



St. Chads Bowling Club

RULES AND BYELAWS

ST CHADS PARK, ALEXANDRA RD.

CHADWELL HEATH, RM6 6UD

St Chads Bowling Club - Rules and ByeLaws

1 Rules

1. The Club shall be called "St Chads Bowling Club" and is formed for playing the game for bowls, also providing other activities and benevolence of members as may be decided.

2 Membership

2.1 All playing members must have paid all subscriptions in full for the current season before playing.

2.2 Junior membership shall be from 10 years up to 18 years, when juniors will become senior members.

2.3 Applicants for membership must be proposed and seconded by two members who themselves have been members for at least two years. The name of the candidate for membership together with the proposer and seconder, to whom the candidate must be known as a fit and proper person to become a member, shall be in writing on the Club Notice Board for at least 14 days before election. Both the proposer and seconder shall attend the election meeting of the member, and if elected they shall be responsible for the nominee for one full year after his election into the Club. The election of all nominees will be at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

2.4 In the event of any member of the Club believing any candidates proposed would not be a desirable member, they should state their objection in writing to the Club Secretary, who shall bring it to the attention of the Executive Committee.

2.5 No candidate elected by the Executive Committee shall be deemed to become a member until his subscriptions are paid.

2.6 Any member who has paid his subscriptions may resign his membership of the Club by giving notice in writing to the Club Secretary.

2.7 Any member who commits a breach of Club Rules and/or ByeLaws or whose conduct is the subject of formal complaint made in writing by not less than two members to the Club Secretary; shall upon receiving notice from the Club Secretary attend before the Executive Committee who shall investigate the complaint and take such action as may be necessary.

Any member failing to attend before the Committee after the notice from the Club Secretary shall be suspended for such time as the Committee shall decide.

2.8 Any member suspended or expelled shall have the right to appeal to an Extraordinary General Meeting.

2.9 Any member ceasing to be a member, in accordance with the rules shall forfeit his rights to any claim upon the Club, its property and its funds.

3 Officers

3.1 The Executive Committee of the Club shall consist of a Chairman, Club Secretary, Treasurer and two elected members. All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but be eligible for re-election. In the event of an officer not continuing until the next Annual General Meeting the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

3.2 In addition to the Officers elected to the Executive Committee, the following Officers will also be elected at the Annual General Meeting:

- Men's Captain
- Men's Vice Captain
- Fixture Secretary
- Ladies Captain
- Ladies Vice Captain
- Ladies Secretary
- Internal Competitions Secretary
- Two Social Events Organisers
- Bar Manager
- Clubhouse Co-ordinator
- Sponsorship Organiser

4 Administration

4.1 The Executive Committee shall have all the administrative powers as necessary for properly carrying out the objectives of the Club, in accordance with Club rules. Three members will constitute a quorum.

4.2 The following Sub Committees will undertake the majority of the day-to-day running of the club and will report regularly to the Executive Committee (at least once a month).

4.2.1 Sub Committee for Fixtures, Team Selection and Rink Allocations shall consist of a Fixture Secretary, Men's Captain, Men's Vice Captain, Women's Captain, Women's Vice Captain, Internal Competition Secretary and other additional members as deemed necessary by The Sub Committee. The officers mentioned above will be voted in at the AGM and the Sub Committee will be responsible for all team selection matters.

4.2.2 The Sub Committee for Social Events shall consist of Two Social Event Organisers , who will report directly to the Executive Committee for the organisation of all social functions in connection with the Club.

4.2.3 The Sub Committee for Clubhouse Bar And Kitchen shall consist of the Bar Manager, Bar Manager's Assistant, Clubhouse Co-ordinator, the Club Secretary and the Club Treasurer. They have the power to deal with all matters relating to the purchase, control and sale of all alcoholic beverages and soft drinks and shall be responsible to the Executive Committee

4.3 The Emergency Committee shall consist of Men's Captain, Women's Captain and Club Secretary. They shall have the power to deal with urgent matters and report their decision to the Executive Committee.

4.4 The Executive Committee may decide to create further Sub Committees to undertake specific tasks to aid the smooth running of the club, as necessary.

