

# Ashtead Bowls Club

**Bye-Laws** (update September 2020)

## **1. Objectives**

The principal Objective of Ashtead Bowls Club is to provide a sustainable, accessible and safe environment, including green, clubhouse, changing rooms and other buildings, to the benefit of members of the local community who wish to participate in the Sport of Bowls.

The Club is a 'Not for Profit' enterprise.

## **2. Membership**

**Membership is open to all residents of Ashtead and the surrounding community**

- i) All applications for playing membership shall first be subject to assessment by a Club Coach (Level 2). Once the Coach is satisfied that the applicant is competent to bowl unsupervised, an Application Form can be completed.**
- ii) Applications for Membership shall be elected by the Management Committee who shall have the power to offer any form of membership as it thinks fit in the best interest of the Club. Responsibility for the election of new members may be delegated to the Club Coach and Membership Secretary. The number of persons to be to membership in any category shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee considered in terms of capacity.**
- iii) Honorary Life Membership may transfer to non-playing status.**
- iv) Full playing membership is required for at least 3 years before downgrading to Associate membership. Downgrading within the 3 year period can only be for medical reasons or at the discretion of the Executive Committee.**
- v) Visitors who meet club bowling standards (as at 1.i) and wish to bowl, receive coaching, or try out bowling will be made Temporary Members for the day on signing the Visitors Book and paying a Temporary Membership fee.**
- vi) Visitors who do not wish to bowl will be made Temporary Members on signing the Visitors Book.**

### **3. Associate Membership**

- i) Associate Membership must not exceed 50% of the total Membership**
- ii) Associate members 'who wish to bowl can do so in 'Roll-Ups, Club Nights and Club events' upon payment of the Associate Bowling Fee and providing their bowling ability is acceptable, up to a maximum of 10 times per season. Priority to bowl will be given to Full Playing Members.**
- iii) Associate Members may not play in Club matches or Competitions.**
- iii) Associate Members or Visitors who have not been approved by a Club Coach are only allowed on the Green when accompanied by a Full Playing member who will be responsible to ensure no damage is done to the Green.**
- iv) Club Night suppers, priority will be given to those bowling.**
- v) At 'out of season events' all members shall have equal rights.**
- vi) However the committee has further decided that where a finalist's partner is not an associate member he or she may stay for the post finals function, subject to payment of an a one off "temporary membership fee" of £5.00 which is in addition to the cost of the function itself. "**

### **4. Membership Fees as at Dec 2018.**

**Membership fees are as follows:-**

<b>Full Playing Membership</b>	<b>£132.50</b>
<b>Associate Membership</b>	<b>£ 30.00</b>
<b>Temporary daily membership</b>	<b>£ 5.00</b>
<b>Associate playing (per session)</b>	<b>£ 2.00</b>

**Any increase in fees will be at the recommendation of the Treasurer who will present this for approval to the Management Committee prior to the AGM.**

### **5. Dress**

- i) White, Grey or Brown bowling shoes, must be worn, with smooth soled, heel-less soles, by all persons on the Green.**

**ii) Dress for Ladies/Gentlemen using the Green shall be grey Skirts, Trousers/ Trousers and white or club shirts. Tailored Shorts (grey or white) may be worn.**

**iii) Dress for all Matches and Events will be shown in the Fixture Book and on Match and Sign-up Sheets.**

**iv) All equipment is provided for bowling with the exception of the above and members will be required to own their own set of bowls**

## **6. Green**

**i) The Green Ranger shall have sole responsibility to decide on the suitability of play on the Green, or the use of Ground Sheets. In his absence the decision will be taken by his appointed assistants or a Committee member.**

**ii) The Green Ranger shall at all times have the authority to take a rink out of use if he deems it advisable for the preservation of the Green.**

## **7. Priorities and Rink Bookings**

**i) Match and booking priority will be in the following order:- National, County, Affiliated Associations, Club Approved Leagues, and Local Area Tournaments eg. Mole Valley Cup. These must be approved by the Green Ranger or his representative and particular rinks may be requested but not direction.**

**ii) Rinks cannot be booked when there are home matches and/or Club Nights except for outside competitions as defined above, when the Green Ranger or Club Captain must give approval.**

**iii) Club Nights will begin between 5.30 and 6pm.**

**iv) All other bookings for rinks will be allocated by the Green ranger or his representative. This allocation is final and must be accepted.**

## **8. Care of the Green**

**i) The Green will be closed for maintenance purposes for periods as shown in the Rink Diary.**

**ii) Start times for using the Green are shown on the Green Ranger's Noticeboard and in the Rink Diary and any changes to these must be approved by him or his nominee.**

## **9. Pets**

- i) Dogs and other pets may be admitted to the grounds of the Club providing they are kept under strict control.**
- ii) Under no circumstances are pets allowed on the Green or in the Clubhouse.**

## **10. Bar**

- i) The Bar may be open to members and their guests under the terms of the Registration Certificate between the hours shown on the Certificate.**
- ii) All alcoholic and soft drinks for consumption on the premises must be purchased through the Bar.**
- iii) In order to comply with the Licensing Act 200**
  - 1} A person may not-**
    - a) be admitted to membership or**
    - b) be admitted, as a candidate for membership of the club to any of the privileges of membership, without an interval of at least 2 days between their nomination or application for membership and their admission.**
  - 2} A person becoming a member without prior nomination or application may not be permitted to the privileges of membership of the club without an interval of at least 2 days between becoming a member and their admission.**
  - 3} A person is an Associate Member of the Club if he is a member of another Club and that Club has rules 1 and 2 above.**

## **11. Club Competitions**

- i) Rules for all Competitions will be displayed on the Competitions Noticeboard by the Competitions Secretary and entry to Competitions will assume these have been read.**
- ii) Members may not enter any ABC Competitions if they are members of another Club and taking part in that Club's competitions.**

**iii) All members are of Amateur Status and will not receive prize winnings other than trophies.**

## **12. Short Mat Bowling, Social and Community Activity**

**Members, including Associate Members may play Short Mat Bowls in the Club House throughout the closed season on payment of 50p per session and partake in other Social and Community Activities within the Club Facilities..**

## **13. Indemnity.**

**The Club will indemnify committee members in the event of there being legal action against them as individuals as a result of decisions made in Committee.**

## **14 . Meetings**

**In the event that a meeting, called for by Members, an AGM, or an SGM cannot be held due to a National Emergency or a Government Directive, a Committee will be allowed to extend its service time, until circumstances permit. It will consider all urgent matters and be permitted to take reasonable action to resolve any issues.**

**Item 14 updated 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020, following instructions from Lawyers and from Bowls England, caused by the Pandemic.**

**Original Signed by the Chairman on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

