



CATERHAM BOWLING CLUB

“RULES AND BYE-LAWS”

30th November 2023

Section 1: Club Rules

Guests in the Club

Members shall enter the names of all guests in the Visitor's Book. Not more than three guests may be introduced in any one day and the same guest may not be introduced more than six times in any calendar year.

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 Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.

Exhibiting of notices

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

Bar Opening Times

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor will be posted on the club notice board and the bar will be open at these hours or at such other hours as may be decided by the Committee subject to any restrictions imposed from time to time by the Licensing Authority.

Settlement of Accounts

A member shall settle any indebtedness for refreshment or otherwise before leaving the Club premises, or in accordance with any bye-law relating to the settlement of such indebtedness.

Suggestions

All suggestions shall be entered in the Suggestion Box within the clubhouse or on the website and must be signed by the member.

Forum

For discussion of club matters but must not be used for personal attacks on other members.

Bye-laws

Consistent with paragraph 4.3.2 of the Club Constitution, the Officers of the club may adopt such Bye-laws as it considers appropriate for the good management of the Club and its facilities.

Section 2: Bye-Laws

1. Hours of Play

When permitted by Green keeper and Club Officers, members shall be permitted to use the Green from 1200 until dusk on weekdays and from 1000 until dusk on Saturdays and Sundays. Play shall commence at 1000 (Saturdays and Sundays), 1200, 1400, 1600 and 1800. The Management Committee reserve the right to amend or alter these times as appropriate in the best interests of the Club. The Ladies' League may commence play at 1100.

2. Conditions of Play

Only those rinks open for play shall be used. The Green keeper or his deputy, or any available member of the Committee shall have authority to decide:

- (a) whether or not the Green is fit for play;
- (b) whether or not particular rinks are fit for play;
- (c) when sheets for the protection of the Green shall be used.

Those officials mentioned above shall have authority to exclude from the Green any player who, in the Officer's opinion, is causing damage to the Green.

3. Reservation of Rinks

Rinks may be reserved by making the appropriate entry on the computer, together with details of the nature of the game for which the rink is booked. Every effort should be made to ensure that games commence at the allotted time, with 15 minutes being allowed for unavoidable delays. In the event of one or more players not being present at the end of the 15 minute grace period the game must be re-scheduled or declared a walk-over in favour of the player(s) present.

If booking for a game that is likely to take more than 2 hours a second period should be booked. If a competition game should overrun its booked time on the rink it shall be permitted to continue to a conclusion unless the next booking on that rink is for a higher priority game (see list of priorities below). Any dispute relating to bookings shall be referred to the Men's or Ladies' Captain (or in their absence a member of the Committee) and their decision shall be final.

The following order of priority for rink reservation must be observed:

1. Club matches.
2. National, Surrey County or Croydon Borough matches hosted by the Club.
3. Surrey County or Croydon Borough games where a Caterham member or members are drawn to play at home.
4. Formal coaching sessions.
5. Internal competitions and external competitions (e.g. British Legion, Masonic or Rotary Club) organised by a full member, provided that such external competitions have been arranged at least 7 days in advance.
6. Casual play. N.B. For casual play a specific rink cannot be guaranteed.

Members are reminded that casual play is a social activity and every effort should be made to ensure that all those seeking to play are able to do so. As rinks accommodate up to 8 players, please allow others to play with you.

4. Club Equipment

All members of the Club shall be responsible for the return of Club equipment e.g. scoreboards, trolleys, bowls, markers, mats etc. to the proper storage place after use.

5. Dress

- (a) All players on the Green must wear flat-heeled rubber-soled shoes or regulation over slippers. Shoes worn outside the Club premises must not be worn on the Green.

(b) Dress for matches shall be “whites” or “greys” as indicated on the Fixture List.

(c) Male players shall wear a club shirt or predominantly white above the waist with white or grey trousers or shorts as appropriate.

(d) Women players shall wear a club shirt or predominantly white above the waist with grey, white or cream skirts, trousers or shorts as appropriate.

6. Competitions

All Club competitions shall be managed by the Competition Secretaries who shall be empowered to make Competition Rules as may be necessary and to ensure that all rounds are completed by the due dates. Failure to comply with Competition Rules may result in disqualification. No member shall enter any competition in the knowledge that he or she will be unavailable to play on the day of the Final.

7. Casual Play

Casual play is only permitted after 1200 as indicated in Bye-law 2 above and players may only use those rinks not previously reserved for matches or competitions. Members are reminded that casual play is a social activity and every effort should be made to ensure that all those seeking to play are able to do so.

8. Visitors

1. Visitors who are members of clubs and associations which are affiliated to National or County Bowling Associations are deemed to be temporary members of Caterham Bowling Club on the occasions of inter-club matches, tournaments and competitions conducted under the auspices of such Associations.

2. Visiting social bowlers may be introduced by any Full Member of the Club for social play but must seek permission from an officer of the club before doing so and the introducer being responsible to ensure that:

(a) The visitor's name is properly entered in the Visitors' Book;

(b) The appropriate fees are paid;

(c) The dress and conduct of the visitor conforms to Club standards;

(d) No individual is invited to play as a visitor on more than three occasions in any one season;

(e) Visitors do not purchase drinks from the Bar.

3. The officers of the club have the right to refuse a visitor, if they are a past member of the club who left by not paying their membership subscription by the due date, or did not advise the committee in writing of their intention to leave, or has been banned from being a member of a club for disciplinary reasons.

4. Non-bowling visitors may be introduced by any Full Member under the same conditions as paragraph (2) and (3) hereof.