

NORTHAW & CUFFLEY BOWLING CLUB BYE LAWS

(As last amended at A.G.M. 22nd November 2019)

1. General

- 1.1. The playing rules shall be in accordance with those adopted by Bowls England.
- 1.2. The bar will be open in accordance with any licensing conditions and at such times as the General Committee designate. These opening hours will be displayed adjacent to the Bar.
- 1.3. Neither the Officers of the Club nor the General Committee shall be liable for loss, damage or injury incurred on the club's premises.

2. Membership

- 2.1. Annual subscriptions cover the year from 1st January to 31st December and are to be paid on or before 1st February.
- 2.2. The General Committee may terminate, or, suspend the membership of a member for a fixed or indeterminate period, on a resolution passed by a majority of at least two thirds of the full General Committee present at the relevant Committee Meeting.
- 2.3. In the event of a member being unable to play for a large part of the season the General Committee have the power to reimburse all or part of the subscription paid, if requested.
- 2.4. A Full Member joining the Club after the start of the playing season will pay a pro rata Membership fee as agreed by the Committee.
- 2.5. In joining the Club, Members agree to assist in the general upkeep of the Club as appropriate e.g. Clubhouse cleaning, Kitchen duty, Bar rota. Members will be excused from duties if they are not fit to take part. The participation in any duty by a non playing member, or bar duty by any other member over the age of eighty years, shall be on a voluntary basis.
- 2.6. It is the responsibility of the proposer of a new Member to introduce them to the relevant Captain, whose responsibility it will be to introduce the new Member to the club.
- 2.7. All members are required to conform to the correct dress on the green, details of which will be displayed in dressing rooms.
- 2.8. Applications for Non Playing Membership will normally only be accepted from the spouse or partner of a Full or Life Member of the Club. Applications for transfer from Full Membership to Non Playing Membership will normally only be accepted from members who have been a Full Member for at least 3 years. Any exception to the above will be at the discretion of the Committee.
- 2.9. Members wishing to transfer between membership classes must complete the appropriate application form.
- 2.10. Keys to the club may be obtained on payment of a deposit, the amount of which to be determined by the Committee. All such keys remain the property of the Club, and **MUST** be returned on ceasing to be a Member, the deposit will be refunded if requested.

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3. The Green

- 3.1. The green will be open at such times as the General Committee designate and display in the Clubhouse.
- 3.2. The rink reservation book may be used to reserve rinks for any competition, where dates & times are vacant. The only exceptions to this are a competition having a fixed date to play the game, or in exceptional circumstances approved by the Committee, an external Club fixture, where there are no rinks available for play. Under these circumstances a lower ranking game may be displaced. If this entails using a rink already booked, the person giving way **MUST** be informed. If it entails booking a rink on a specified roll-up time or Club evening the organizer(s) of the event **MUST** be notified.
- 3.3. Rink numbers 3- 6 will be reserved for roll-ups on Tuesday & Thursday afternoons subject only to Bye Law 3.2.
- 3.4. All rinks will be reserved for the 'Wednesday Night League' on Wednesday Club evenings subject only to Bye Law 3.2.
- 3.5. The captains or vice captains will make decisions as to the state of the green being playable. The membership in general is responsible for decisions regarding the use of wet mats. However, if any damage is observed to be taking place during a session, wet mats **MUST** be used.
- 3.6. Members may not smoke on the Green.

4. Committees

- 4.1. A maintenance committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting and under the guidance of the Maintenance Officer will be responsible for the premises, furnishings, equipment and gardens within financial limits agreed by the General Committee.
- 4.2. A selection committee comprising the Men's Captain, the Men's Vice-Captain, the Fixture Secretary and two other members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, shall be responsible for the selection of match teams, except as is provided in Bye Law 4.3.
- 4.3. The Ladies selection committee shall comprise of the Ladies Captain, Ladies Vice Captain and Ladies Secretary.
- 4.4. The ladies may elect a separate committee to deal with all matters pertaining specifically to their section. In all other respects Lady Members will be bound by the Club Constitution & Bye Laws.

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5. Competitions

- 5.1. In entering a Club competition, all members agree to be bound by the general competition rules displayed adjacent to the competition notice board. Detailed rules for each individual competition will be made available adjacent to the competitions board.
- 5.2. There are no substitutes allowed for competitions. If a member is unable to compete, the Competition Secretary or their assistant must be contacted to arrange a replacement.
- 5.3. In order to enter club competitions Members must have nominated for, and if selected, played four friendly matches in the preceding outdoor season, two of which must be away fixtures. Winter indoor games are not included. The only exceptions to this are Members who joined the Club in the preceding season, and Members who through illness missed the majority of the preceding season.
- 5.4. Novice bowlers with no previous experience of bowling must undertake a course of instruction with the Club Coach(s) and will only be allowed to play on the Green with the recommendation of the Club Coach(s).
- 5.5. Handicaps for the Men's & Ladies Handicap Competition will be decided by a Committee comprising of the Men's & Ladies Captains; the Men's & Ladies Vice Captains; the Competition Secretary, and their assistant if of a different gender.

6. Guests

- 6.1. All guests (excluding members of other Clubs) must be recorded in the Visitors Book by a Full Member.
- 6.2. A guest will be allowed to play free of charge on any two occasions during a season having obtained permission from a member of the General Committee. The guest will need to be appropriately dressed.