

FOLLAND BOWLS CLUB



RULES AND REGULATIONS

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**IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL MEMBERS TO ACT WITH DIGNITY AND
FRIENDLINESS TOWARDS PLAYERS AND VISITING OPPONENTS WHILST AT THE
BOWLS CLUB.**

1. THE SECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AS FOLLAND BOWLS CLUB
2. THE OBJECT OF THE CLUB IS TO GIVE IMPETUS TO THE GAME OF BOWLS
3. IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THESE RULES AND IGNORANCE OF THE SAID RULES WILL NOT BE AN EXCUSE IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE.
4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
 - 4.1 THE SECTION SHALL BE CONTROLLED BY A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THIRTEEN (13) MEMBERS CONSISTING OF THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, PAST PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, COMPETITION SECRETARIES (MEN AND LADIES) AND SIX (6) OTHER MEMBERS TO BE ELECTED TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.
 - 4.2 IF ANY MEMBER SHALL HOLD MORE THAN ONE OF THE ABOVE HONORARY POSITIONS THE "OTHER MEMBERS" ELECTED MAY BE INCREASED TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THIRTEEN.
 - 4.3 THE VICE PRESIDENT IS TO BECOME PRESIDENT FOR THE YEAR AFTER THEIR YEAR AS VICE PRESIDENT.
 - 4.4 THE PAST PRESIDENT SHALL RETIRE FROM THE COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THE YEAR BUT MAY STAND FOR ELECTION AS AN ORDINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER.
 - 4.5 ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS MUST BE PROPOSED AND SECONDED AND VOTED IN AT THE AGM. IF THERE ARE NO NEW NOMINATIONS FOR ANY OF THE POSITIONS THE EXISTING COMMITTEE MAY BE VOTED IN EN BLOC.
 - 4.6 NEW NOMINATIONS MUST BE PROPOSED AND SECONDED BY TWO MEMBERS AND DELIVERED TO THE SECRETARY IN WRITING (EMAIL IS ACCEPTABLE) AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE THE AGM. NOTICE OF THESE NOMINATIONS SHOULD BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARDS IN THE SOCIAL CLUB AND THE BOWLS PAVILION BY THE COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS ADVISED BY EMAIL, WHERE POSSIBLE. THE DATE OF THE AGM IS SET AT THE START OF THE YEAR BUT MEMBERS WILL BE FORMALLY INVITED TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS BEFORE BY EMAIL AND NOTIFICATIONS POSTED IN THE SOCIAL CLUB AND BOWLS PAVILION.
 - 4.7 IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE NOMINATION FOR AN HONORARY POSITION OR MORE NOMINATIONS FOR OTHER MEMBERS THAN ARE REQUIRED THEN THESE WILL BE VOTED FOR AT THE AGM. VOTING FORMS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE AGM BASED ON THE NUMBER OF VALID NOMINATIONS.
 - 4.8 THE SECRETARY SHALL CONDUCT MEETINGS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, THE PRESIDENT SHALL HAVE THE CASTING VOTE. IF SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT ARE NOT PRESENT, A CHAIRMAN SHALL BE ELECTED. SIX TO FORM A QUORUM
 - 4.9 IN THE EVENT OF ANY RESIGNATIONS DURING THE TERM OF OFFICE THE COMMITTEE MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION, EITHER CARRY ON WITH A REDUCED NUMBER OR CO-OPT A NEW MEMBER TO BE PROPERLY ELECTED AT THE NEXT AGM.
 - 4.10 ONLY FULL CLUB MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME COMMITTEE MEMBERS
5. THE MINUTES OF THE AGM / EGM AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS SHOULD BE SENT TO ALL MEMBERS BY EMAIL WHERE POSSIBLE AND A COPY POSTED IN THE BOWLS PAVILION.
6. SUBSCRIPTIONS, TO BE DETERMINED ON THE TREASURER'S RECOMMENDATION WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE, TO BE SET PRIOR TO THE A.G.M.

6.1 NEW MEMBERS

- 6.1.1 FOR A COMPLETE NOVICE WHO HAS NEVER BOWLED BEFORE A FEE (TO BE DECIDED BY THE CURRENT COMMITTEE) IS REQUIRED DURING THAT FINANCIAL YEAR (JANUARY TO END OF DECEMBER) IRRESPECTIVE OF WHICH MONTH THEY JOINED.
- 6.1.2 ON PRESIDENT'S DAY OF THAT YEAR, IF THEY WISH TO ATTEND, A GUEST FEE IS REQUIRED. AFTER DECEMBER OF THAT YEAR IF THEY WISH TO CONTINUE, THEY WILL HAVE TO PAY FULL MEMBERSHIP.
- 6.1.3 ANY NEW MEMBER WHO ENTERS ANY COMPETITION WILL NEED TO PAY THE APPROPRIATE COMPETITION FEE.
- 6.1.4 IF A NEW MEMBER IS NOT A NOVICE AND HAS BOWLED BEFORE OR WITH ANOTHER CLUB THEN THE FULL MEMBERSHIP FEE IS REQUIRED. HOWEVER, IF THEY JOIN AFTER JUNE, THEY WILL ONLY PAY HALF THE MEMBERSHIP FEE.

