

# LITTLE BOWDEN BOWLING CLUB BYELAWS January 2015

With effect from 1 January 2015, all existing Byelaws are hereby cancelled and substituted with the following:

## BYELAW No 1 Membership of the Club

The categories of membership as agreed at the 2014 AGM for 2015 season shall be: -

- a) Playing Members who have paid their subscription and are:
- Full Members such members shall be entitled to the use of all the facilities of the Club and have full voting rights.
  - Associate Members this category of membership is a concessionary one for players who have been a full member for at least 5 years. Whilst they will be entitled to the use of all the facilities of the Club including the Green, and have full voting rights, they shall not be allowed to enter Club Competitions or be a League Team member. By invitation of the Friendly Captain they may play in a maximum of 3 friendly matches in a season.
  - Intermediate Members aged less than 25 years on 1 January and either in full time education or unemployed; such members shall be entitled to the use of all the facilities of the Club but shall have no voting rights.
  - Junior Members who are aged less than 16 years on 1 January; such members shall have full use of the facilities of the Club but shall have no voting rights.
  - Under 14 who are aged less than 14 years on 1 January and have at least one parent who is a member of the Club; such members shall have full use of the facilities of the Club providing that they are accompanied by their parent whilst on the premises but shall have no voting rights.
- b) Non-playing Members who have paid their subscription and shall be entitled to use of the facilities of the Club except the Green but shall have no voting rights.
- c) Casual Members are groups or individuals introduced by members who shall pay a fee, as determined by the Management Committee, for the use of the facilities; such members shall have no voting rights.
- d) Life Members Persons elected under Clause 9 of the Constitution.
- e) Honorary Members Persons elected under Clause 10 of the Constitution.

## BYELAW No 2 Subscriptions

The subscriptions as agreed at the 2014 AGM for 2015 season are:

Full member	£85	
Associate member	£42.50	
Intermediate member	£21.25	
Junior member	£10	
Under 14 member	£0	
Non-playing member	£10	
New members* joining LBBC, 1 <sup>st</sup> year only	£42.50	experienced bowlers
New members* joining LBBC, 1 <sup>st</sup> year only	£21.25	new to bowling

(\* Persons who have not previously been a member of LBBC)

## BYELAW No 3 Conditions and Privileges of Membership

- (a) All playing members shall, subject to the restrictions set out below be entitled to the facilities of both the Green and the Clubhouse.
- (b) All Non-playing members are entitled to the facilities of the Clubhouse only.

## BYELAW No 4 The Clubhouse

- (a) No notice of any sort shall be posted or exhibited anywhere on the Club premises, without the prior approval of the Honorary Secretary.
- (b) All complaints shall be made in writing directly to the Chairperson.
- (c) The licensing hours are defined by the Management Committee and arranged by the Bar Manager. Under the terms of the club's drinking license the PERMITTED HOURS are:-
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| Monday to Saturday       | 10-30 am to 11-00 pm |
| Sundays and Good Fridays | 12 noon to 10-30 pm  |
| Christmas Day            | The Bar is closed    |
- (d) Members are not permitted to bring alcohol on to the premises for personal usage.
- (e) Non-playing guests may be introduced by members and they shall sign their names in the Visitors book in the clubhouse. Immediate family of members (spouses / partners, children) are exempt from signing in.
- (f) The Management Committee, in their absolute right, may debar a member from introducing a specific individual onto the club premises.

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## **BYELAW No 5            The Green**

- (a) The rules as outlined by Bowls England should be observed at all times.
- (b) The Management Committee shall determine the times of use of the Green and members must adhere to those times.
- (c) The direction of play and the order of use of playing rinks shall be determined by the Green Manager.
- (d) The Dress Code shall be determined by the Management Committee, to which members, guests and visitors must adhere, where appropriate.
- (e) All persons using the Green must wear smooth soled, heel-less footwear.

