

Portchester Bowling Club

CLUB RULES

- 1. Membership fees and green fees are to be decided at the Annual General Meeting. Membership fees must be paid by 1st April. Members whose fees are overdue by more than fourteen days will automatically be assumed to have resigned.
- 2. All bowling will be played in accordance with Bowls England rules except where the rules of Portsmouth and District or Gosport and Fareham leagues apply.
- 3. The Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose conduct is considered detrimental to the interests of the Club. Such members shall have the right to appeal at the next Committee meeting. The decision of the Committee is final.
- 4. Smoking of any description on the green including vaping is strictly forbidden at all times. Members and visitors are to use the designated smoking area only.
- 5. Players must always wear regulation bowling shoes with flat soles (no tread pattern). Players must strictly adhere to the dress code of grey and white or club shirts when playing in roll ups from 1st April to 30th September. Tailored grey or white shorts may be worn if appropriate. Variations may be allowed at the discretion of the Committee. Members representing Portchester Bowling Club in league matches, competitions and friendly matches must wear a Club shirt.
- 6. The Committee will only consider complaints if they are submitted in writing and signed by the complaining member.
- 7. A schedule for the layout of the green will be prepared by the Committee and will be displayed in the equipment shed. The schedule will be binding unless an alteration is approved by the Committee.
- 8. The rules of Club competitions will be decided by the Committee and will be binding. Failure to comply with the rules may lead to disqualification by the Committee. Any member who is aggrieved by the decision of the Committee may appeal in person to the Committee whose decision will be final.
- 9. The summer season shall be from 1st April to 30th September. During this period the Club will organise the general bowling on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Thursday afternoons and the Club mixed triples competition on Saturday afternoons. Some of these times may need to be altered due to league matches taking priority.

- 10. A condition of membership is that all full members shall participate in the catering, stewardship and green maintenance as per the rota to be produced by the Committee.
- 11. Prospective new experienced bowling members may play up to three times at the appropriate guest rink fee before committing to join the Club as a full member. Prospective new inexperienced bowling members must have three free coaching sessions before committing to join the Club as a full member. Members may bring a maximum of two guests to the Club at any one time. Guest players must wear the appropriate footwear. The appropriate green fee must be paid per guest. Guests are welcome to play on three separate occasions and if they wish to play more frequently it will be at the discretion of the Committee to allow this. Guests must be accompanied by a full member at all times. Guests will only be allowed play if there is spare capacity on the rink. Guests may not enter into any Club competitions or represent the Club in any capacity.