

## E.W. & C.C.A. Bowls section Club Rules.

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## E.W. & C.C.A. Bowls Section Club Rules.

### 1. Name:

The Club shall be known as "The East Wavertree & Childwall Community Association Bowls Section".

### 2. Membership;

Full Member: Every candidate for membership shall be proposed and seconded by a Full Member of the Club and shall be accepted subject to Approval of the Committee. However, in the context of this document the term "Full Member" will be known as "Member". The minimum age for membership is 16 years.

Associate Member: The Committee may admit associate Members both playing and non-playing but for playing Members, it will be limited to ten occasions each season per individual and on each occasion, they should enter their name in the Visitors Book.

Visitors: Members may bring up to 2 friends and pay appropriate visitors fee to play on not more than three occasions and such Visitor names shall be entered in the Visitors Book. This is only applicable for outdoor bowls.

Indoor bowls is only available for full members, guests allowed subject to prior arrangement.

Membership is restricted to 75 full members.

### 3. Resignations:

If membership fees have not been paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April they will have been deemed to have resigned.

### 4. Disciplinary Action:

The Committee shall have the power to discipline any member, including suspension of membership, if they deem it necessary as a result of that member's behavior.

### 5. Subscriptions:

All Members shall pay such subscriptions as determined by the Bowls Committee and approved by the Council of the Association by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April in that financial year.

See Appendix

#### 6. Other Fees:

Visitors shall pay an appropriate fee for every visit when they wish to play. This fee is applicable for outdoor bowls.

#### 7 Club Facilities

Members may have the use of 1 locker, when available and pay the current fee, on application to the Hon. Secretary.

#### 8. Management:

i). The Club shall be governed by a Committee consisting of: Chairperson, Honorary Secretary. Honorary Treasurer, Gentlemen's Captain and Vice-Captain, Ladies Captain and Vice-Captain, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer and two other Members and Association Bowls representative.

ii) The Committee shall be elected at the A.G.M and subject to termination by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until the next A.G.M. following their appointment and shall be eligible for re-election.

iii). The Committee shall have the power to co-opt and fill any vacancy.

iv) The Committee shall meet when notified and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum of five Members is present at the meeting.

v). The Committee shall cause minutes to be kept of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings, including details of the appointment of all Officers and Committee Members.

vi). The Committee shall fix the opening and closing dates of the Green for play each season after consultation with the Council of the Community Association. Due notice shall be placed on the "Notice Board" in the Pavilion and play shall not be allowed at any other time.

vii). The Committee shall fix the dates of commencement of competitions or other events and make such arrangements in connection therewith, as may be considered necessary.

viii). The Committee may delegate authority to the Captains or Vice Captains to organise any prize competitions or matches.

ix). The Committee may empower the Captains or Vice Captains with full control of play

on the green which may include the suspension of ordinary play for the purposes of competition and may also enable the number of competitive matches to be increased, provided it meets the requirements of rule 11(v). Any member of the Committee may take this responsibility in the event of the above Officers being absent.

#### 9. Annual General Meeting:

i). A General Meeting shall be held at least once in every calendar year at such time and place as the Committee shall appoint. Notice specifying the date, time, place and the general nature of any special business shall be given to each member at least twenty one days prior to such a meeting. No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum of Members shall personally be present.

ii). The Chairperson, or in the event of absence, the Vice Chairperson, shall preside as Chairperson at every General Meeting of the Club. In the event of their absence the Members present shall choose someone of their number to Chair the meeting.

iii). At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded and in the case of equality of votes, the Chairperson shall have a second or casting vote. All business shall be deemed special that has been transacted at a General Meeting, with the exception of the consideration of the Hon. Treasurer's statement of accounts and report of Officers and the election of Officers.

iv). Notice of special business must be sent in writing to the Secretary.

#### 10. Extraordinary General Meeting:

The Committee may, whenever they think fit, or on a requisition made in writing to the Hon. Secretary and signed by ten or more Members, convene an "Extraordinary General Meeting" to be held within 28 days of receipt of the requisition and at least 14 days notice shall be given to each member, specifying the date, time and place of such a meeting and the general nature of the business.

#### 11. Play

i). All games shall be governed by the current laws and rules, issued by the British Crown Green Bowling Association, a copy of which is kept in the Bowls Pavilion.

ii). All games shall normally play to 21 up. The only exception to this rule is that when play begins and there are 6 jacks on the green, and people are waiting to play each game will be played to 15 up. If play started with less than 6 jacks on the green and later a sixth jack is brought into play, the games will continue to be played to 21 up.

iii). Running and jumping by players on the green is strictly prohibited and the dropping of bowls onto the playing surface should be avoided wherever possible unless a physical disability prevents this.

iv). No Member shall be permitted on the green unless wearing flat footwear.

v). Any players who require the use of a walking stick must use those provided by the club

vi). Players shall not commence a further game when there are other Members waiting to play.

vii). Members arriving to play shall place their initials on the board and play in accordingly to the draw at 1.30pm, except after 5.00pm when pre-arranged games may be played.

viii) Normally when competition matches, such as the annual club competition, are to be played they shall not begin before 3.00pm. However the Captains or Vice Captains under Rule 8(ix) have the authority to override this rule if it is considered appropriate under the prevailing circumstances.

ix). If the Captains or Vice Captains, or in their absence a member of the Committee or the Grounds man, consider the green unfit for play, they shall have the power to suspend all play for so long as it is considered necessary.

x). No play shall take place before 1.00pm.

xi), Disputes which may arise during normal play will be dealt with by the Captains or Vice Captains, or if neither are available, a member of the

Committee may take this responsibility,

Note: The above rules of play must be strictly observed.

## 12. General:

i). The Club shall not accept liability for the loss of any personal belongings on Association property.

ii). Associate Members, both playing and non-playing, shall not have the power to vote at any meeting.

iii). No alterations or amendments to these rules shall be made except the Association

by a majority vote at the A.G.M. or an E.G.M.

iv). The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to any Member shall not invalidate the proceeding of any meeting.

v). All rules or amendments to rules are subject to the approval of the Council of the Community Association.

Appendix A Fees.

Membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.

Full Membership is £70.

Associate Membership for 10 games is £40.

Non playing Membership is £10.

Locker Fee £5.

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