

# Smith's Dock Bowling Club

## Founded 1920

### Rules



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## **1. GREENS OPEN/CLOSE**

- The greens usually open in early Apr, subject to lawn condition, and close towards the end of September at dates determined by the General Committee (GC).
- The greens committee will keep the GC informed about the condition of the greens.

## **2. ROLL UPS**

League matches & competitions take precedence over roll-ups.

## **3. GREEN FEES**

Players are responsible for paying their own rink fees to the team captain. These will be passed on to the Treasurer

## **4. GREENS ROTATION**

Greens must be rotated regularly to prevent damage to them. A schedule is posted on the noticeboard and must be adhered to.

## **5. VISITORS (PLAYING)**

- Visitors who are competent bowlers (current or past member of a bowls club) may roll-up on the greens up to 3 times per year for free after which they must join the club and standard fees become due.
- They must sign the Visitor's book.
- They must be introduced by a member who shall also be responsible for their conduct.

## **6. VISITORS (NON-PLAYING)**

- Members may introduce non-playing guest to the Club, maximum 4 at any one time. The member is responsible for their conduct.
- They must sign the Visitor's book.
- Former members who have been expelled are not allowed as guests.
- Anyone whose application to join the Club has been rejected are not allowed as guests.

## **7. DRESS ON THE GREENS**

- Flat-soled shoes must always be worn when on the green, including by potential members
- When representing the Club:
  - Men – Club shirt, full length grey trousers or grey knee-length dress shorts, white socks
  - Ladies – Club shirt, full length grey trousers, culottes or crops, grey knee-length dress shorts, white socks
- Club Competitions – as above but a white shirt may be worn instead of the Club shirt but the team must all wear the same.
- Fleeces, jumpers or cardigans should be plain white.
- Jackets and hats should be predominantly white or official Club colours.
- When playing in National & County competitions, adhere to the published dress code.
- Visiting Bowlers: Follow their own club dress rules with flat-soled shoes.
- Roll-ups: Dress optional (within reason) and bowling shoes.

## **8. ACCESSING THE GREENS**

Players should enter the greens via the prescribed entry points, not from the red paving surrounding them as these can become slippery when wet. If they do not, it will be at their own risk.

## **9. CLUB EQUIPMENT**

- All club equipment must be returned to its correct place after use.
- No club equipment should be removed from the premises unless agreed by the GC.

- Potential new members may borrow bowls. These must be signed out and returned at the end of play.

#### **10. ETIQUETTE**

A set of bowling etiquette rules is displayed on the noticeboard. Members should familiarise themselves with them and adhere to them.

#### **11. COACHING**

Coaching can be arranged with the Club coach.

#### **12. COMPETITIONS**

**County** - Entry information will be circulated and posted on the noticeboard. Inform the club secretary if you wish to enter.

**League** - Information will be circulated and posted on the noticeboard. Follow the instructions if you wish to enter.

**In-house** - Information will be circulated and be posted on the noticeboard. Follow the instructions if you wish to enter.

#### **13. LEAGUES**

- Prior to the season information on all the potential leagues we participate in will be circulated. Members should contact the individual league captains if they wish to be included in our teams.
- A competitions sub-committee will be formed. They will select teams by blind draw. If it is a mixed team, men and ladies should be drawn alternatively.
- Anyone who has been selected to play but cannot play must inform the appropriate team captain
- Players should report to the team captain at least 10 minutes before the start of play.
- The Club Captain and Ladies Captain should attend league AGMs along with the relevant league captain and report back to the GC.
- Players requiring transport should arrange this themselves with other participants.

#### **14. CLUB SECURITY**

- All Club premises must be securely locked when vacated. Members must always check that someone with a key is still there when they leave. If you are likely to be last out make sure you have a key.
- The gates to the bowling greens and the car park must both be padlocked by the last person leaving. The padlocks open codes must never be left showing, including after the padlocks have been opened to gain entry.
- When working in the grounds, the clubhouse door should be locked if there is no one on the premises.
- All keys removed from the key locker in the changing room must be replaced as soon as possible and placed on the correct positions.

#### **15. FIRE SAFETY**

The last person leaving must check that all electrical equipment has been unplugged and socket switches turned off – except the fridges.

#### **16. HEALTH & SAFETY**

- People should not work alone, especially when using equipment
- Wear appropriate safety equipment when operating machinery, using sprayers, etc.
- Everyone should be aware of the location of the defibrillator and where to find the access code.
- All members should familiarise themselves with the General Risk Assessment and the Bowling Risk Assessment, both of which will be on the noticeboard. Individual Risk Assessments have been written for working with specific equipment. Those concerned must sign off on these and comply.

#### **17. SMOKING & ALCOHOL**

- Smoking/vaping and consumption of alcohol are not allowed on the greens or immediately next to them but is permitted on the benches around the greens.
- Smoking/vaping is not allowed in the clubhouse.

#### **18. PETS**

- Pets must be kept in control and not left unattended.
- Pets are not allowed on the greens at any time.
- The pet owner is liable for the behaviour of their pet.
- The Club accept no responsibility for any pets brought onto the Club premises.

#### **19. NOTICES**

Members should read the notice boards regularly for up-to-date information.

#### **20. CONDUCT**

- If the GC considers the conduct of a member to contravene the Rules they may be expelled from the Club.