

NORTH TAWTON BOWLING CLUB

The Green, North Street, North Tawton Devon EX20 2ES

CLUB RULES

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SECTION 1: GENERAL CLUB RULES

- 1.1 The Laws of the Sport of Bowls (Crystal Mark Third Edition) shall govern the playing of the game on the Club green.
- 1.2 Any disputes, which occur on the green, shall be referred to a member of Management Committee present at the time and their decision shall be binding.
- 1.3 The decision as to whether play shall take place on the green shall, at all times, rest with the Green keeper or the Assistant Green keeper. If neither are present the matter may be decided by the Captain on the day.
- 1.4 The decision as to which rinks shall be used for play at any particular time shall rest with the Green keeper or their Assistant. Once such rinks have been delineated no other member shall deviate from them in any way without reference to the Green keeper or their Assistant.
- 1.5 The decision on any interpretation of these rules shall be made by the Management Committee whose opinion shall be binding unless laid aside at a general meeting.
- 1.6 Any proposal to amend the foregoing rules must be submitted in writing by the Proposer and Seconder to the Secretary for inclusion on the Notice of an Annual General Meeting and any decision taken thereat shall represent the opinions of a majority of those present.
- 1.7 RINK RESERVATIONS. Advance bookings, subject to match and/or green maintenance requirements, may be made for the purpose of playing off competitions, 'roll-ups' etc., and Rink Diary shall be

available on the club website for this purpose. Players making reservations in this way will have priority, provided they are ready to play at the stipulated time.

SECTION 2: CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 2.1 Club competitions shall be arranged for members during the season as approved by the Management Committee. These shall be played in accordance with the prevailing Club competition rules.
- 2.2 The Selection Committees shall decide the dates by which the various rounds of each competition shall be played and take responsibility for the adherence of these dates by competitors.
- 2.3 Each competition shall be for a named trophy which the winner will hold for the following year. The winner's names will be inscribed on trophy boards in the pavilion.
- 2.4 Current competitions and trophies are as follows:
- (a) Open to all members:
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| Legion Cup | Open Triples |
| Reg and Mary Fry Trophy | Open Singles |
- (b) Men's section:
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| Avery Cup | Two -Wood Singles |
| Wonnacott Cup | Singles (Club Champion) |
| Benham Cup | Singles (restricted to non-winners of a singles competition) |
| Stoneman Cup | Men's Pairs |
- (c): Ladies section:
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| Legion Rose bowl | Two-Wood Singles |
| Powlesland Cup | Singles (Club Champion) |
| Mary Lee Trophy | Singles (restricted to non-winners of a singles competition) |
| Handicap Cup | Singles (Handicap) |
| Vallance Cup | Ladies' Pairs |
| Triples Shield | Ladies' Triples |
- (d): Formats to follow those of Bowls Devon:
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| Singles: | Each game shall consist of 21 shots - four bowls each player. |
| Pairs: | Each game shall consist of 18 ends - four bowls each player. |
| Triples: | Each game shall consist of 18 ends - three bowls each player. |
| Two-Wood Singles: | Each game shall consist of 21 ends - two bowls each player. |
- 2.5 Winners shall be presented with token trophies if ordered and at their cost.
- 2.6 Any suggested new club competitions must be agreed by the Management Committee subject to confirmation at the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION 3: RULES FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 3.1 Competitions shall be open to all paid up full members of the Club, with registered affiliation to Bowls Devon.
- 3.2 Competitions shall be controlled by the Selection Committees whose decisions in all matters relating to the competitions shall be accepted by Club members.
- 3.3 Substitutes will not be permitted in the SINGLES competitions.

