairs).
 - g) Roll ups.
7. All league games will be played as shown in the fixture book except as stated in Rule 6.
8. National Team Competitions can only be arranged through the Office. If the rink/rinks required have already been allocated, the affected teams will be informed of the changes and the match rearranged by mutual agreement. The Greens' Committee reserves the right to cancel or re-arrange any game in exceptional circumstances.
9. Bowls shoes must not be worn coming into the Club premises and should be put on in the changing rooms. Players must not go outdoors wearing bowls shoes.
10. Bowls bags and shoes must not be left on the concourse.
11. Other than on Sundays a bell will sound once at the following times, 11:50, 13:50, 16:20, 18:20, 20:30, and 22:35 hours, after which the jack must not be delivered. Each session will end on the sounding of the bell excluding those matches governed by the rules of the County or National Associations.
12. Each player is responsible for their own rink fee. Each Team Leader is responsible for collecting these fees from his/her own team before the game starts and also for completing the results sheet at the end of the game.
13. No person shall be allowed on the green unless wearing flat-soled regulation bowls shoes.
14. Only those engaged in play are allowed on the green.

15. If a previously booked rink is cancelled, then this must be shown on the **Rink Booking Sheets** as “**free**”. Should any member of either team be unable to do this in person, please ring the club and leave message if necessary.
16. The Club reserves the right to claim rink fees in respect of rinks not being re-booked.

Club Indoor League Rules.

1. **Rules that apply to all indoor league games,**
unless overwritten in the specific league rules 2-13.
 - a) A member can only play for **one team in any one league.**
 - i) The team leader is responsible for ensuring that any reserve is correctly registered with the League Secretary. Should a team play an unregistered player/reserve this will be referred to the Reviewing Committee comprising the League Secretary, Bowls Secretary, Asst. Bowls Secretary and chaired by the Club Secretary who shall take whatever action they consider necessary
 - ii) A list of official reserves will be displayed on the Notice Boards. If a reserve is substituted for a team leader then the opposing teams must be informed to establish a point of contact. In addition, if a team leader changes for any reason then the Club League Secretary must be informed.
 - b) Teams may interchange fixtures with the consent of their opponents.
 - c) Games may be brought forward, by mutual consent of their opponents.
 - d) Should a game be postponed, both Team Leaders must deposit their team's share of the rink fee to the office within 10 days of the postponement. They will each be given a “team token” in return to show that the fee has been paid, for use when the game is eventually played. It is the responsibility of both Team Leaders to ensure that the game is played. Postponed games must be recorded as such on the results sheet.
 - e) In the event of a team failing to be present within 15 minutes of the scheduled start time of a game and having failed to notify the opposing team leader of a postponement and provided there are no extenuating circumstances, then the team not present will be deducted 2 points and 6 shots and will also be responsible for the payment of the rink fee that would have been payable for both

teams. The match will be awarded to the other team who shall be awarded two points and given 6 shots.

- f) All re-arranged and postponed league games must be completed by the last scheduled date of the league unless agreed with the Club League Secretary.
- g) Each league game shall consist of a maximum of 16 ends.
- h) The jack shall not be delivered after the bell has sounded to signify the end of a session. The last end is normally the 16th. However, if the bell sounds after the jack has been delivered (i.e. is in motion on the green) then this is the last end.
- i) If, during the game, the jack is played outside the boundaries of the rink, the end shall be replayed in the same direction unless otherwise agreed by the skips EXCEPT that in the event of the jack being played outside the boundaries of the rink after the end of session bell has sounded then in these circumstances the end shall be declared dead and not be replayed.
- j) If the lead delivers the jack so that it goes into the ditch, goes outside the boundaries of the rink or fails to reach the minimum required length then the opposing skip shall set the mat and/or jack at his discretion, provided that the jack is at least at the minimum required length from the front edge of the mat as specified in the current Laws of the Sport.
- k) Skips may not visit the head after the bell has sounded that signifies the end of the session. Staying at the head constitutes a visit.
- l) A committee comprising of League Secretary, Bowls Secretary and Assistant Bowls Secretary and chaired by the Club Secretary will meet bi-monthly to ensure all league fixtures have been played. The Reviewing Committee shall if necessary:
 - 1. Arrange dates for postponed fixtures;
 - 2. Award points to a team not responsible for postponing a fixture; and/or
 - 3. Deduct points from teams responsible for not playing a fixture and/or
 - 4. Apply a rink fee penalty
- m) At any time during a season, if a member or a team is considered to be acting in an unsportsmanlike manner then this will be referred to the Reviewing Committee comprising the League Secretary, Bowls

