

HONITON BOWLING CLUB

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1. Parking of Vehicles

Parking of vehicles shall be entirely at the owner's risk. With the limited space available it is essential that cars are parked sensibly to make maximum use of the space available, and at right angles to the perimeter fence or green. Those parked adjacent to the clubhouse should be parked neatly in three rows.

2. Security

2.1 Access to the clubhouse is through a key fob which will be issued to new members upon receipt of a refundable deposit. It is the responsibility of the member to keep the key fob safe and not allow its use by non-members. Should the key fob become lost or mislaid this must be reported to the Treasurer immediately, who will bar the fob and issue a replacement upon receipt of an additional deposit. It is the responsibility of all members to ensure the security of the clubhouse and surrounding buildings.

2.2 To ensure the safety of members and the security of the Club, the clubhouse and green are under constant surveillance by CCTV.

It is the responsibility of all members to ensure that unnecessary lights are turned off when not needed. The last person to leave the club should ensure that all lights are turned off from the appropriate light switches. There is a master switch adjacent to the clubhouse entrance, this should also be switched off when there is no person present in the clubhouse.

3. Dress Code

All members of a team or side must be dressed alike. Those that have just joined the club may wear non-standard clothing, until they are able to obtain the standard dress. Those trying out the game with a view to membership are only required to be reasonably dressed.

For details of the Indoor and Outdoor dress code refer to Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 at the end of these Byelaws, in the Club Manual, on the Ladies and Gents noticeboards and on the website

4. Bowls Stickers

Every Club member must have Honiton Bowling Club stickers on their bowls for all play, both Indoors and Outdoors.

5. Playing Rules

Play shall be in accordance with the current appropriate "Laws of the Sport of Bowls"
Please familiarise yourself with the laws.

6. Club Competitions

Competitors in Club competitions shall conform to rules laid down by the playing section committees. Such rules are available for view in the Club Manual kept in the clubhouse.

7. Casual Play

7.1 **Former Members** By prior arrangement with the club coach, play is permitted on the outdoor and indoor greens by former Club members who have not paid a current playing subscription but who wish to ascertain if their health or physical condition will allow them to bowl satisfactorily.

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7.2 Visitors

Play on the outdoor/indoor greens by a visitor is permitted only:

- If the visitor has previous bowling experience
- On prepayment of the fee fixed by the Management Committee.
- Bowling footwear must be worn
- On the player completing an entry in the Visitors Book, which is located at the entrance to the Indoor Green.
- No individual visitor may participate in casual play more than three times during any one season. The visitor must be accompanied by a Honiton member

8. Smoking

Smoking is not permitted within any of the Club buildings or by a player or marker on or off the green while the game is in progress. This includes synthetic or e-cigarettes. Smoking is only permitted in the designated area, which is outside the clubhouse at the bar end.

9. Use of the Indoor Green

9.1 Booking of Rinks

Rinks may be booked at any time subject to Club requirements by making a reservation on a rink booking sheet held in the Clubhouse. Rink payment is required for indoor bowling as set out in the session scale of charges. Ensure a white payment slip is completed, and placed in a container with the correct amount and placed in the fee payment box.

A booked/reserved session must be fully paid for, no partial session payments are permitted.

For members who wish to have just a one hour roll-up either the 9-10am or the 12.30-1.30pm sessions are available. Alternatively they can turn up on the day without booking, play for their required time and pay the required hourly rate, (rounded up to the nearest ½ hour), currently £1.00 per hour, provided that a rink is available for that session.

If you make a reservation and do not turn up to play without a good reason, you will be expected to pay for the rink as you may have deprived others of the opportunity to bowl.

Spare Rink (s) — When there is a Club match or the green is being used by other Clubs as a neutral green, any spare rink(s) may be used for a competition or casual play.

When the green is being used by the County for Men's or Ladies competitions/matches, play is only permitted with the permission of the Competition Organiser.

