

## **COLCHESTER WEST END BOWLS CLUB**

### **MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND CLUB PARTICIPATION**

#### **PURPOSE**

Colchester West End Bowls Club (the "Club") prides itself on being one of the premier bowls club in the Colchester borough. Our reputation is built on the sportsmanship and hospitality that is shown at the Club and it is a responsibility of all members to retain this reputation by setting good examples. The evidence of a thriving club is for an active membership. Over time the Club will attract new members and it is important for ALL members to be aware of our expectations in terms of club participation and conduct.

This document is not intended to be a complete set of "do's and don'ts" but sets the tone to ensure ALL members have an understanding of what it means to be member of this club. Membership of this Club is not just about performance on the green but is also about being a complete member and participating and supporting Club activity.

#### **REVIEWS**

From time to time it will be necessary for this document to be reviewed. The Committee will carry out regular reviews and update this document as the need arises and will publish any reviews. A copy of this document will be displayed in the clubhouse.

#### **ON THE GREEN**

- Dress code for all matches representing the Club shall be club shirts with white, grey or coloured below the waist as set out in the match regulations. Only shorts produced by bowls manufacturers are acceptable. Regulation bowls shoes with flat, smooth soles must be worn.
- For roll ups, white tops or club tops and greys below the waist shall be worn.
- Players are expected to assist in setting out and returning equipment such as jacks, mats, pushers etc from the equipment store. All players have a responsibility for the safe storage of the Club's bowls equipment.
- Smoking and the use of mobile phones is not permitted on the green. Players who wish to smoke or use mobile phones for telephone conversations or texting shall do so away from the banks of the green and in a manner that does not disturb or annoy other players.
- When arranging individual matches it is essential that rinks are booked following the arrangements in place at the time – currently this is by contacting Roland Ellen - so that the Green Ranger knows what games are being played and to avoid clashes of games.
- It is very important that players representing the Club shall respect their opponents on the green and demonstrate and deliver good etiquette whilst playing. Players who fail to deliver good etiquette can expect to be approached by a Committee member and informed of their actions and be expected to improve their behaviour. When playing for the Club, players are representing the Club and it is expected that their behaviour, attitude and language will be suitable to uphold the standards and reputation of Colchester West End Bowls Club.
- After matches it is expected that Club players will be good hosts and invite their opponents in to the clubhouse for refreshments as appropriate.
- After games where meals/refreshments are being provided for our opponents it is expected that Club players will stay for the meal and encourage their opponents to participate in the hospitality provided. As a sign of respect it is also expected that Club players will remain in

their Club “uniform” during the meal. Players can change back in to “civvies” once the arranged part of the hospitality has been completed.

- After games where meals/refreshments are being provided for our opponents ALL home players are expected to assist in clearing up after the meal. This will include clearing tables, cleaning crockery and cutlery used in the meal and sweeping the dining room or other areas used for the meal so that it is returned to the condition that it was found.

## **OFF THE GREEN**

- Members of Colchester West End Bowls Club are expected to contribute to the social activities and wellbeing of the Club in addition to activity on the green. Opportunities for involvement include;
  - Participation in non-bowling events
  - Committee administration
  - Bar duties
  - Pavilion cleaning
- Members are encouraged to use the pigeon holes for communicating with other Club members as appropriate and for returning score cards to the Match Sec and Competition Sec.
- Introduction of non-members – To comply with our licensing requirements all member's guests who are not members of Colchester West End Bowls Club MUST have the name of the non-member and that of the introducing member entered in the Visitors Book which is located on the bar. Non-members can only be signed in a maximum of 4 times in a year
- Only alcohol that has been purchased from the Clubhouse shall be consumed within the Clubhouse.
- Members are encouraged to note the Social media policy as prepared by Bowls England. Individuals are reminded of the potential impact when using social media and will be personally responsible for any interaction associated with their use of social media.

## **MATCH SELECTION**

Player availability sheets for all games are displayed on the dividing wall between the main room and the snooker room/male changing. Teams will be selected on the basis of those players who have come forward to make their availability known to the match organiser. Players are expected to view the availability sheets on a regular basis and to make themselves available for as many games as possible.

Once team selection has been completed players shall confirm their selection by ticking their names directly on the team sheet or shall acknowledge their selection by contacting the match organiser.

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