

BOWLING INFORMATION

Members may bowl at any time unless the green is required for matches or tournaments.

Information regarding other occasional events when the green is required will be displayed on the notice board in the pavilion.

Social bowling may continue through October depending on the greensman's maintenance programme.

Occasionally on Sunday mornings the green may be reserved for league competitions (see noticeboard for details).

Floodlights are available for the bowling green. You should ask a team captain or a member of the committee if you wish to use the lights and are unsure of the conditions applicable for their use.

BOWLING SECTION MEETING DATES

7 th September 2021	Ladies Annual Bowling Meeting
9 th September 2021	Men's Annual Bowling Meeting
14 th October 2021	Bowling Annual General Meeting

BOWLING SECTION PLAYING RULES (revised Jan 2020)

1. The Green, subject to the Groundsman's / Green Liaison Representative's advice, shall be open from Easter to October. 'GREEN OPEN' or 'GREEN CLOSED' boards will be exhibited as the occasion demands.
2. To preserve the green the starting area will be varied occasionally.
3. Only flat shoes shall be worn on the green.
4. Members may bowl at any time that the green is open and not required for league or friendly matches or club tournaments.

Details of these will be included on the website each season, or, in the case of ad hoc events, displayed as necessary on club notice boards.

In the event of a large number wishing to play socially on any one occasion, names are to be put on the blackboard on arrival. Games will then be made up in fours taken from the top downwards. At the end of each game, players must vacate the green and give members waiting the opportunity to play. Those members wishing to play again should then add their names again to the list.

5. The number of jacks on the green at any one time shall not exceed five (5), subject to the Committee's decision. When there are five (5) jacks on the green games shall be 15 up unless no other member is waiting to play.
6. No games shall comprise more than four (4) players, subject to the Committee's discretion.
7. Club woods, jacks and mats shall be cleaned before being replaced. Cloths are provided for this purpose.
8. Rules regarding junior bowling are displayed in the Clubhouse.
9. The annual bowling meeting of the members of the club shall be held on the second Thursday in the month of October. Fourteen days' notice of the meeting shall be given and exhibited in the club pavilion. Notices of motion must be given in writing and must be in the hands of the Hon Secretary twenty-one days prior to the date of the meeting.

Competitions

10. Entry lists will be closed at 1.00pm the day before the competition. A minimum of sixteen entries will be required for mixed competitions to run and a minimum of twelve for the single sex competitions.
11. The draw to be made by two persons and displayed one day prior to the competition.
12. Start times may vary at the discretion of the tournament organisers and will be published when the entry list is opened.
13. All merit tournaments and their supplementary games to start with 3 on the card. Handicaps will not be applied but the main competition will qualify for handicap adjustments.
14. For all major tournaments there shall be no practice on the green on the fixture day. On tournament days, competitors having a bye into the second round may have a roll-up of five minutes maximum duration before playing their round. This rule does not apply to the ongoing competitions.

Handicap Tournaments

15. The maximum handicap is scratch. The minimum is +6 for tournaments played up to 15 or 18 and +8 for those played up to 21. All new members will be allocated the minimum handicap, unless the committee decides otherwise.

Handicaps are as follows:

15 and 18 up	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
21 up	8	7	5	4	3	1	0

16. For all double's competitions, the handicap applied will be half the sum of the individual handicaps rounded up.
17. All main and supplementary handicap events to be played to 15 with the handicaps, then added at the end of the game. The on-going competitions to be played to 21 before the handicap is added.
18. The winner of a tournament, including merits and the singles on-going knock-out, to have their handicap adjusted by -1 from the date of the event, with no runner up or supplementary winner affected.
19. After a member has played in two handicap or merit tournaments (not to include the on-going knockout) and not won the major competition, the members' handicap will be adjusted by +1 immediately from the date of this competition.
20. Play should be continuous. Competitors not on call are liable to be scratched.

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