



THURMASTON BOWLS CLUB

MEMBERS RULES

Amended in March 2024.

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1 The club shall be called "The Thurmaston Bowls Club".

2 CLUB RULES

This set of Club Rules has been agreed by the Committee and applies to all members and visitors to Thurmaston Bowls Club.

The Club Rules differ from the Club Constitution in that they are made and can be changed by the Committee.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Applications for membership may be made to the Secretary at any time.

Upon receipt of an application for Club Membership, there will be an interval of at least 7 days before Committee Approval. The application of all classes of membership is to be approved by five Committee members to agree and sign. Membership Applications may be refused as deemed justified by the Committee. Upon successful membership and payment of appropriate fees the Treasurer will supply a copy of "Thurmaston Bowls Club Members Rules".

4 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The main members of the Committee shall be Full Members of the Club and shall consist of SECRETARY/TREASURER/CHAIR PERSON/PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT /FIXTURE SECRETARY/ CLUB CAPTAINS.

5 ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The Committee members shall be elected from a position(s) available. Candidates for election to the Committee can be retiring Committee members eligible to offer themselves for re-election and other full members duly proposed and seconded in writing by Full members of the Club.

The election of the committee shall be listed upon the club's notice board. Such nominations, together with the names of the Proposer and Secunder shall be brought to the Annual General Meeting.

6 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Committee shall endeavor to meet not less than twice per year at date time and place to be agreed

7. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

The Committee may at any time, upon giving seven days' notice, call a Special General Meeting.

8. QUORUMS

25% of eligible members will form a quorum for General and Special Meetings.

50% of eligible members will form a quorum for all Committee Meetings

9. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

Any proposed alterations to the Club's Constitution and Rules may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting convened with the required written notice of the proposal.

Any alteration or amendment must be duly proposed and seconded. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

10. DISSOLUTIONS OF THE CLUB

If, at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.

If, at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club, and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.

The assets of the club will be divided between the members on a proportional basis.

11. MEMBERSHIP FEE's

Fees for each category of Membership shall be proposed by Club Treasurer to the members at the Annual General Meeting each year.

Annual Membership is due 1st April, to be paid no later than 1st May. Any member failing to pay their subscription before 1st May shall be deemed not to be a member of the Club and shall not be entitled to be selected for match play or competitions or to use the facilities of the Club.

12. CLUB HOUSE

Members and guests are expected to wear smart clothing at all times whilst in the club. Any member or guest not conforming to this standard may be asked to leave the clubhouse. Members should ensure that their own guests are aware of the regulations to avoid unnecessary embarrassment.

13. THE BAR and Bar-Permitted hours of opening

The permitted opening hours during which intoxicating liquors may be supplied to members and guests consumption on or off the premises shall be in accordance with the club premises certificate which will be displayed in the bar area.

Supply

Intoxicating liquor may only be sold for consumption on the Club premises to persons over the age of eighteen who are entitled to the use of the Club premises in pursuance of the Rules, Byelaws and Regulations for the time being in force. No Junior Member under the age of eighteen may purchase or attempt to purchase intoxicating liquor within the Club premises.

14. THE GREEN

The green will be opened for the season by the current President at the beginning of April each year and close early October as confirmed by the Committee and green keepers. All play shall be subject to Bowls England Rules

15. UNIFORM

On the Bowling Green:

- Greys are normally worn for all club games with the exception of those designated games at which whites shall be worn.
- Club shirts are to be worn for all club matches.
- Regulation bowling shoes or flat shoes must be worn on the green.

Players failing to meet these requirements may be asked to leave the green.

16. CLUB BOWLS

Members using the club's bowls either on match days or during roll up will be required to pay £1.00 each session.

17. CHANGING FACILITIES

Male and female changing rooms are available whilst the club is open.

18. USES OF THE GREENS AND SURROUNDING AREAS

The use of the bowling green must be in accordance with the rules of the game at all times. Any members wishing to play must comply with the general directions laid down by the committee with regard to which rinks are not available for play.

The priority order for play is as follows:

- County competitions or matches (after appropriate consultation with captains')
- League matches
- Club competitions
- General play against other teams (friendlies)
- Practice (roll-ups)

Rinks for both County and Club Competitions should be booked in advance, with as much notice as possible. In the event of the double booking of a rink, an alternative rink should be found if at all possible. Failing this, the order/precedence is as stated above.

One rink will be reserved at all times for general play for non-club members, and may not be booked for competitions.

Tuesdays are for "roll ups" club nights, competitions are allowed to be played on this night, however no more than **three** lanes can be booked.

The changing rooms are to be used by all players;

No bowls bags are allowed within the pavilion.