6.2 SOCIAL MEMBERS / NON-MEMBERS / GUESTS

- 6.2.1 PREVIOUS FULL MEMBERS AND NON-BOWLERS MAY BECOME SOCIAL MEMBERS. A FEE OF (TO BE DECIDED BY THE CURRENT COMMITTEE) IS REQUIRED WHICH WILL COVER THE MEMBER FOR SOCIAL EVENTS. THESE ARE PRESIDENT'S DAY, NETLEY MAFIA AND MUFTIS. A SOCIAL MEMBER MAY PLAY AT THESE SOCIAL EVENTS PROVIDED THERE ARE SPACES TO FILL BUT CANNOT ENTER FRIENDLIES, SENIOR CITIZENS, CLUB COMPETITIONS OR S&D / HAMPSHIRE BOWLS COMPETITIONS.

- 6.2.2 SOCIAL MEMBERS MAY ALSO USE THE GREEN UP TO FOUR TIMES BY PAYING A GREEN FEE (TO BE DECIDED BY THE CURRENT COMMITTEE) FOLLOWING WHICH THEY MUST BECOME FULL MEMBERS OF THE BOWLS CLUB.
- 6.2.3 SOCIAL MEMBERS ARE NOT AFFILIATED TO BOWLS HAMPSHIRE AND AS SUCH MAY NOT BE COVERED BY INSURANCE SO ANY BOWLING IS DONE AT THEIR OWN RISK. SOCIAL MEMBERS MUST ALSO BE MEMBERS OF FOLLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.
- 6.2.4 NON-MEMBERS / GUESTS MAY USE THE GREEN UP TO FOUR TIMES BY PAYING A GREEN FEE (TO BE DECIDED BY THE CURRENT COMMITTEE) FOLLOWING WHICH THEY MUST BECOME FULL MEMBERS OF THE BOWLS CLUB AND MUST ALSO BE MEMBERS OF FOLLAND SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB.
- 6.2.5 NON-MEMBERS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY COMPETITIVE GAMES OR FRIENDLIES.
- 6.2.6 NON-MEMBERS / GUESTS ARE NOT AFFILIATED TO BOWLS HAMPSHIRE AND AS SUCH MAY NOT BE COVERED BY INSURANCE SO ANY BOWLING IS DONE AT THEIR OWN RISK.

6.3 FULL MEMBERSHIP

A FEE OF (TO BE DECIDED BY THE CURRENT COMMITTEE) IS REQUIRED WHICH COVERS FROM THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY TO THE END OF DECEMBER OF ANY YEAR. ANY FINALIST VOUCHERS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR WILL BE DEDUCTED BUT MUST BE HANDED TO THE TREASURER WHEN PAYING.

N.B. ALL APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ARE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CURRENT COMMITTEE.

ALL MEMBERS IRRESPECTIVE IF THEY ARE NEW, SOCIAL OR FULL MEMBERS MUST ALSO JOIN THE SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB. FEES TO BE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE TREASURER OF THAT CLUB.

- 7. THE CLUB SHALL PLAY ALL MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS UNDER THE LAWS OF BOWLS ENGLAND. ALL WOODS TO COMPLY WITH BOWLS ENGLAND LAWS.
- 8. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SHALL TAKE PLACE WITHIN SIX WEEKS AFTER THE ANNUAL PRESENTATION DINNER
- 9. ALTERATIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THESE RULES CAN ONLY TAKE PLACE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OR AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING. PROPOSALS TO BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CHANGES TO BE ACCEPTED ONLY IF AGREED BY AT LEAST TWO THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS VOTING. MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND MAY VOTE IN WRITING (EMAIL IS ACCEPTABLE). THESE MUST BE PASSED / SENT TO THE CLUB SECRETARY PRIOR TO THE MEETING.
- 10. THE SECRETARY SHALL SUMMON A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SECTION BY EMAIL TO ALL MEMBER'S WITHIN TEN DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF A WRITTEN REQUEST SIGNED BY TWO MEMBERS. THE REQUEST MUST CONTAIN PARTICULARS OF THE BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED. A COPY OF THE AGENDA WHICH IS TO BE DEALT WITH AT THE SPECIAL MEETING OR AT THE A.G.M. SHALL BE POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD FIVE DAYS PRIOR TO THE SET MEETING DATE. SUBJECTS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN STATED ON THE AGENDA BUT WHICH THE PRESIDENT SHALL CONSIDER AS BEING IMPORTANT MAY BE DISCUSSED BUT NOT FINALLY DEALT WITH AT THAT MEETING
- 11. THE DUTIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO CARRY OUT THE YEARLY PROGRAMME OF ALL BUSINESS.
- 12. A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING TO BE CALLED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OR AT THE WRITTEN REQUEST OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS THEREOF.
- 13. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL BE ELECTED TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR AT THE A.G.M. AND SHALL CONSIST OF THREE ELECTED MEMBERS.
- 14. DELEGATES TO REPRESENT THE SECTION AT MEETINGS OF THE H.C.B.A. AND S.D.B.A. TO BE ELECTED TO SERVE FOR ONE YEAR AT THE A.G.M.
- 15. MATCH CAPTAINS FOR ALL TEAMS IN THE S.D.B.A. LEAGUE AND OTHER COMPETITIONS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

