

# **Lyndhurst Bowling Club – Club Rules**

## **1. Name**

The name of the club shall be the Lyndhurst Bowling Club hereinafter referred to as the Club

## **2. Membership**

Membership shall be limited to:-

- a) Full members who must be shareholders of the Lyndhurst Bowling Club Ltd.
- b) Associate members without playing or voting rights
- c) Lady members without voting rights.
- d) Junior members without voting rights.
- e) Temporary Membership: Temporary members introduced by full or lady members of the Club, may at the discretion of the Committee, be granted playing and social privileges of the Club for a period of one month, at a fee to be fixed by the Directors.

Applicants for full, lady or associate membership must be proposed by 2 full or lady members. The name and address of each applicant shall be dated and posted up in the pavilion for a period of not less than 14 days. Admission to membership shall be by ballot in the order of which applicants are listed. Two thirds of the voting must be in favour of the applicant to secure admission.

## **3. Subscriptions**

Members' annual subscriptions are determined by the Company in agreement with the Club Committee. They become due on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year; payment is to be made within one month of that date. Members who have not paid their subscriptions in the time allowed shall be liable, at the discretion of the Committee, to forfeit the privileges of membership.

## **4. Visitors and Guests**

A full or lady member may introduce a visitor or guest but such visitor or guest may not play more than 4 occasions in one season. Should the full or lady member wish to introduce more one visitor or guest to play at one time, then the Committee must give permission. The names of all playing visitors or guests shall be entered in the Visitors book and the general rules of the rink booking shall apply.

## **5. Officers**

The Officers of the Club, who shall be all full members shall consist of the President, Senior and Junior Vice Presidents, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Match Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary shall keep the Minute Book of the Club, conduct all correspondence, issue notice of meetings, record the result of all matches, report the proceedings of the year at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and conduct all other administrative business as required by the Committee.

## 6. Management

- a) Management Committee hereinafter referred to as the Committee. The Club shall be managed by the Committee comprising of Officers, the immediate Past President, a Director appointed by the Directors of the Company and a maximum of ten full members elected at the Annual General Meeting. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum. The Directors representative will act solely in a liaison capacity between the Directors and the Committee, concerned only with matters involving the Board's functions and shall not vote in the Committee. A nomination sheet for the next year's committee shall be posted in the Clubhouse at least one month before the end of the season. The closing date for nominations shall be decided by the Committee. Ballot papers shall be issued with the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting and if there are more than ten nominations for the Committee then an election shall be held, in which members may record one vote for each candidate of their choice, subject to a maximum of ten candidates.
- b) Selection Committee: The selection of teams for club matches shall be made by a Committee of five full members elected at the Annual General Meeting. Their election follows the same general procedure as for the election Committee. A minimum of three members of the selection committee should always be available in the selection of teams for all club matches.

## 7. Club Meetings

- a) An Annual General Meeting of the full members shall be held in the month of October, on a date to be fixed by committee for the purpose of receiving the Secretary's report, electing of officers and committees and conducting any other relevant business. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given of the Annual General Meeting. Male associate members shall be permitted to attend the Annual General Meeting and take part in the discussions but shall not be allowed to vote.
- b) A Special General Meeting of full members may be called by the Secretary at the request of the Committee or on a requisition signed by 12 full members. The Secretary shall give 7 days notice of such a meeting and shall state the purpose of the meeting.

## 8. Competitions and Matches

All games shall be played under the Laws of the English Bowling Association and the Committee shall control the running of all competitions and matches in accordance with the following regulations.

- a) Entry lists for all competitions shall be posted in the pavilion. The closing dates for entries and the dates for draws shall be fixed by the Committee and shown on entry lists.
- b) Entry fees shall be paid in accordance with the instructions of the Committee.
- c) Members shall agree with their opponents the date and time of playing their ties within the period set by the Committee. If a competitor fails to present himself/herself within 30 minutes of the agreed time, the arrangement may be regarded as broken and the aggrieved party may refer the matter to the Committee for a decision. Any ties not played by the date shall be referred to the Committee for a decision.

