

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BOWLS CLUB GENERAL RULES

1 THE GREEN

The hire of a Contractor to prepare and maintain the green is the responsibility of the Executive Committee. The Green will be open from 10.30 am until dusk Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, but on Wednesday, from 1.00pm due to restricted parking and from 10.00 am on Saturday and Sunday.

A Green Ranger will be appointed by the Executive Committee to undertake the following responsibilities

1. To liaise with and assist as necessary the Contractor(s) who have been authorised to prepare and maintain the green.
2. To have general oversight of the maintenance and storage of the club's bowling equipment.
3. To ensure the rink markings are changed daily or as required. Also change the rink direction each Monday.
4. To ensure ditches are regularly cleaned and weeded.
5. To organise morning swishing as necessary.

The Green Ranger may advise that temporary closure of the green is necessary when he/she thinks the condition makes it unplayable or play may result in severe damage to the playing surface. On match days the team Captain will make the final decision whether or not the match should be played.'

Once it has been decided to close the green for play, members may not use the green until it is advised by the Green Ranger or acting Green Ranger that play may be resumed.'

2 RULES OF PLAY

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The club shall be affiliated to Bowls England and conform to its rules and regulation.

2.2 The Executive Committee shall prepare match rules; competition rules and other such rules as may be considered necessary to govern play, the use of the Club facilities and social and other activities. The Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees to implement such rules and activities.

2.3 Each member shall be provided with a copy of the Constitution and General Rules and a copy of these and other rules shall be exhibited at all times in the Pavilion.

3 AVAILABILITY FOR MATCHES

All playing members are expected to make themselves available for selection for team matches. The Selectors will decide on the competence of any member for selection of matches.

4 TEAM MATCHES & SELECTION

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As a general rule, selections will be made on a Tuesday. The aim will be to select players ten days in advance of a match.

For mixed matches there will be one Captain of the day who will be responsible for all administration. Selection for mixed matches will be at the discretion of the Selectors whilst ensuring that members receive a fair share of games. Selectors will take into account factors such as availability of members who have been reserves and the statistics of members previous selection and availability.

4.2 When there is a surplus of players available to play, Reserves will be selected and prioritised to play in the order listed. A member not selected, who nevertheless is available on the day of the match, may add their name to the end of the existing reserve list, with permission of the Match Captain.

4.3 If a player travels direct to an away match and does not inform the Match Captain, they may forfeit their selection to play if as a result the Match Captain has asked a reserve to travel.

4.4 The Men's captain and Ladies Captain will select teams for District, County and National Competitions where, in their opinion, there is a need to select the strongest team available.

5 **CLUB MATCHES**

A list of all Club matches shall be placed on the Notice board in the Pavilion at least 10 days prior to the match being played, regardless of whether on the fixture list or arranged subsequently and members wishing to be considered for selection must have their names placed on this list.

6 **APPOINTED CAPTAIN**

The appointed Captain (for mixed matches appointed at the Selection meeting) in any match shall have sole charge of the Club team and deal with matters arising prior to and during the game.

7 **SELECTION SHEETS**

Team lists will be posted in the Pavilion and it is the duty of all members to ascertain if they have been selected to play by consulting these lists and thereafter complying with the commencing or assembly times.

8 **MATCH FEES**

Subject to annual review by the Executive Committee, there will not be any match fees for members taking part in Club matches.

9 **RESERVING OF RINKS**

Rinks may be reserved for all designated matches, which take precedence over practice roll-ups. For this purpose, it has been agreed that the following shall be "matches" order:

- All Team matchers organised by the Hemel Hempstead Bowls Club, including veteran's matches
- All National Competitions
- All County Competitions
- All District Association Competitions
- All Hemel Hempstead Bowls Club Competitions
- All other Hemel Hempstead Club Leagues
- All coaching and instruction carried out by persons authorised to coach and instruct.

The allocation of rink numbers for the above is the responsibility of the Men's and Ladies selectors. You **may not** take a rink that has already been booked if there is an empty rink available.

10 **DRESS CODE**

Roll ups, Practice, Coaching

All members may now wear any colour smart casual shirts (with collar) and smart casual trousers, shorts, or skirts. **NO blue denim jeans, football shorts or cargo shorts and no T-shirts**
Bowling Shoes to be worn.

Competitions

All members must wear Club tops or white tops with collars and grey tailored trousers, skirts or shorts or approved Bowls England casual wear below the waist. Bowling Shoes may be white, grey or brown, or alternatively any Bowls England approved shoes.

For Finals, all members must wear Club tops and white tailored trousers, skirts, or shorts or approved Bowls England casual wear below the waist.

All markers must be similarly dressed.

Club Games, Cup Games, League Games

All members must wear Club tops and grey or white tailored trousers, skirts or shorts or approved Bowls England casual wear below the waist (as specified on the selection sheet). Bowling shoes may be white, grey or brown, or alternatively any Bowls England approved shoes.
Blazers are optional.

PLEASE NOTE ANY MEMBER NOT CORRECTLY DRESSED MAY BE ASKED TO STAND DOWN.

11 **ROLL UPS**

In ordinary practice roll ups, if members are in attendance and desirous to play and no vacant rink is available, no practice roll ups less than a full rink shall be continued to the exclusion of such members.

12 **CASUAL MEMBERSHIP**

All playing and social members may occasionally introduce a visitor to the Club for social purposes. Such visitors must be signed in by a member. Playing members may occasionally introduce a visitor to the Club to play on the green on payment of £4.00 per game to be paid into the box provided and signed for by the member concerned in the book provided.

13 CATERING/CAR PARK DUTY/RINK DUTY

- All members will be required to undertake catering, car park and rink duties during the season.
- Should any member(s) fail, without proper reason, to meet this requirement, the Selectors may impose sanctions on team selection.

14 CLUB POSITIONS

The Executive Committee will be responsible for the appointment of the Green-Ranger, Bar Manager, Pavilion Manager, Club Coach, Tour Manager, Catering Organiser, Press Officer, Pen & Rink Editor, Raffles Organiser, County & District Delegates, Social Committee and Child Protection Officer.

15 CHILDREN

All members must ensure that children under the age of 18 must be accompanied at all times by a member of the Club.

16 MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not permitted on the Green.

17 DRINKS

Alcoholic drinks are not permitted on the Green. Drinks are only permitted on the perimeter of the rink if they are in plastic glasses.

NOTE

The Executive Committee is empowered under the Constitution to vary any General Rule and to add further General Rules as may be necessary in the light of experience.