



# ***Chepstow Bowling Club***

## ***Club Rules***

# ***2021***

**These Club rules do not form part of the Club Constitution. The Club Management Committee is responsible for drawing up, amending, and cancelling these rules as required.**

## **RULE 1**

Any Member selected for a W.B.A., M.B.A., E.M.B.A. or S.W.L.M.B.A. match, must obtain a set of bowls with a valid I.B.B. or W.B.B. stamp for the duration of the match.

## **RULE 2**

Any Member selected for a Club team but unable to play must inform the Team Captain for that match or any Officer of the Club not later than 4 hours before the commencement of the game or time of departure in the case of an away fixture.

## **RULE 3**

Any Member selected to play, but not being present 15 minutes before the time of commencement of a match or time of departure to an away fixture, shall forfeit the right to play and the first named reserve shall make up the team. The Team Captain will decide the position the reserve shall play. The rule to be applied in the absence of any notification by the player to the Team Captain that he is likely to be delayed.

## **RULE 4**

After the team has occupied the Green, the Team Captain shall have full control and will be expected to carry out the game at all times in a friendly and sporting manner and to be able to give a decision on any point that may arise during the course of the game.

## **RULE 5**

Should a dispute occur between any of the players during the course of the game, the Team Captain shall bring it to the notice of the Management Committee and they shall decide what action to take to keep a good atmosphere in the team.

## **RULE 6**

Players to wear whites and team colours in all afternoon matches, unless otherwise directed on the team sheet.

## **RULE 7**

### **Team Selection**

- 7.1** Men and Ladies Team Selection will take place on Monday evenings. Team Availability Sheets, appropriate to the teams being selected, will close at 5.00 pm for Ladies, and 6 pm for Men on the Selection Day.
- 7.2** Names must be entered on the respective Team Availability Sheets, which are required to be displayed a minimum of 3 weeks in advance of the respective team selection meeting date and not removed from the Club House.
- 7.3** The Men's Selection Committee shall consist of the MBA Captain, the GBL Captain, the Vice Captains (if appointed) and up to two Members.
- 7.4** The Ladies' Selection Committee shall consist of the Captain, the Vice Captain (if appointed), the Casnewydd Captain and up to two Members.

- 7.5** The Mixed Friendly Captain shall attend the Ladies Selection Committee, as it is important that Members who make themselves available for selection that week are ensured of at least one game. Reserves are taken from the GBL and OSL Selection and from the Casnewydd to ensure that everybody has a game.

## **RULE 8**

The Greens Committee shall have complete control of the use of the Green. Any Member not complying with the requests of a Member of the Greens Committee may be asked to leave the Green.

## **RULE 9**

### **Competitions**

- 9.1** The Competitions Committee shall make the draw for the Club Competitions. Competitors shall mutually agree times at which games are to be played. The first drawn competitors shall offer the opponents two dates on which the tie can be played. Should a dispute arise in any way concerning Club Competitions, the decision of the Competitions Committee shall be final.
- 9.2** It is recommended that Club Competitions should commence by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in May. Any Member not having paid their membership fees by 1<sup>st</sup> May, as set in the constitution, shall not be eligible to enter the competitions.
- 9.3** Dress for all Club Competitions up to and including the semi-finals shall be played in white shirt / blouse and grey trousers / skirt / Shorts.
- 9.4** Finals of all Competitions shall be played in whites unless otherwise stated by the Competitions Committee.
- 9.5** The Management Committee shall agree the date of the Competitions Finals Day each year, and where possible, all finals should be played on that day. If when the semi-finals have been completed, in the Competition Committee's view it is not practical to play all finals on one day, the Competition Committee shall decide at their discretion, on alternative dates as near to Finals Day, suitable to all parties, on which certain matches are to be played.
- 9.6** All competitors should make themselves available to play on Finals Day and not knowingly enter the competitions if unavailable. If, through change of circumstances, players find themselves unavailable, they should withdraw from the competition at the earliest opportunity or face disqualification after consideration by the Competitions Committee.
- 9.7** Substitutions – In Pairs Competitions, substitutes shall be permitted up to and including the semi-final. Substitutes shall not have played in any previous rounds of that competition. The substitute player shall then play the remainder of the matches in that competition. Only one substitute per team shall be permitted.

## **RULE 10**

All competition fees must be paid to the Chairman of the Competitions Committee or the Treasurer at the time of signing the entry sheets or by 1<sup>st</sup> May at the latest. Failure to do so will result in entries not being submitted in the draw.

## **RULE 11**

Non-Members who are not Members of another bowls club must be accompanied by a Member who will be held responsible for their behaviour while in the Club.

Any equipment needed must be obtained by that Member. Non-Members will be allowed 2 sessions of 2.5 hour duration at £2.50 (or as determined) per session. They must then join the Club if they wish to use the Green.

## **RULE 12**

Bowls players from other Clubs must be accompanied by a Member who will be held responsible for their behaviour whilst in the Club. Any club equipment needed must be obtained by that Member for their visitor/s. A fee of £2.50 (or as determined) per visitor per session of 2.5 hours will be charged

## **RULE 13**

Any Member, who is also a Member of any other club affiliated under the M.B.A., GBL or S.W.L.M.B.A., must declare their affiliation for team games to Chepstow Bowling Club. Playing for another affiliated club whilst retaining Chepstow Bowling Club membership will not be permitted.

## **RULE 14**

The competition rules of the WBA shall apply to all competitions organized by the Club. Any disputes arising there from shall be settled by reference to the said rules.