Secretary and Assistant Bowls Secretary and chaired by the Club Secretary who shall take whatever action they consider necessary.

- n) Promotion and relegation will be on a 2 up and 2 down basis. However, the Reviewing Committee comprising the League Secretary, Bowls Secretary and Assistant Bowls Secretary and chaired by the Club Secretary has the right to restructure the league as a result of an increase or decrease in team numbers which may result in some teams not being promoted or relegated.
- o) The highest placing will be awarded firstly on points, secondly on the greatest shot difference, and thirdly on greatest shot average.
- p) Two points will be awarded to the winning team in each game and one point to both teams in a drawn game subject to (e) above.
- q) In a Triples League game if one player is missing, the game must commence and proceed as follows with the incomplete team paying the **full rink fee**: -

EITHER the incomplete side shall consist of a lead and a skip. A toss of a coin shall decide which side plays first. The two leads will bowl their first bowl followed by the number two bowling his first bowl. They will carry on in this order until nine bowls have been bowled, after which the skips will bowl normally. The late bowler will enter the game in any position, but only at the commencement of an end.

OR with the agreement of both skips, the game may be played as three bowl pairs and the scores will be valid.

OR if there are extenuating circumstances the game may be postponed and rearranged by mutual consent on a rink that is normally vacant. The incomplete team will be responsible for the rearrangement of the match.

- r) Any game may be subject to postponement due to Nationals and/or Club Competitions. Games so postponed are to be re-arranged by mutual agreement between the teams involved.

The above rules apply to all Indoor leagues EXCEPT as specified below.

2. Men's Evening Triples League

- a) Only male members are allowed to compete in this league.
- b) If a league game coincides with an Evening Triples knockout fixture, the knockout fixture takes precedence and the league game may be postponed and rearranged at a later date at a mutually agreed time on a rink that is normally vacant. The team postponing the game

must notify the opposition team leader of the postponement. The team postponing the match will be responsible for the rearrangement of the game.

3. Men's Veterans Triples League

- a) Only male members are allowed to compete in this league.
- b) The Minimum age of entry for all players is 55 years as at 1st September in the year the League commences.
- c) Teams will play as drawn by the Club League Secretary.

4. Mixed Pairs League

- a) A team will be a pair comprising one male and one female player.
- b) A maximum of 2 members may be registered for any team.
- c) New entrants to this league will normally be via the lowest division but may be changed after consultation with the Club League Secretary. Promotion and relegation between divisions may also be subject to consultation with the Club League Secretary.

5. Men's Sunday Morning Triples League

- a) Only male members are allowed to compete in this league.
- b) Any reserve must be registered with the Club League Secretary. However, a registered member of any other Team in the League may also be used as a reserve.

6. Mixed Afternoon Triples Leagues

- a) Teams must comprise a mix of men and lady members.
- b) Games will normally be played on the day allocated to the League, but the Club League Secretary reserves the right to schedule games on other days.

7. Men's Evening Pairs League

- a) Only male members are allowed to compete in this league.
- b) There are no restrictions on reserves, except they must be registered with the Club League Secretary and not be registered members of other teams.
- c) Games will normally be played on a Wednesday, but the Club League Secretary reserves the right to schedule games on other days.