4.5 The Club Secretary will conduct the correspondence of the Club and have custody of documents. The Club Secretary will be responsible for keeping full and correct minutes and reports of all Sub Committee and Executive Committee meetings and a club Membership Database.

4.6 The Treasurer will keep accurate accounts of the Club, make up Annual Statement of Accounts to 1st October each year and after audit present them at the Annual General Meeting. The Auditors will be appointed at the AGM and their duties will be to audit the Annual Statement and certify the same. The Treasurer will also be responsible for preparing and updating the one year and live year plans.

5 Subscription

5.1 Joining Fees as decided at the Annual General Meeting

5.1.1 New full members who are new to the sport shall not pay a subscription for their first season, this allows for the purchase of clothing, shoes etc. New full members who are experienced bowlers shall pay a partial subscription for their first season, amount to be 50% of the normal full membership fee.

5.2 Annual subscriptions as may be agreed at the AGM. Any member joining on or after 1st August shall be eligible for only part of the annual fee for that year. The subscription shall be paid no later than 31 March in each year to the Club Treasurer.

6 Competitions

6.1 All Club competitions must be played in accordance with Sub Committee for Fixtures, Team Selection and Rink Allocations decisions.

6.2 The first named (i.e., top name) in all matches shall be deemed the challenger, who must contact and offer his opponent two dates, one of which is 7 days clear of the challenge. Saturday and Sundays are not legal challenges but can be played by mutual agreement.

7 General

7.1 No rules or byelaws of the Club shall be repelled or altered, and no new rule or byelaw shall be entered into the Club Rules until voted at the AGM and gaining a two thirds majority vote of the members present at that said meeting. One calendar months' notice in writing of the intention to propose a new rule or byelaw shall be given to the Club Secretary, who shall send notice of the same to every Club member at the addresses in the Club Database at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting.

7.2 All members (other than junior members) attending the AGM shall be entitled to one vote only.

7.3 The Chairman may only use his vote as a casting vote if he has not already voted.

8 At least 14 days notice in writing of any AGM, specifying the date, time, place, and business to be transacted shall be sent to every member of the Club at his present address shown in the Club Membership Database.

9 The AGM will be held during the month of November. There must not be more than 15 months between an AGM.

10 The Club Secretary shall call an Emergency General Meeting when in the opinion of the Executive Committee there is a matter of urgent importance. Any seven members or more than one-fifth of the membership may call an EGM by giving notice in writing to the Club Secretary specifying the business to be transacted.

11 No paper, notice or placard, written or printed shall be displayed in the Clubhouse without permission of the Executive Committee or the Club Secretary.

12 Every member shall be bound by and submit to the Rules and Byelaws of the Club. Should any difficulty occur in the interpretation of these Rules and Byelaws the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final.

13.1 Use of the bar shall only be within licensing hours.

13.2 Licensing hours will be in accordance with the current licence.

13.3 No member of the Club may be paid for services at the bar.

13.4 No member under 18 years of age shall be supplied with intoxicating liquor.

13.5 Club members shall be allowed off sales, but these off sales shall be taken from the Club before 20 minutes drink up time.

14 Changes in the Executive committee and associated Sub Committee must be notified within 42 days to all respective authorities, police, fire, courts, local council, as necessary.

BYELAWS

1 (a) Rules and Competition ByeLaws shall be governed by those of the Bowls England and Essex County Bowling Association.

1 (b) The Laws of the game are those of the International Bowling Board currently in operation.

2 The Greenkeeper shall decide what parts of the Green shall be used or closed.

3 No person shall be allowed on the green unless wearing boots or shoes with plain rubber soles without heels.

4 No one shall be allowed on the green except those engaged in the games.

5 Smokers shall not drop matches, cigarette ends, etc., on the green or grounds but shall put them in the trays provided.

6 Lockers are provided in the pavilion for the use of players. All players must take their bowls from the green after play and must place them in the lockers.

7 No dog shall be allowed in the Club premises or grounds unless on a lead.

8 Applications for reservations of a rink for the playing of competitions shall be made to the Fixture Secretary. County competitions shall have priority over all other competitions.

9. No collections for any purpose shall be made on the Greens.