

# ROUNDWOOD BOWLS CLUB -May 2015

## 1. GENERAL RULES

- 1.1 Membership implies acceptance of the rules of the club.
- 1.2 Every member shall pay a yearly subscription, due to be paid by the first day of the winter season which will commence on 1st September each year.

## 2. DRESS

- 2.1 The general club policy is that players wear Greys & Whites whilst playing. This is outlined below:-

### **Friendly Roll-ups**

- 2.2 White tops (any suitable white shirt or sports top)
- 2.3 Grey trousers/skirts (any suitable grey trousers but please no jeans or combats) and suitable grey skirts which do not need to be regulation pleat. Ladies grey cropped trousers are acceptable as long as not combat style.
- 2.4 Footwear - must be specifically designed for indoor bowls without any ridges on sole.

### **Internal League Matches**

- 2.5 White tops
  - 2.6 Grey trousers/skirts
  - 2.7 Footwear
- } as per friendly roll-ups

### **Competition/County/External Matches**

#### *Ladies*

- 2.8 Roundwood Club Shirts - if wearing waistcoat or jacket, they should be in club colours with club emblems
- 2.9 Regulation grey/white skirt/trousers (according to the match)
- 2.10 Regulation bowling shoes (according to the match)

#### *Gentlemen*

- 2.11 The Roundwood Club Shirt should be worn when any male member plays representing Roundwood against other clubs.
- 2.12 Regulation grey/white trousers (according to the match)
- 2.13 Regulation bowling shoes (according to the match)

*The above dress code is an intended guide under normal circumstances. The Management reserve the right to make exceptions to the above rules. Occasions when whites are to be worn will be communicated in advance.*

### 3. VISITORS

- 3.1 A member may bring a guest into the club provided that:
- (a) His/her name is entered in the Visitors Book kept on reception and signed in by a member.
  - (b) That the member accepts full responsibility for their guest.
  - (c) The member bringing a guest into this club to play bowls is expected to pay the non-members rate. A member may invite up to five guests to play bowls at any one time. If a member wishes to invite more than 5 people, permission must first be granted by management.
  - (d) If a member is bringing a prospective new member to try bowls for the first time or an existing bowler to try the facilities at Roundwood and it is expressly cleared with management prior to booking, free rink time will be given during any of the off-peak sessions.
  - (e) With the exception of those undertaking coaching, a guest may play as a visitor up to 4 times in a year. If they wish to play further games, it is expected that they join the club.

*Exceptions to the above include those players participating in internal leagues where other clubs are invited to participate; for instance the Village League. Participation in these leagues does not constitute membership to the club. The other exception is for players participating only in social sessions where bowls is included as a package with a meal or as an organised event.*

### 4. RINK BOOKINGS

- 4.1 Rink booking sheets are displayed in the reception of the club and rinks are bookable up to 14 days in advance.
- 4.2 Rinks can be booked either in person or by phone (01603 264990 - direct line or 01603 260830)
- 4.3 Rinks must be booked in the name of the member making the booking and he/she will be responsible for the whole of the rink fee unless the booking is cancelled at least 48 hours beforehand.
- 4.4 Rinks for national competitions may be booked as far in advance as necessary. These can be booked by contacting the Bowls Office if the rink sheets for a date are not displayed.
- (a) For Nationals & County matches - more than one provisional date may be pencilled in but unwanted rinks must be cancelled as soon as possible and the confirmed date written in ink.
  - (b) Where members are drawn against each other in national competitions they will share the rink fee.

## 5. FRIENDLY ROLL-UPS/DRIVES

- 5.1 Names to be recorded on sheets on notice board in lobby
- 5.2 If the session is full names can be added to the reserve list
- 5.3 If unable to play you are required to cancel either by phone or in person. If you cancel whilst at the club by crossing your name off the list, please tell staff (**do not add another members name if there are reserves waiting for a place**)
- 5.4 You can add your name to the forward sheet up to 14 days in advance.
- 5.5 Bowlers must register with the organiser at least 10 minutes before the drive to be guaranteed a place in the draw. This may be enforced to ensure that the drive can start on time as a matter of courtesy to your fellow bowlers. If you are running late please phone in prior to 10 minutes before the roll-up is due to start.