20. TEAM SELECTION

Teams shall be selected by the Captains for the day. Friendly matches may use Associate Members and non-members of the club if there is a shortage of Full Members available.

For league matches, Competitions and Gala's only Full members of the club will be allowed selection.

Friendly matches and league fixtures will be listed on the club's notice boards and WhatsApp

21. OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

Chair

- To Chair all relevant meetings of the Club;
- To have the casting vote at all relevant meetings of the Club in the event of equality;
- In the absence of the Secretary nominate a minute taker:
- Briefing committee members in respect of the agenda;
- Ensuring all points have been considered before votes are taken and recorded;

President and Vice President

- To welcome old and new members at the club at the pre-season meeting and Annual General Meeting;
- To represent the Club on match days and other special events;
- To thank all retiring and new committee members;
- To help officiate at galas and major club events;
- To present cups and trophies on presentation day;
- To take over the duties of the chairperson as and when required
- To arrange and officiate a 'Presidents Day' and the Club BBQ

Secretary

- To complete Leicestershire and Bowls England forms and documentation;
- To conduct the correspondence of the Club;
- To keep custody of all Club documents;
- To keep full minutes of all meetings of the Club, the Committee;
- Corresponding with new and existing members:
- Countersigning cheques on behalf of the club;
- To liaise with Thurmaston Council.

Treasurer

- To keep a register of Club members' contact details;
- To pay membership capitation fees;
- To collect all relevant fees from Club members;
- To make all relevant payments on behalf of the Club;
- To prepare Annual Income Statement for examination;
- To present Accounts for approval at the Annual General Meeting
- To administer such insurance policy or policies as may be needed to fully protect the interests of the Club, its Officers, and its members;
- To pay external league and competition fees;
- To liaise with Thurmaston Council.

Fixture Secretary

- To arrange matches as relevant with other clubs;
- To maintain and keep up-to-date list of bowling club secretaries, captains and telephone numbers;
- To notify members of any changes to the fixtures;
- Arrange for fixtures to be put on the club's notice board and clubs web site.

Team Captain/s

- To select teams for home and away matches;
- To make match arrangements with opposition captains;
- To check availability of members;
- To nominate leads, seconds, thirds, and skips;
- To plan for refreshments at home matches and check for allergies for both home and away teams; and to submit relevant income and expense receipts/documents
- To organise the raffle prizes for home matches;
- To inform club of results.

Leicestershire Bowling Associations Representative

- To inform members of county matches and competitions including dates, when and where they are being played;
- To inform LBA/LLBA competition secretary of any changes and amendments ASAP;
- To attend LBA/LLBA AGM if possible;
- To ensure all club fees and competition monies are handed in on the correct dates.

Competitions Secretary

- To organise club competitions according to club rules;
- To draw up and advise all members of these rules in agreement with club committee;
- To set the final dates for entry into club competitions;
- To organise the draw for each of the knock-out competitions;
- To set dates by which each competition round is to be played, and finals dates
- To purchase any shields or trophies to be presented at the end of the competition season.
- To organise the engraving of shields and trophies
- To maintain and upkeep of any honours board on an annual basis;
- To purchase the necessary prizes for the Galas.
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Members Representative

- To act as contact between the committee and the members;
- To ensure that members complaints are represented to the committee correctly;
- To notify members of the results of the committee's findings of the complaint;
- To ensure members are aware of any working parties that are formed, e.g. green maintenance.

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Social Committee

- To arrange social functions during and outside of the season ensuring all members are notified of the event(s) taking place.
- To participate in the annual BBQ
- To arrange annual Christmas meal
- To run raffles at each event
- To support with refreshments at Galas and open day events
- To submit income and expenses with relevant documentation at each event.

NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS cont/d....

Safeguarding Officer

- To act as a point of contact for Junior Bowlers.

District/County Delegate

- To act as a liaison between the Club and other relevant associations.

Press/media Officers

- To publicise the Club in local media, website, and social media as relevant.

Club Coach

- The Committee shall appoint a Qualified Bowls Coach(s) who shall coach members and advise on the interpretation of the rules of the game and green etiquette.

Accounts Examiner

- To examine the Accounts and Income Statement

22. BEHAVIOUR OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

All members and their guests must be well behaved at all times. The Committee reserves the right to eject from the club premises any member or guest who is behaving in a manner deemed to be unacceptable. This may include bad language, drunkenness, fighting or arguing, rudeness and general rowdiness and any other behavior deemed to be unacceptable and/or offensive to other members or their guests.

Disciplinary action may be taken against any members who behave in an unacceptable manner.

Thurmaston Bowl's club reserves the right to refuse entry to the club