- d) The Handicap and Nominated fours competitions shall be subject to handicaps and shall be reviewed annually by the Committee.
- e) In all Club competitions, other than singles, the players taking part in the first game shall constitute the team and shall normally play together throughout the competition. One additional and the same player may be used as a substitute at any time, provided he or she has not already played in the competition. The substitute may play in any position and shall be chosen by the Committee in attendance.
- f) In the Championship, Handicap and Two Bowl Competitions - the winner of a tie shall be the first competitor to reach 21 shots.
- g) In all Club competitions other than singles, the number of ends to be played in each round shall be decided by the Committee and published on entry slips.
- h) In all Club competitions, other than singles, the playing positions of the players shall be decided by mutual agreement for each player.
- i) In the Mixed Pairs, Triples and Fours competitions those men on the reserve lists each year shall be guaranteed a place in those competitions the following year to the extent that this is numerically possible and provided their names have been duly entered.
- j) Booking of rinks shall be entered in the appropriate Diary giving the number of rink and time of play. The entry shall be endorsed with the time and date of booking by one of the competitors.
- k) After 12 noon on Mondays and Fridays and after 10.00am on all other days of the week any ring vacant rink may be used for the playing of competitions heats and general play, subject always to rinks for the playing of Club Pairs, Mixed Pairs, Triples and Mixed Triples and Official Club Jumbles and other special tournaments having priority over all other play.
- l) If a booking has been made and for any reason there is to be no play, the entry must be cancelled immediately and endorsed with initials and time of cancellation.
- m) Bookings for E.B.A., E.W.B.A, domestic and non domestic ties shall follow the general rules of the Club. These may be played on Monday, Tuesday, Friday or Saturday afternoons or Tuesday evenings following an application to the Club Honorary Secretary, Match Secretary or Honorary Assistant Secretary.

- n) In all finals blue and red stickers will be placed on competitors' woods to coincide with the scores on the scoreboard. Failure to place the appropriate stickers on woods would lead to disqualification of the offending competitors.

## **9. Club Dress**

- a) The Club colours are dark blue, light blue and gold. Club dress comprises blazer with Club blazer badge, white shirt and club tie and greys (for men). Pullovers when worn will be predominantly white. Footwear must be of the regulation type as per rule. Headwear when worn shall be white. Club dress will be worn for club matches, Bank Holiday Tournaments, Pairs and Triples, Mixed Pairs and Triples. Dress for Saturday Jumbles and matches in the South Tyne League is white above the waist and grey trousers. Blazers and ties are optional. Whites will be worn for all Club Singles Competitions Finals and for matches which the Committee designates.
- b) With the exception of authorised persons engaged in inspection and/or maintenance of the green or changing heads, any person going on the green shall wear regulation smooth heel-less footwear which is current to the rules of Bowls England and which must be changed in the Club premises upon entering or leaving the Club. This rule must be strictly enforced by officers of the Club.

## **10. General**

- a) Members must ensure that after play all playing equipment is returned to the locker room.
- b) The last member leaving the Club premises must ensure that all doors of the pavilion, locker rooms, toilets and door leading to the street are securely locked, that all lights are switched off by the master switch and that all heating and cooking appliances are turned off.
- c) The Committee may expel any member or visitor whose conduct is detrimental to or liable to endanger the welfare or discipline of the Club.
- d) No dogs shall be allowed on the premises except on a leash.
- e) No children shall be allowed on the premises unless under effective control.
- f) The green shall be open for play from 2 p.m. each Monday and Friday and from 10.00am on every other day and Bank holidays during the playing season unless the Green Rangers direct otherwise.
- g) No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made except at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.
- h) Any matter not otherwise provided for in these rules shall be referred to and dealt with by the Committee.