16. COMPETITION TROPHIES AND PRIZES

16.1 ALL TROPHIES TO BE HELD FOR ONE YEAR – VOUCHERS AWARDED TO WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP TO BE DEDUCTED FROM FOLLOWING YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION.

16.2 MEN'S COMPETITIONS

- 16.2.1 CLUB SINGLES – 4 WOODS, 21 SHOTS
- 16.2.2 CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP – 4 WOODS EACH, 18 ENDS, PARTNERS BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT.
- 16.2.3 MEN'S TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP – 3 WOODS EACH, 18 ENDS TEAMS TO BE DRAWN.
- 16.2.4 MEN'S HANDICAP SINGLES – 4 WOODS EACH, 21 SHOTS, HANDICAPS TO BE SET BY COMPETITION SECRETARY AND 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER.
- 16.2.5 TWO WOOD SINGLES – 2 WOODS EACH, 21 ENDS.
- 16.2.6 DRAWN PAIRS – 4 WOODS EACH, 18 ENDS. PAIRS TO BE DRAWN BY COMPETITION SECRETARY AND 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER

16.3 LADIES COMPETITIONS

- 16.3.1 CLUB SINGLES - 4 WOODS EACH, 21 SHOTS
- 16.3.2 TWO WOOD SINGLES - 2 WOODS EACH. 21 ENDS
- 16.3.3 CLUB PAIRS - 4 WOODS, 18 ENDS, DRAWN BY COMPETITION SECRETARY AND 1 COMMITTEE MEMBER
- 16.3.4 MEMORIAL TROPHY - SINGLES - ARRANGED ACCORDING TO NUMBER OF ENTRANTS.
- 16.3.5 TRIPLES - 3 WOODS, 18 ENDS

16.4 MIXED COMPETITIONS

- 16.4.1 MIXED GREEN MEDAL SINGLES – 4 WOODS, 21 SHOTS – OPEN TO ALL NON-WINNERS OF ANY SINGLES COMPETITION
- 16.4.2 DYMOND TROPHY DRAWN ON DAY OF PLAY
- 16.4.3 MIXED SINGLES OPEN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS
- 16.4.4 MIXED PAIRS OPEN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS
- 16.4.5 MIXED TRIPLES OPEN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS
- 16.4.6 GNAT TROPHY DRAWN ON DAY OF PLAY
- 16.4.7 AUSTRALIAN PAIRS OPEN TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

- 17. ENTRIES FOR COMPETITIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL, UP TO THE CLOSING DATE OF ENTRY. ENTRY FEES TO BE AGREED ANNUALLY AT THE A.G.M.
- 18. ALL COMPETITION ROUNDS TO BE PRE-DRAWN AND POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD FOR EACH COMPETITION FROM PRELIMINARY ROUNDS UP TO THE FINALS. ALL ROUNDS TO BE COMPLETED ON OR BEFORE THE FIXED DATE BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. DATES TO BE SET BY THE COMPETITION SECRETARIES.
- 19. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH PLAYERS/TEAMS TO ARRANGE THEIR GAMES BY THE PLAY BY DATE BUT THE HOME PLAYER/TEAM MUST CONTACT THE OTHER PLAYER/TEAM TO ORGANISE A SUITABLE DATE. HOME PLAYERS TO PROVIDE A MARKER FOR SINGLES. THE HOME PLAYER/TEAM IS THE ONE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THE FIXTURE.
- 20. IF A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED BY THE FIXED DATE A SCORE CARD MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE INNOCENT PLAYER(S) AND THE OFFENDING PLAYER(S) WILL BE ELIMINATED FROM THE COMPETITION BY THE COMPETITION SECRETARY. IF NEITHER PLAYER SUBMITS A CARD THE COMPETITION SECRETARY WILL TOSS A COIN TO EFFECT A RESULT.
- 21. IN BOTH PAIRS AND TRIPLES COMPETITIONS THE ORIGINALLY NAMED PLAYERS SHALL CONSTITUTE THE TEAMS, AND SHALL NORMALLY PLAY TOGETHER THROUGHOUT THE COMPETITION. ONE ADDITIONAL AND THE SAME PLAYER MAY, HOWEVER, BE USED AS A SUBSTITUTE AT ANY TIME, PROVIDED HE/SHE HAS NOT ENTERED THE COMPETITION OR ACTED AS A SUBSTITUTE IN ANOTHER TEAM IN THE SAME COMPETITION. ALL SUBSTITUTIONS MUST BE AGREED WITH THE COMPETITION SECRETARY AND THE SUBSTITUTE CANNOT ACT AS SKIP.
- 22. COMPETITION SECRETARIES WILL HAVE THE OVERRIDING AUTHORITY WITH REGARD TO SUBSTITUTIONS.
- 23. IN THE CASE OF SUBSTITUTIONS, THE PRIZE SHALL BE AWARDED TO THE COMPETITOR WHO PLAYS IN THE FINAL GAME.