## **BYELAW No 6            General**

- (a) The Chairperson may, exceptionally, authorise expenditure up to a limit of £200 in consultation with the Treasurer. Such expenditure to be ratified at the next meeting of the Management Committee.
- (b) The club has a Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults Policy that follows the national guidelines to ensure good practice. Members are required to adhere to this policy, which will, from time to time, be reviewed.
- (c) A list of the names of all members of the Club, a copy of the Constitution and the Byelaws shall be displayed in the Club House at all times.
- (d) Members introducing guests and /or children to the Club shall ensure that their behaviour is not disruptive to other members.
- (e) Non-playing members should not sit at the dining tables when match meals are in progress.
- (f) As a matter of general courtesy, the Team Captain should be consulted, by non-playing members, in respect of use of the clubroom when team matches are taking place.
- (g) Members travelling to away games for Club games should not be reimbursed by the Club for travel costs incurred. (They should arrange a mutually acceptable contribution with the driver of the car in which they travel.)
- (h) In exceptional circumstances reimbursement of travel costs may be considered (eg when members travel to represent the club in National/County Club Competition, and that game is not played on the day of travel journey, a claim for reimbursement of travel cost would be entitled.)

## **BYELAW No 7            Disclaimer**

- (a) The Club has taken reasonable precautions to protect its members', guests', and visitors' property but strongly advise all members to take out personal insurance cover obtainable from any reputable Insurance Provider.
- (b) Liability will not be accepted by the Management Committee of the Club for personal property, possessions, vehicles or valuables left on or in the Club premises, precincts or the green.
- (c) Liability will be not accepted by the Management Committee of the Club for an accident to a member, guest, or visitor occurring anywhere on, or within the Club premises, car park, precincts, or green at any time. It is the member's, guest's and visitor's responsibility to affect his/her own insurance for loss of or damage to personal property, personal injury and third party liability.

## **BYELAW No. 8            Harborough League**

- (a) The number of league teams entered in the Harborough League shall be determined by the Management Committee.
- (b) Each League Team shall select a team Captain; such appointments shall be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **BYELAW No. 9                            Disputes / Disciplinary Action**

In all matters relating to disputes and disciplinary action, the Bowls England Regulation 9 Disciplinary Regulations applies. Specific to Little Bowden Bowling Club:-

### **1. The right of LBBC to take disciplinary measures**

Any member of LBBC against whom an allegation of misconduct, as defined below, is alleged may be subject to disciplinary measures.

The essence of misconduct under these regulations is:-

- a) improper interference with the functioning or activities of LBBC or any of its members
- b) actions which otherwise improperly damage LBBC or its reputation.

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## 2. Particular definitions

For the purpose of this regulation, the definition of "misconduct" shall include but shall not be restricted to:-

- 2.1 breach of LBBC Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy;
- 2.2 be guilty of any breach of the Rules and Regulations or of the Laws of LBBC;
- 2.3 be guilty of any conduct which is prejudicial to the interests of LBBC or the sport of bowls;
- 2.4 have failed or refused to comply with LBBC rulings, fines, or remedial actions;
- 2.5 deliberately lose or attempt to lose any match or otherwise be guilty of unfair play;
- 2.6 wilfully alter or tamper with a bowl;
- 2.7 at any function of LBBC, County Association, or other Club thereof, or whilst on the property of any Club, use profane, indecent, or improper language;
- 2.8 at any function of LBBC, County Association, or other Club thereof, or whilst on the property of any Club, be guilty of any violent, indecent, disorderly, or threatening, intimidating or offensive behaviour;
- 2.9 sexual, religious, disability or racial harassment of any kind;
- 2.10 whilst on the property of LBBC be guilty of drug abuse;
- 2.11 disregard, or refuse compliance with, or act in contravention of any decision of LBBC, or its officials;
- 2.12 obstruct, disrupt or interfere improperly with the functions, duties or activities of any member or official of LBBC
- 2.13 be guilty of any conduct which constitutes a criminal offence;
- 2.14 commit any fraud, deceit, deceptions or dishonesty in relation to LBBC, or its members or visitors;
- 2.15 behave fraudulently or cheat at any event held by or connected with LBBC;
- 2.16 theft or misappropriation or misuse of property of LBBC or its members, or of other Clubs or their members;
- 2.17 failure to comply with a reasonable instruction relating to bowling matters, etiquette, or conduct
- 2.18 the unauthorised use or misuse of premises of LBBC or of any other Club.

## 3. Procedures

As prescribed by Bowls England Regulation 9.