

# **Margate Bowling Club By-Laws 2018**

## **1. General**

The Club aligns with the Government-legislation for non-smoking in public access enclosed premises. Smoking is therefore not permitted in any Club building, including the Clubhouse, changing-rooms, toilets and storage buildings.

## **2. Subscriptions and Fees**

- The annual Full Member subscription is £100 payable at the opening of the new season in April. A pro rata subscription will be charged at a rate of £20 per month for experienced bowlers joining after the season has commenced.
- New bowlers will join as Associate Members with a free three month trial period and then charged at a rate of £20 per month, when they will become a Full Member. Everyone will have club access facilities.
- Only Full Members who have paid the full annual fee (£100), or a minimum of £40, will be eligible to vote at General Meetings.
- Green fees for visiting players will be £3.00.
- Visiting players in County and National competitions will not be charged green fees.
- Consideration should be given to reduce Club fees for those members who regularly work in the Club.
- The annual Junior Member subscription is £10.
- Each Club Competition fee is £2 per player.
- The charge for tea & biscuits will be set and published by the Catering Manager.
- The charge for a set tea will be £2.50 per player.
- The green fee payable by opposition teams is £3 per player plus the set tea fee.
- Changes to a Member's address and/or telephone number must be immediately notified to the Club Secretary.

## **3. Conduct**

If any Member acts in an obnoxious manner likely to bring the name of the Club into disrepute, the Committee may, by giving notice in writing, call such Member to appear before the Committee to explain their action. Another Member may accompany the Member at the meeting. If the Member fails to appear or on attending and being heard at the meeting, the Committee decides continuing membership is not in the best interests of the Club, then a Resolution should be passed for expulsion from the Club. The Member shall thereupon cease to be a Member, forfeiting all rights of membership and shall not be entitled to any refund of subscription or fees. A notice to such effect shall be posted on the Club notice board and also sent by recorded delivery to the Member's registered address.

If a Member who has been expelled from the Club, or who has left the Club on bad terms, applies to rejoin in a subsequent year, the committee will consider their application and if it agrees to let them rejoin, they will be sent a letter warning them that they will be expelled if there is a single complaint against them by a Club member, or if they do anything to bring the Club into disrepute.

## **4. Dress**

Friendly matches will be played in "whites", i.e. white shirt & Club tie/blouse/dress and white trousers/skirts. Brown or white shoes are optional. Regulation bowling shoes (with flat smoothed soles and no heels) should be worn on the green. Beginners under coaching may be allowed to wear plimsolls or "trainers" with flat soles but no significant heels. For "roll-ups" smart casual clothes will be permitted. Men and Ladies playing in representative games should wear the registered "coloured" Club shirt.

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### **5. Committee (non Executive Officer) Members**

A maximum of nine Full Members may be nominated, for election at the AGM, by other Full Members to fill one or more of the following Committee tasks:

- Match Secretary
- Bar Manager
- Catering Manager
- Green Ranger
- Club Captain
- Club Competitions Secretary
- Ladies' County & Associations Delegate(s)
- Men's County & Associations Delegate(s)
- House Manager

Any of the above tasks not committed at the AGM will be appointed at the next Committee meeting or by co-opting other Full Member(s).

### **6. Meetings**

Unless otherwise agreed, the Committee shall meet on the first Monday of each month during the playing season and as often as required during the winter months.

### **7. Club Security**

All Full Members will be given a Club gate key (also opens the Men's changing room and Clubhouse).

In addition all Full Lady Members will be given a Ladies' changing room key (also opens the Ladies toilet).

Key Holders agreed by the Committee will also hold a Bar key and main alarm key but these will include the Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Bar Manager and Green Ranger.

The burglar alarm code for the bar will be advised to Key Holders.

### **8. Bar Management**

The Bar Manager will appoint and publish a list of Full Members to assist with the bar and these will be given a bar key and given the bar alarm code. He/she may also sanction other Full Members to assist in the bar if necessary. The Bar Manager should set prices to achieve a minimum target return of 50% on cost prices.

The bar will normally be open for home matches. If any Full Member requires the bar to be open at any other time that Member should make prior arrangement with the Bar Manager or one of the listed assistants.

### **9. Team Selection**

Player availability sheets for mixed friendly matches (including Catherine Wheeler mixed league) should be placed on the notice board in the Clubhouse, at least two weeks before the match. Teams will be selected from names written on the availability sheets as follows:

- Men-only matches selected by the Captain but may be delegated to assistant(s).
- Ladies-only matches selected by the Captain but may be delegated to assistant(s).
- Mixed matches selected by Captain and assistant(s).
- Men's representative matches selected by Team Manager & his assistant(s).

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Selected team lists for Men or Ladies games will be posted on the changing room(s) notice boards, at least five days before the match.

Selected players and reserves should confirm their availability by “ticking” their name on the selection list(s). If a selected player or reserve, subsequently find himself or herself to be unavailable, that member should immediately contact the nominated captain. Selected players and reserves should report to the nominated captain 15 minutes and be dressed and ready to play before the scheduled match start time.

### **10. Club Competitions**

- 10.1 Major club competitions are defined as: Men’s Singles Championship, Ladies Singles Championship and Men’s Pairs.
- 10.2 Minor club competitions are open to all members and comprise: Mixed Pairs, Yard-of-Jack, 2-wood Singles and Mixed Handicap Singles.
- 10.3 Competitions shall be played to the end, before the end of the season.

### **11. Grounds Management**

A Green Ranger is appointed to arrange the following:

- Winter maintenance of the green, i.e. treatment of moss and infestation, coring/spiking, top-dressing, levelling and reseeded.
- Arranging for annual maintenance and repair of the Club’s equipment – bills to be paid by the Club Treasurer on submission of invoice(s). Major items of equipment include 2 lawnmowers (one with five cartridges), a scarifier, a hedge trimmer, a sprayer and a corer/spiker machine.
- Purchase of all green-maintenance materials equipment – bills to be paid by the Club Treasurer on submission of invoice(s).
- Cutting of side hedge including removal of clippings.
- Mowing and scarifying of the green as necessary during the closed season.
- During the playing season:
  - Green to have three cuts per week, normally on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mowed clippings to be removed from the Club.
  - Green to be scarified/spiked monthly or as required.
  - Green edges to be cut weekly and ditches to be cleared of clippings and other debris.
  - Watering of the green every other day or as necessary.

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