## 6. INTERNAL LEAGUE RULES

- 6.1 Each team will complete a registration form by the due date, listing the members of that team - the number of players eligible to be registered to play in a team will be twice that required - i.e. Triples (6 players), Pairs (4 players).
- 6.2 All participants in a club leagues must be fully paid up members with the exception of the Sunday Village League.
- 6.3 All league games will be played over 16 ends or 2 hours whichever is the shorter.
- 6.4 A team must not give the jack away if they have just won the last end (EBA game). This is a domestic rule which applies to the internal leagues of this club only.
- 6.5 If the jack is cast incorrectly the opposing skip shall place it after having the mat replaced if he/she wishes.
- 6.6 Dead ends will be replayed from the end where the majority of bowls finish.
- 6.7 2 points will be awarded for a win, 1 point for a draw.
- 6.8 No member can play for more than one team in the same league.
- 6.9 An unregistered member may play as a reserve once for any team in the league.
- 6.10 If a member plays more than once for the same team he/she automatically becomes a member of that team, unless he/she is registered as a bone fide reserve. If a new member is brought in partway through the season to join a team which already has its maximum registered members, they must replace a member registered at the start of the season. Management staff must be informed of this decision in writing.

### *Bone Fide Reserves*

- 6.11 A player may register as a Bone Fide Reserve, by signing a register kept on the members' notice board throughout the year. In becoming a bone fide reserve, a member may play in any number of league matches as a reserve, for any team they choose, without becoming a member of that team.

## 7. STARTING/FINISHING BELL

- 7.1 A warning bell will ring 5 minutes before a session is due to start and a further bell (known as the starting bell) will sound at the exact time that a match should begin (on the hour/half hour). No jack to be cast before the starting bell.
- 7.2 There will be a notification bell which will sound five minutes before the end of the session/start of the next session; this signals that the current session should finish their current end and **no jack should be cast after this bell has sounded.**

## 8. CANCELLATION/POSTPONEMENT OF LEAGUE GAMES

- 8.1 No cancellation of fixtures will be allowed except due to inclement weather, extenuating circumstances or national competitions. Such cancellations must be agreed by the management.
- 8.2 If Team Captains wish to cancel/postpone a league game for whatever reason, the following procedure must be followed in all circumstances:
  - (a) The captain of the team wishing to cancel/postpone the match should fill in and return a match cancellation/postponement form by the date of the match if they are aware in advance that they cannot meet the commitment. If a match is cancelled on the day the form must be completed and returned within 3 days. The form is available from the office and must be returned to the office along with the full rink fee for both teams (for which a receipt will be issued).
  - (b) It is the ultimate responsibility of the cancelling/postponing team captain to make the other team aware of the change - if there are any difficulties with this, the captain must speak with the office at Roundwood, who will support where possible.
  - (c) For postponed matches, the office must be informed of the rearranged date within 1 week of the original match date. If the office is not informed of the new date or good reason, the management may rearrange the match date; in this instance, the suitability of date/time for all players cannot be guaranteed.
  - (d) Postponed matches must be played within 1 month of the original date.
  - (e) When the rearranged game is played all rink fees paid at this time by those playing will be retained by the team captain who paid in advance to the office. The receipt for payment issued at time of cancellation/postponement must be put into the rink fee envelope in lieu of payment for the matches.
  - (f) Failure to play the game at all will result in 2 points being awarded to the opposition, except in the last month of the league; any awarding of points will be decided by the committee in this circumstance.
- 8.3 In some circumstances, where a team consistently fails to play a match, the committee reserve the right to agree reasonable penalty. Such penalties may include deduction of points, or even disqualification from the league.