8. Evening Triples Knockout Competition

- a) All games up to and including the quarter-finals shall be played over sixteen ends, and under the rules governing the Men's Evening Triples League, EXCEPT that in the event of the final scores being tied, an extra end shall be played. If the scores are still equal after the extra end has been played, then the next scoring bowl in that extra

end shall determine the winner. Teams playing in the late session who are severely delayed by such an occurrence have a choice of the following options: -

- i. Wait for the rink to become free and then play to the end of session bell or for two hours as agreed before the game commences.
 - ii. Change to another rink if available.
 - iii. Postpone the game but arrange a new date and time and inform the Club League Secretary.
- b) The semi-finals and final will be played over eighteen ends (over two sessions) and will be played in accordance with the current Laws of the Sport of Indoor Bowls. In the event of the final scores being tied, an extra end or ends will be played until the winner is decided. Reserves may be used, but starting with the quarter-finals, can only play for one team.
- c) All games are to be played on a fixed date and time as determined by the Club League Secretary but may be played at an earlier date and time, on a rink that is normally vacant, by mutual agreement but subject to Rule 2 b).
- d) All teams entered in the Men's Evening Triples League will be entered automatically.

9. Open Christmas Triples League

- a) Teams may comprise any mix of men or lady members.
- b) There are no restrictions on reserves, except they must be registered with the Club League Secretary and not be registered members of other teams.
- c) All games must be played by 31st December.

10. Summer Open Indoor Pairs Leagues

- a) Teams will be a pair comprising any combination of men or ladies.
- b) There are no restrictions on reserves, except they must be registered with the Club League Secretary and not be registered members of other teams.
- c) All games must be completed by 31st August unless otherwise agreed with the Club League Secretary.

11. Open Australian Pairs League

- a) Teams will be a pair comprising any combination of men or ladies.
- b) A maximum of 3 members may be registered for any Team.

- c) There are no restrictions on reserves, except they must be registered with the Club League Secretary and not be registered members of other teams.
- d) Games will normally be played on a Monday, but the Club League Secretary reserves the right to schedule games on other days.

12. Ladies' Tuesday Afternoon Triples League

- a) Only lady members are allowed to compete in this league
- b) No games are to be postponed except when two members of the team are playing in County League or a County Game or a National Competition.
- c) Any game so postponed must be rearranged by mutual consent on a rink that is normally vacant. The team postponing the game must notify the opposition team leader of the postponement. The team postponing the game will be responsible for the rearrangement of the game.
- d) Skips may visit the head only TWICE during a game and not after the end of session bell has sounded. Staying at the head constitutes a visit
- e) There are no restrictions on reserves except they must be registered with the Club League Secretary.
- f) In the event of illness games must not be postponed but reserves used.
- g) A maximum of 3 members may be registered for any Team.

13. Ladies' Thursday Afternoon Triples League

- a) Only Lady members are allowed to compete in this league.
- b) Teams will play as drawn by the Club League Secretary.
- c) Sub Paragraphs (a) to (f) of Rule 12 apply.

Club Byelaws - Outdoors

- 1. Dress for members during play
 - a) Male Members
 - Club Leagues, Competitions and roll-ups
 - i) Club registered shirt or predominantly white collared shirt with or without a tie (however, if a tie is worn it shall be the club tie).
 - ii) Grey trousers or bowls manufacturer grey shorts.
 - iii) White cardigan, pullover, gilet or club registered jacket.
 - iv) Flat-soled regulation bowls shoes.
 - v) Whites to be worn when specified.

b) Female Members

Club Leagues, Competitions and roll-ups

Club registered shirt or predominantly white collared shirt with set in sleeves.

Grey trousers, skirt, crops or bowls manufacturer grey shorts.

Club blue or white waistcoat or long-sleeved fleece, gilet or club registered jacket.

Flat-soled regulation bowls shoes.

