

HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB

2025 RULES

1. TITLE: The Club shall be called "HAMPTON BOWLING CLUB" hereafter referred to as the Club.

2. OBJECT: The Club is formed for the purpose of promoting the game of Bowls.

3. OFFICERS: The Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Chairperson, Club Captain, Ladies' Vice-Captain, Gentlemen's Vice-Captain, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Fixtures Secretary, Hon. Competitions Secretary and optionally, two committee members. All Officers shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following their election and may offer themselves for re-election.

4. MANAGEMENT: The Club shall be managed by an Executive Committee (five to form a quorum); hereafter referred to as "The Committee", consisting of the Officers and delegates to County and District Bowling Associations elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee to have power a) to decide questions on the interpretation of the Rules, (b) to delegate its powers in any respect to a sub-committee, to which the Committee may co-opt any member of the Club, (c) to decide on any capital expenditure up to £1,500. To deal with all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the Club and make Byelaws governing competitions and matches.

5. BOWLS ENGLAND RULES: The Club shall abide by Bowls England affiliation conditions, including those covering disciplinary/misconduct issues and safeguarding, inclusion and anti-doping policies. The Club shall also appoint a qualified Safeguarding Officer.

6. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Chairperson has the power to instruct the Committee to meet as often as necessary and at least once prior to the commencement of any season and once in the month prior to any Annual General Meeting. The Secretary to call any other Meeting of the Committee subject to two clear days' notice in writing.

7. GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the members shall be held on a day to be fixed by the Committee for the purpose of;

- (i) Electing Officers
- (ii) Receiving the Reports of the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.
- (iii) Transacting the business of the Club.

(b) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be convened at any time by the Committee or by presentation of a requisition signed by not less than six members to the Hon. Secretary and specifying the Resolution/s to be submitted to the Meeting which will be confined solely to discussion of such Resolution/s.

The Secretary shall give not less than seven days' notice of any General Meeting;

An Extraordinary General Meeting is to be held not more than twenty-one days from the receipt by the Secretary of the requisition.

Minutes of all such Meetings will be maintained by the Hon. Secretary and certified by the Chairperson.

8. CHAIRPERSON: The Chairperson or, where not available, another Officer appointed by the Officers present, shall preside at all Meetings. The Chairperson at all Meetings shall have a casting vote in cases of equality of votes.

9. SUBSCRIPTIONS: Subscriptions shall be such sum as a General Meeting may decide. Subscriptions shall be paid on election and renewed subscriptions at the commencement of a season. The Hon. Secretary shall post a list (excluding addresses) of all members on the Notice Board and maintain an Address Book which shall be open to inspection on request by any member. All changes of address or other details are to be notified to the Secretary immediately.

9a. MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY: The membership categories will be as follows:

Full Member: On payment of club subscription and season ticket this member will be eligible to play in all matches, fixtures, club competitions and roll ups.

Club Member: On payment of club subscription and hourly green fees this member will be eligible to play in matches, fixtures, roll ups and club competitions.

Social Member: On payment of social membership subscription this member will be eligible to take part in all social events and gatherings; but not be allowed to play in matches, fixtures and club competitions. This will be a non-affiliated membership.

10. ELECTION OF MEMBERS: Upon receipt of an application for membership, there shall be an interval of at least two days before the meeting of the Committee at which such application for membership shall be considered. The election of all classes of members is vested in the Committee and shall be a simple majority vote of those of the Committee. The Committee may refuse applications only for good cause such as conduct likely to bring the Club into disrepute.

11. ALTERATION OF RULES: Alterations of these Rules shall be made only at the Annual General meeting or at an Extraordinary Meeting convened in accordance with Rule 6 (b). At least twenty-one days' notice of any proposals for such alterations, additions or deletions must be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary, who shall include such proposals in notice to members of the Meeting.

12. RULES: All members of the Club will be presented with a copy of these Rules on payment of subscription and shall act in accordance therewith.

13. SELECTION: The Club Captain or the Captain on the day will select the team for Club matches.

13. DRESS: Matches with other Clubs and Club Competition finals are to be played in Club shirts with navy-blue trousers, shorts or skirts. The shade of navy-blue is to match the navy-blue colour incorporated in the official Club shirts. The Fixtures card will indicate the dress code for the match(es) on specific days. Notice Boards will indicate the dress code for all matches, including additional fixtures supplementary to the Fixture List. Markers on Club Finals days will officiate in Club shirts with navy-blue trousers, shorts or skirts. Greys or navy-blue may be worn for preliminary rounds of Club Competitions. Casual play is undertaken in smart casual wear.

BYELAWS

1. Notice of all external competitions and dates of closing shall be posted on the Notice Board. Those desirous of playing are responsible for paying their entry fees to the Hon. Treasurer.

(a) Club Competitions will be organised by the Hon. Competitions Secretary.

(b) Club matches are defined as any inter-club competitions.

(c) Competitors whose name appears first on the list of draws must give notice to their opponents, offering them a choice of at least two dates on which they are prepared to play off their ties. The notice must be given within seven days of the commencement of the relevant round. In the event of competitor(s) failing to put in an appearance within half an hour of the agreed time the opponent(s) may claim a walkover, subject to confirmation by the Committee. The Hon. Competitions Secretary will set all dates for completion of rounds.

(d) In the case of a dispute arising between players in any competition, the same shall be referred to a Committee member, who is not playing in the match, whose decision is final.

(e) All inter-club matches must be arranged officially through the Hon. Fixtures Secretary.

(f) All matches shall be played under the laws of the game set out by the World Bowling Association and as amended by Bowls England.