24. DRESS CODE - ALL MEMBERS

24.1 DRESS CODE AS DISPLAYED ON THE NOTICE BOARD AND ON MEMBERSHIP FORMS TO BE ADHERED TO AT ALL TIMES.

- 24.1.1 FRIENDLIES WHITES OR GREYS WITH CLUB SHIRTS
- 24.1.2 LEAGUE MEN – GREY TROUSERS OR TAILORED SHORTS / CLUB SHIRTS
- 24.1.3 LADIES WHITES WITH CLUB SHIRT MAROON GILLET (OPTIONAL)
- 24.1.4 CLUB GAMES
 - 24.1.4.1 LADIES: WHITE TOPS / CLUB SHIRTS, GREY / WHITE TROUSERS / CUT OFFS OR GREY / WHITE BOWLS SKIRT
 - 24.1.4.2 MEN: WHITE / CLUB SHIRT ABOVE THE WAIST – GREY / WHITE TROUSERS / TAILORED SHORTS
- 24.1.5 FINALS WHITES / CLUB SHIRTS
- 24.1.6 AT ALL OTHER TIMES INCLUDING MONDAY CLUB NIGHT DRESS CODE TO BE FREE CHOICE.
- 24.1.7 **ONLY FLAT SHOES WITH NO HEEL MAY BE WORN ON THE BOWLS GREEN.**

25. OPENING HOURS

MONDAY TO FRIDAY	Apr, May, Sept	FROM 12.00 am.	UNTIL DARK
	Jun, Jul, Aug	FROM 11.30 am	UNTIL DARK
SATURDAY / SUNDAY		10.30 a.m.	UNTIL DARK

NOTE: THESE TIMES ARE SET. EXCEPTIONS MAY BE REQUESTED TO THE GREEN KEEPER OF THE WEEK.

- 26. ALL MEMBERS MUST HAVE FOLLAND STICKERS ON THEIR WOODS.
- 27. THE TAKING OF DRINKS OF ANY KIND ONTO THE PLAYING SURFACE IS NOT PERMITTED. SMOKING IS PERMITTED IN THE DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA ONLY AND NOT BY THE ENTRANCE GATE.
- 28. WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING THE PLAYING SURFACE MEMBERS SHOULD USE THE STEPS PROVIDED.
- 29. IN THE EVENT OF LONGTERM SICKNESS, INURY OR HOSPITALIZATION, MEMBERSHIP FEES THAT HAVE BEEN PAID SHALL BE REFUNDED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE TREASURER, EACH APPLICATION WILL BE DECIDED ON MERIT
- 30. FINALS WEEKEND
 - MEMBERS TO BE AWARE OF FINALS WEEK-END WHEN ENTERING CLUB COMPETITIONS. FLEXIBILITY, IF REQUIRED, WILL BE AT THE DISCRETION OF COMPETITION SECRETARIES.
- 31. MONDAY EVENING CLUB NIGHT
 - FOR THE WHOLE OF THE SEASON, RINK 6 SHOULD BE KEPT FREE FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS WHO WISH TO TAKE INSTRUCTION. CLUB GAMES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON MONDAY EVENINGS WITHOUT THE AUTHORITY OF A COMMITTEE MEMBER, THE EXCEPTION BEING COUNTY AND S & D MATCHES, WHICH WILL TAKE PRIORITY. IF RINKS ARE AVAILABLE AFTER 6:30PM THEN GAMES MAY BE PLAYED.
- 32. RINK MARKERS ARE CHANGED DAILY BY THE DUTY GREEN KEEPER IN ORDER TO FACILITATE EVEN WEAR OF THE PLAYING SURFACE. ONCE SET BY GREEN KEEPERS THEY MUST NOT BE MOVED.