Whites to be worn when specified.

c) Inter-Club (friendly), County and EIBA games and Competitions

Dress will be specified on the team sheet or in accordance with County or National Associations rules and regulations.

d) Casual Bowling and roll-ups

Smart casual dress can be worn for casual bowling and roll-ups (not league games).

e) White or Club registered waterproofs may be worn.

2. Occupation of the green will be determined by the following precedence:

(1) County Competitions.

(2) National (Bowls England) Competitions.

(3) County League matches.

(4) Other Inter Club leagues (e.g. Ashill and District Mixed Triples, Breckland and Norwich Nine).

(5) Inter Club and other friendly matches.

(6) Club Leagues.

(7) Club Competitions.

(8) Roll ups.

3. Games booked before 11.00 am must have prior arrangement with the Office.

4. Animals are not allowed on the green.

5. Members are prohibited from altering any rink after it has been set by the Greenkeeper.

6. Mobile phones must not be used on the green or in the surrounding area

7. Only those engaged in play to be on the green.

8. Matches, cigar and cigarette ends, and pipe ash must not be dropped on the green.

9. No person shall be allowed on the green unless wearing flat-soled regulation bowls shoes.
10. If a previously booked rink is cancelled, then this must be shown on the **Rink Booking Sheets** as “free”. Should any member of either team be unable to do this in person, please ring the club and leave message if necessary.
11. Each player is responsible for their own rink fee. Each Team Leader is responsible for collecting these fees from his/her own team before the game starts and also for completing the results sheet at the end of the game. Full rink fees are payable for an incomplete team.
12. All league games will be played as shown in the fixture book except as stated in paragraph 2.
13. National and County Team Competitions can only be arranged through the Office. If the rink/rinks required have already been allocated, the affected teams or members will be informed of the changes and the match rearranged by mutual agreement. The Greens’ Committee reserves the right to cancel or re-arrange any game in exceptional circumstances.

Club Outdoor League Rules

1. Rules for Afternoon and Evening Triples Leagues.
 - a) Each league game shall consist of 18 ends. If, during the game, the jack is played outside the boundaries of the rink, the end shall be replayed in the same direction unless otherwise agreed by the skips.
 - b) Teams may comprise any mix of men or lady members.
 - c) There are no restrictions on the use of reserves except they must be registered with the Club League Secretary.
 - d) In inclement weather, games may be played indoors (where Indoor rink fees are payable) by mutual agreement. However, a game started outside cannot be continued indoors. The Outdoor Laws of the Sport of bowls will apply if a match is played indoors.
 - e) In the event of a clash with a Club, County or National Competition, illness or other reason deemed appropriate, games where reserves cannot be found may be postponed and rearranged by mutual consent on a rink that is normally vacant. The team postponing the match must notify the opposition team leader of the postponement. The team postponing the match will be responsible for the rearrangement of the match.

- f) The highest placing will be awarded firstly on points, secondly on the greatest shot difference, and thirdly on greatest shot average.
- g) Two points will be awarded to the winning team in each game and one point to both teams in a drawn game.
- h) In the event of fixtures not being fulfilled for any reason a points adjustment and rink fee penalty will be considered by a Reviewing Committee comprising the Club League Secretary, Bowls Secretary and Assistant Bowls Secretary and chaired by the Club Secretary.
- i) At any time during a season, if a member or a team is considered to be acting in an unsportsmanlike manner then this will be referred to the Reviewing Committee comprising the Club League Secretary, Bowls Secretary and Assistant Bowls Secretary and chaired by the Club Secretary, who shall take whatever action they consider necessary.
- j) All re-arranged and postponed league games must be completed by the last scheduled date of the league unless agreed with the Club League Secretary.
- k) In all other respects, the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls apply.

For all rules, common sense should prevail.

League disputes must be referred to the Club League Secretary in writing and will then be referred to a Reviewing Committee comprising the Club League Secretary, Bowls Secretary and Assistant Bowls Secretary and chaired by the Club Secretary, whose decision on the resolution of such dispute shall be final.