9.2 **Summer Season** - During the summer season, mid-April to mid-September, Indoor members may use the Indoor facilities provided that they have paid the appropriate summer indoor season subscription and must continue to book their rink and pay the appropriate fee.

9.3 **Match precedence** - Only National and County competitions will take precedence over casual rollups and Club competitions.

All Club competition and league rules can be found in the Club Manual and must be adhered to.

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9.4 **Lighting of Rinks** - To conserve energy, only use the lights needed to play safely. A chart on the wall by the light switches in the indoor green indicates the appropriate switches to use.

9.5 **Care of the Carpet** - **The use of Grippio, or any other such substance, either on the bowls or the hands is prohibited. Only chalk or 'carpet friendly sprays' to mark 'touchers' is acceptable.**

Bowls being dropped on delivery cause expensive repairs. Bowlers experiencing this problem are requested to seek tuition on the correct method of delivery by contacting the Club Coach.

Drinks and food must not be carried over the indoor carpet. If any are taken into the indoor green, please carry them carefully and place them on the locker and tables provided.

Running on the green is prohibited. Continued offending after being warned by a Club Official or Umpire shall result in the player being directed to leave the green.

10. Use of the Outdoor Green

10.1 Care of the Green

Play is not allowed before 10.00am unless by special arrangement with the Green Keeper.

No play is permitted if the green has been closed by the Green Keeper.

Members should not use the green in very wet weather. Please allow time for the green to dry off before play commences or recommences. If any player, including visitors, damages the green, e.g. taking out divots, play must stop immediately. Fitness of the Outdoor Green for Play— The Green Keeper or any member of the Greens Committee may:

- Restrict play to designated rinks.
- Prohibit play.

10.2 **Bowls Delivery** - Members and visitors shall deliver bowls without causing damage to the playing surface. Any player causing damage may be asked to leave the green or play off ground sheets. A Club member may be asked to undergo coaching. Honiton Skips are responsible for enforcement.

If the green is accidentally damaged, please inform the Green Keeper (or a member of the Green Committee) immediately. Prompt repairs enable the green to heal more quickly.

10.3 Booking of Rinks

Rinks may be booked subject to Club requirements by making a rink reservation on a Rink Booking Sheet held in the Clubhouse. Please give priority to those playing competitions if more than one rink is required in a session. Always draw for rinks to ensure fairness even if you are playing earlier than others.

10.4 **In case of inclement weather:** When playing against Touring Teams it is possible to transfer the game to indoors, but only if no play has taken place outdoors.

10.5 **Spare Rink (s)** — When there is a Club match or the green is being used by other Clubs as a neutral green, any spare rink(s) may be used for a competition or casual play

10.6 **When the green is being used by the County** for Men's or Ladies competitions/matches, play is only permitted with the permission of the Competition Organiser.

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11. General

11.1 **Health and Safety** – Members shall report any matters concerning Health and Safety in the first instance to the Health and Safety Officer, whose name can be found on the Health and Safety Notice. They shall also record details of any accident in the Health and Safety Register, which is held in the Clubhouse above the mailbox slots. The H & S Officer shall investigate the incident and arrange the appropriate remedial action. All reports shall be discussed and documented at the next meeting of the Management Committee.

11.2 **BULLYING** - Bullying in any form will not be tolerated and allegations will be thoroughly investigated in accordance with the Club Anti-bullying Policy on display in the clubhouse notice board

11.3 **Duties of Members** - All members are requested to volunteer in the smooth running of the Club. All adult outdoor members are asked to assist on the bar and/or tea rotas.

11.4 **Dogs** – With the exception of guide dogs, dogs are not allowed in the clubhouse or either the indoor or outdoor green and must be kept on a short lead elsewhere.

11.5 **Travelling Expenses** – Whenever considered necessary the Club Treasurer shall calculate the suggested contribution to fuel costs, when travelling to away matches. This will be displayed in the clubhouse and shown on the relevant Team Sheet.

