

Rothley Bowling Club - Byelaws

1. Rules of Play

All games of bowls shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Sport of Bowls as laid down by Bowls England and Bowls Leicestershire

Club Competitions shall be played in accordance with the Competition Rules

2. Dress Code

Dress Code shall be in accordance with the following Club Rules unless otherwise amended by Bowls England or Bowls Leicestershire Competition Regulations:

MEN

All Members using the Green shall wear White Tops with Grey Trousers or White Trousers (with a white belt) and Brown or White footwear. White or cream pullovers, cardigans may be worn. The coloured Club shirt shall be worn with white trousers for Saturday matches and finals of club competitions and with grey trousers for League matches.

LADIES

All Members using the Green will wear White/Cream skirts or tailored white trousers. White or cream tops (not sleeveless) and Brown or White footwear. White or cream pullovers, cardigans may be worn. Ladies Club mauve tops may also be worn.

Ladies League Matches . as above with the exception of grey skirts or grey tailored trousers instead of white.

CLUB COMPETITIONS . Greys shall be worn.

CLUB FINALS - Whites shall be worn.

In addition white waterproof sets of top and skirt or macs, white fleeces, white jumpers, bodywarmers, etc. may be worn when appropriate.

All persons using the Green must wear smooth soled heel-less footwear, i.e. Bowls shoes, Plimsolls or heel-less sandals.

3. Playing on the Green

Friends of Members may be invited to use the Green and equipment upon payment of the Rink Fee, as determined by the Management Committee, provided that they are accompanied by a Member, who will be responsible for the collection of the fee on behalf of the Treasurer.

4. Injury to Persons

4.1 All accidents shall be entered in the Accident Book situated at the back of the Rink Reservation Book before leaving the premises. If this is not practical, as soon as possible after the incident.

4.2 All accidents shall be reported to the Secretary within 48 hours who shall ensure that the Accident Book is updated.

5. Abuse to the Person

A Member shall not abuse in any way whatsoever, any other person.

6. Abuse to Equipment

A Member shall not cause wilful damage to any equipment whatsoever

7. Competition Rules

7.1 The Competitions shall be played under the Laws of the Sport as adopted by Bowls England.

7.2 The Competitions shall be open to Full, Junior or Life Members.

7.3 The Competitions shall be under the management and control of the Competitions Secretaries, who may form a Sub-Committee if so required upon approval by the Management Committee.

7.4 The Draw for each Championship shall be made by the Competitions Secretaries.

7.5 The first named player in each round shall be the challenger and is responsible for all match arrangements (Booking the rink, entering booking in rink book, arranging marker etc.).

7.6 The challenger must offer his opponent at least 3 dates for play, one of which should be at a week-end.

7.7 Unless prior agreement has been obtained from the Competitions Secretaries, failure to play the Round on or by the date stated will result in the CHALLENGED competitor being excluded from progress to the next round.

7.8 Markers are to observe the dress code of the Club.

7.9 The time for commencing a game shall be mutually agreed.

- 7.10 No alteration of an accepted date shall be made unless mutually agreed upon. Failing such agreement, the player desiring the alteration must play on the accepted date or give his/her opponent a 'Walk Over'.
- 7.11 In all rounds, National, County, and Club matches have priority.
- 7.12 In the event of rain stopping a competition match, the match must be continued on the same rink, unless otherwise mutually agreed upon at the time of abandonment.
- 7.13 In the event of no decision being reached in the match owing to exceptional weather conditions, the match shall be continued in accordance with the Laws of the Sport. The Committee Secretaries to be advised of the revised date. Failure to reach agreement on a revised date will mean that the result of the match will be decided by the Competitions Secretaries by the toss of a coin.
- 7.14 Appeals shall be made within 24 hours of the playing of a Round. A clear statement in writing of the point at issue shall be communicated with the evidence (if such exists) to the Competitions Secretary within 7 days.
- 7.15 The winner of each round must ensure that the result card, signed by both players, is put in the appropriate box and the competition sheet amended accordingly.
- 7.16 Members are expected to play their finals, where ever possible, on Finals Day.

MEN'S COMPETITIONS

- a) Singles Championship and Handicap Singles Championship - 4 bowls each player, the first to reach 21 shots. In the Singles Handicap Competition, each player starts his score with the number of shots allocated by the Competition's Sub-Committee. The winner of the Club Singles Championship will be eligible to enter the County Champion of Champions Competition, the Bowls England Champion of Champions Competition and the Loughborough & District Bowling Association Champion of Champions Competition.
- b) Three-wood Singles Championship . 3 bowls each player, played over 21 ends. Any Member who has not won the Singles or Handicap Singles Championships is eligible to enter the Three.wood Singles Championship
- c) Mens Pairs Championship - 4 bowls each player, played over 21 ends. In the event of a tie, an extra end must be played. Pairs drawn by Competition Secretaries.

LADIES' COMPETITIONS

- a) Singles Championship . 4 bowls each player, the first to reach 21 shots. The winner of the Club Singles Championship will be eligible to enter the County Champion of Champions Competition and the Bowls England National Champion of Champions Competition.
- b) Two wood singles Championship . 2 bowls each player, played over 21 ends. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played
- c) Ladies Pairs Championship . 4 bowls each player, played over 21 ends. In the event of a tie an extra end must be played. Pairs drawn by Competition Secretaries.
- d) Maidens Championship . 4 bowls each player, the first to reach 21 shots. Open to members who have not previously won the Ladies Singles Championship.

MIXED COMPETITIONS

Mixed Pairs Championship - 4 bowls each player, played over 21 ends. In the event of a tie, an extra end must be played.