- 3.4 Subject to the approval of the Selection Committees, substitutes shall be permitted at any time in the PAIRS and TRIPLES competitions, but substitutes shall not have previously taken part in the Competitions for the current season nor been disqualified from taking part.
- 3.5 The Selection Committees shall set a date by which the entries must be received and shall then make a draw by the third Sunday in May at the latest to decide how the matches in the competitions are to be played.
- 3.6 After the draw has been made, it shall be the duty of the first named (to be known as the CHALLENGER) to offer his opponent (to be known as the CHALLENGED) three dates for the match to be played. If by the time the round should have been completed the match has not been played the following provisions shall apply:
- (a) If the CHALLENGER has not OFFERED the CHALLENGED three dates the CHALLENGED shall be awarded the match;
- (b) If the CHALLENGED has not ACCEPTED any of the three dates offered, then the CHALLENGER shall be AWARDED the match;
- (c) In the case of disagreements about provisions (a) and (b) the appropriate Selection Committee shall decide to whom the match shall be awarded. If the committee thinks fit the names of both CHALLENGER and CHALLENGED shall be deleted from the relevant competition.
- 3.7 It shall be the duty of the CHALLENGER to reserve a rink and obtain a marker.
- 3.8 When a date has been fixed for a match and one player fails to come to the green at the agreed date and time, or within 15 minutes of the agreed time, the match shall be awarded to the opponent.

SECTION 4: CLUB COLOURS AND DRESS CODE



- 4.1 For use on blazers, ties and lapel badges the Club Badge shall consist of a shield emblazoned with an upright bishop's crook in red superimposed on the cross keys of St. Peter in gold against a green background. This recognises the fact that the bowling green was built on glebe land formerly belonging to the Parish Church of St. Peter's.
- 4.2 Dress Code
- The official club sports shirt (club shirt) consists of a white body with green collar and green sleeve edging. The club badge is positioned on the left top front of the shirt. The players' name, if chosen to be displayed by the player, is positioned at the same level as the badge but on the right top front of the shirt.
- Plain white, cream, or grey skirts, trousers, shorts, or culottes for ladies and plain white, cream or grey trousers or shorts for men.
- Headwear, if worn, shall be white or cream.
- Every person on the bowling green shall wear smooth flat-soled heel-less footwear (of any colour). Sweatshirts, fleeces, jumpers, cardigans, waistcoats should be green, and club badged, or predominantly white.
- In inclement conditions predominantly white waterproofs may be worn.

The combination of dress to be worn is detailed in 4.3.

- 4.3 Match Dress
- 4.31 For afternoon competitive and friendly matches the dress code is club shirt above and white trousers, shorts, skirts.
- 4.32 For evening competitive and friendly matches and all men's Over 60's triples, and NDTL/NDLTL matches the dress code is club shirt above and grey trousers, shorts, skirts.
- 4.33 Dress code for internal matches and roll-ups is smart casual.
- 4.4 County Competition Dress Code (Bowls Devon Schedule 3.1-3.6 reproduced here).
The dress code in all rounds of County Championships leading to the final stages of the National Championships shall be as stipulated by the County Association having regard to BE Regulations 50.5.1

Dress shall be navy, black, grey or white trousers, shorts, cropped trousers, or skirt or registered club coloured trousers/shorts and white, club or county shirts; white, club or county shirt provided that all members of the side or team wear the same and that the design of the clothing has been registered to the County/Bowls England.

Bowls England licensed apparel may be worn provided that all members of a side or team wear the same colour above and/or below the waist.

Head gear, if worn, should be white or a registered colour.

White waterproof clothing may be used, or, providing all members of a side or team wear the same, registered colour waterproof/fleeces are permitted.

Flat soled shoes will be worn on the green. Sandals shall not be permitted in events under the jurisdiction of Bowls Devon and Bowls England, except in medical circumstances where a doctor's note has been provided.

Note: The Management Committee are empowered to implement and manage the dress code

SECTION 5: REGULATIONS FOR MEN'S SECTION

5.1: AVAILABILITY FOR MATCHES

- 5.11 Availability sheets shall be positioned in the Men's Changing Room at all times.
- 5.12 Provision shall be made therein for members to indicate their availability for all matches during the season. All such indications shall be made before 6pm on Saturday ready for the appropriate Selection Committee. Members should also indicate whether they will be proceeding independently.