11.6 **Notice Boards.** Notice Board Displays — No notice, advertisement or other written matter shall be displayed on any notice board without the permission of the appropriate secretary.

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Appendix 1

HONITON BOWLING CLUB - INDOOR DRESS CODE

| What you are playing: | Dress code |
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| Ladies' & Men's External Leagues | Club Tops + Greys or squad/team kit |
| Internal Leagues Monday Competition & Trophy Triples | Club or White Tops + Greys |
| Club Competitions – Early Rounds | Club Tops + Greys |
| Club Competitions - Club Finals | Club Tops + Whites |
| Club Organised Friendly Matches against other Clubs | Club Tops + either Greys or Whites as shown on Team Sheet for the game |
| MARKERS FOR SINGLES GAMES – early rounds | Club or White Top + Greys |
| MARKERS FOR SINGLES GAMES - CLUB FINALS | Club or White Top + Whites |
| MENS: Over 60s League Charles Parrot Competition Inter-County League County Trophy County Top Club National Over 60s Double Rink – early rounds Individual County & National Comps – early rounds | Club Tops + Greys. Always check the team sheet for dress code for a particular match |
| LADIES: Foxlands and Lane Leagues County Top Club – early rounds National Mason over 60s Double Rink – early rounds Individual County & National Comps – early rounds | Club Tops and Greys Always check the team sheet for dress code for a particular match |
| LADIES: National Yetton/Yetton Plate National Vivienne MEN: Denny Cup/Denny Plate | Club Tops and Whites |
| CASUAL ROLL UPS & COACHING | SMART CASUAL DRESS MAY BE WORN |

SMOOTHED SOLED SHOES MUST BE WORN FOR PLAY AT ALL TIMES – PLEASE DO NOT WEAR YOUR BOWLING SHOES TO TRAVEL TO THE CLUB -CHANGE YOUR SHOES ON ARRIVAL BEFORE GOING ONTO THE GREEN

**LADIES tailored trousers/cropped trousers, regulation skirts/shorts must be worn.
MEN: Tailored trousers or shorts
(This means that jeans, leggings or other non-tailored trousers or shorts cannot be worn)**

With regard to shorts: “only shorts manufactured for the sport of bowls may be worn”

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| What you are playing: | Dress code |
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| Club Organised Friendly Matches against other Clubs | Club Tops + either Greys or Whites as shown on Team Sheet for the game |
| Club Competitions – Early Rounds | Club Tops + Greys |
| Club Competitions - Club Finals | Club Tops + Whites |
| MARKERS FOR SINGLES GAMES – early rounds | Club or White Top + Greys |
| MARKERS FOR SINGLES GAMES - CLUB FINALS | Club or White Top + Whites |
| MEN’S: County Trophy Foxlands Competition County Top Club Over 60s League | Club Tops + Greys Always check the team sheet for dress code for a particular match |
| MEN’S: County Competitions - early rounds ----- - County Competitions Finals | Club Tops and Greys ----- --- Club Tops and Whites |
| LADIES’: County Competitions (County Finals Whites) Grace Mathews Top Club (County Finals Whites) National Top Club | Daytime Whites & Club Shirt Evening Greys & Club Shirt |
| LADIES’: Triples League | Club Tops and Whites |
| LADIES & MEN: Tony Allcock Mixed Fours | Daytime Whites & Club Shirt Evening Greys & Club Shirt |
| LADIES & MEN: East of Exe League | Greys & Club Shirt |
| CASUAL ROLL UPS & COACHING | SMART CASUAL DRESS MAY BE WORN |

FLAT SOLED SHOES MUST BE WORN FOR PLAY AT ALL TIMES

Only tailored trousers/ cropped trousers/culottes/skirts/skorts/shorts must be worn. (This means that jeans, leggings or other non-tailored trousers /shorts cannot be worn)

With regard to shorts: “only shorts manufactured for the sport of bowls may be worn”

Sue Evans Outdoor Playing Committee Secretary

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