

SPRING PARK SHIRLEY BOWLING CLUB
Club Rules

November 2019

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SPSBC Club Rules

The Rules are to be consistent with the Constitution of Spring Park Shirley Bowling Club. The Club Rules are determined by the Management Committee.

The contents of the Members Handbook, which is a separate document, are also deemed to be Club Rules.

1. Damage to Club property

A member shall not knowingly remove, injure, destroy or damage any property of the Club and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.

2. Exhibiting of notices

A member shall not cause any communication in whatever form to be exhibited on Club notice boards or premises without prior permission of the Honorary Secretary.

3. Bylaws

The Management Committee of the Club may adopt such Bylaws or Regulations as it considers appropriate for the good management of the Club and its facilities.

4. Election to Management Committee

Nominations for the Officers of the Management Committee with signatures of Proposer, Seconder and Nominee shall be placed on the Nomination List which shall be displayed on the Secretary's Notice Board one month before the end of the season. Such nominations must be received by the Honorary Secretary not later than the last day of the season. A member may only propose one nomination and second one nomination.

If the number of candidates for election is greater than the number of vacancies to be filled then there shall be a ballot of all Full members, entitled to vote, at the Annual General Meeting. Members who will not be present at the AGM may submit their vote in a sealed envelope addressed to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

If the number of candidates for election is equal to or less than the number of vacancies to be filled then all candidates shall be deemed to be elected if a majority of those present at the Annual General Meeting, and entitled to vote, vote in favour of such election.

In the event of the ballot failing to determine the members of the Committee because of an equality of votes the candidate to be elected from those having an equal number of votes shall be determined by lot or previously nominated person.

5. Bank Account

The Club shall maintain a current bank account. Restrictions on bank transfers and cheque limits are to be agreed with the Management Committee.

The maximum amount a member may spend on behalf of the club without prior approval shall be £25.00.

6. Membership Classes

- (a) A FULL MEMBER – being a person who, at 30th April of the current season, shall be over 18 years of age shall have one vote.
- (b) A JUNIOR MEMBER – being a person who, at 30th April, is under the age of eighteen shall have no vote.
- (c) A SOCIAL MEMBER – being a person who does not have a Croydon Parks season ticket and who shall have no vote.

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- (d) AN HONORARY LIFE MEMBER – who shall have one vote.
- (e) A GUEST MEMBER - a bowler who may be invited to represent the club in a match against another club.
- (f) A TEMPORARY MEMBER – a visitor who is trying out the game, (Visitors are classed as temporary members by signing the Visitors Book).

7. Membership Annual Subscription Fee

The rate of Annual Subscription Fee for each category of Membership shall be proposed by the Management Committee to the members at the Annual General Meeting in each year. Any proposed changes shall be approved by a majority of those present and entitled to vote and shall become operative in the next playing year. The current rate of Annual Subscription Fee shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises.

8. Data Protection

Membership of the Club and acceptance of these Rules by the member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the General Data Protection Regulations in accordance with the Club's GDPR Policy.

9. Selection Sub Committee

Each Section shall have a Selection Sub Committee consisting of the Captain, Vice Captain and Match Secretary to select the teams for all Section matches.

The two Selection Sub Committees shall liaise in respect of all mixed matches.

Teams for matches will be posted on the relevant notice board at least four days before the match and should be initialled by each selected player.

10. Club Competitions and Handicaps

Competitions against other clubs will be organised by the Match Secretaries.

Handicaps for all playing members of the club shall be determined by the Handicap Sub Committee consisting of the Competition Secretary, Captain and Match Secretary before the draw for club competitions is made. A member's performance in the previous year's matches and card games as well as club competitions will be taken into account.

11. New Members

All new members shall complete and submit an application to the Honorary Secretary and pay the appropriate fees before being admitted as a Member.

12. Access to Club Premises/Key Holders

A list of current key holders shall be maintained in the Club House.

13. Opening Hours

Weekdays: from 1.30 – 5.00pm or later if agreed with your Captain.

Weekends: by arrangement with a key holder, from 10.00am.

14. No Smoking

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No smoking will be permitted on the green (including the surrounds) or in, or adjacent to, the Club House. A designated smoking area adjacent to the Visitors Changing Room is available.

For the purposes of this policy “smoking” includes using non-licensed nicotine delivery devices, such as electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes).

15. Mobile Phones

Mobile phones will not be permitted on the green unless by prior arrangement with the Captain.

16. Dogs

Dogs are not permitted in any part of the club. (Assistance dogs excepted).

17. Bowling Green – Usage, Protection, Rink Allocation etc

The playing surface must be protected and used as prescribed in the Members’ Handbook, Chapter: Playing the Game (Sections: The Green and Rinks).

18. Coaching New Bowlers

New bowlers are required to agree to undertake coaching sessions with the Club Coaches.

19. Dress Codes, Etiquette, etc

Members are required to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which does not bring the Club or themselves into disrepute. For guidelines, refer to the Members’ Handbook, Chapter: Playing the Game (Sections: Dress Code and Etiquette).

20. Members Duties

Members will be expected to undertake relevant duties allocated to them as prescribed in the Member’ Handbook, Chapter: Maintaining a Happy Club (Section: Duties).

Revision 1 Nov 2023: Original Rules 5 (Section Committees) and 6 (Election to Section Committees) Deleted and other Rule numbers amended accordingly. Rules regarding Selection Committee and Handicaps also amended.