5.2: SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 5.21 The Selection Committee shall meet weekly, normally on Sunday, to select the teams for the following week's matches (starting with Tuesday).
- 5.22 The teams will be selected from those members who have indicated their availability.
- 5.23 Lists of the teams selected will be posted on the notice board in the Men's changing room immediately after the meeting. The match player sheets will also be displayed on the Club Website.

In the event of having to cancel their availability after the notices have been posted members must notify the Team Captain, or the Club Captain for friendly matches, as soon as possible.

SECTION 6: REGULATIONS FOR LADIES' SECTION

6.1 AVAILABILITY FOR MATCHES

- 6.11 Availability sheets shall be positioned in the Home Ladies Changing Room at all times.
- 6.12 Provision shall be made therein for members to indicate their availability for all matches during the season. All such indications shall be made before 6pm on Saturday ready for the appropriate Selection Committee. Members should also indicate whether they will be proceeding independently

6.2 SELECTION PROCEDURE

- 6.21 The Ladies Selection Committee shall consist of Captain, Vice-captain and one other elected member.
- 6.22 The Selection Committee shall meet weekly, normally on Sunday, to select the teams for the following week's matches (starting with Tuesday).
- 6.23 The teams shall be selected from those members who have indicated their availability.
- 6.24 Lists of the teams selected will be posted on the notice board in the Home Ladies changing room immediately after the meeting. The match player sheets will also be displayed on the Club Website.
- 6.25 In the event of having to cancel their availability after the notices have been posted members must notify the Team Captain, or the Club Captain for friendly matches as soon as possible.

SECTION 7: REGULATIONS FOR SHORT MAT SECTION

8.1 The name of the Section shall be 'North Tawton Short Mat Bowling Club' (NTSMBC)

8.2 NTSMBC shall be affiliated to the English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA) and the Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association (DCSMBA).

8.3 The objectives of the Section are to provide facilities for, and to promote participation in, the amateur sport of short mat bowls in North Tawton and surrounding areas.

8.4 The Section shall adopt and conform to the English Short Mat Bowling Association Rules & Regulations.

8.5 A Short Mat Fixtures Secretary will be elected by the appropriately affiliated members and will be an Officer of the Club.

8.6 The Club Constitution and all general rules and regulations and policies of the Club will apply to short mat section bowlers.

8.7 AVAILABILITY AND SELECTION PROCEDURE

8.71 Provision shall be made for members to indicate their availability for all matches during the season, with clear indication of the closing date and time.

8.72 Selection for matches will be made by the appropriate Team Captain.

- 8.73 Selection will be made weekly and circulated, by Friday at the latest, for the following week's matches.
- 8.74 The teams shall be selected from those members who have indicated their availability.
- 8.75 In the event of having to cancel their availability after selection has been made the bowler must notify the Team Captain.

SECTION 8: HIRE OF CLUBHOUSE BY MEMBERS

- 8.1 The clubhouse may be hired by any full member if the date is not being used for the purpose of bowls, and if the type of activity meets the Club's objectives.
- 8.2 The management committee will determine the charge to be applied.
- 8.3 The member should make written application to the Club Secretary at least 28 days prior to the anticipated event where possible.
- 8.4 The member will be responsible for opening and closing the clubhouse, conduct at the event, and ensuring the clubhouse is cleaned after the event.
- 8.5 The Management Committee may also sanction the use of the clubhouse for appropriate community events or uses, in keeping with its objectives.

Additional Notes

The Club Rules will be reviewed annually by the Management Committee and any amendments will be agreed by the members at an AGM or Spring Meeting.

The Club Rules should be read in conjunction with the Club Constitution.

The Club Rules are available on the club website at <https://www.northtawtonbc.co.uk/community/north-tawton-bowling-club-16604/constitution-and-rules/>

Bowlers should also be aware of the following Relevant Policies:

Privacy Policy:

<https://www.northtawtonbc.co.uk/community/north-tawton-bowling-club-16604/members-privacy-notice/>

Safeguarding Policy : Posted on the clubhouse notice board

Code of Conduct: <https://www.bowlsdevon.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/SCHEDULE-1-1.pdf>