



# Welwyn & District Bowls Club Byelaws

Under the Club's Constitution, Rule 31 the General Committee may make alter and repeal any byelaws they consider necessary expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Club, provided that no byelaw may be inconsistent with any provision of the Constitution or with any statutory provision. Byelaws are binding on all Members, but any byelaw may be set aside by a special resolution of the Club in general meeting.

## 1 Club Opening Time

- 1.1 The Club shall be open from 8.00 am. to 11.30 pm. daily except on days when the General Committee shall decide it necessary to close the Club. Notice of any closure will be posted on the notice board. Members with keys who access the Club at any time shall be responsible for the security of the building, equipment locker and for the lighting. Different arrangements apply on Good Friday, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

## 2 Bar Opening Hours (section 78 of the Licensing Act 2003)

- 2.1 The permitted hours for the supply of alcohol by or on behalf of the Club to a Member or guest for consumption on the premises shall be according to the Club Premises Certificate (which shall be displayed in the Clubhouse).

## 3 Membership

- 3.1 New Playing Members, before being permitted to bowl without supervision, must be assessed by a Coach Member or delegate as to their ability to bowl without causing damage to the green.
- 3.2 Playing Members are expected to carry out catering, stewarding and bar and other duties from time to time as advised on the relevant selection sheets and rotas.
- 3.3 When considering applications for membership priority shall be considered for those living in the Parish of Welwyn.

## 4 Premises

- 4.1 Members must not cause or permit any obstruction of any of the common access ways leading from London Road Welwyn to the Tennis Club.
- 4.2 Members must not hold or permit any sale by auction to be held on the premises or allow any trade, business, manufacture or occupation whatsoever.
- 4.3 Members must not use or permit the premises to be used for illegal or immoral purposes nor allow any person or persons to sleep in the premises nor to use the premises for residential purposes.

- 4.4 Member's relatives and friends under 18 years of age are allowed to enter the premises under supervision of that member but young children must be confined to the clubhouse, patio and grass area.
- 4.5 Persons under the age of 18 years shall not be permitted to purchase or consume alcohol; the Club shall follow a "Challenge 25" policy.
- 4.6 Members who serve in the bar must, before serving alcohol, confirm that the purchaser is a current Member or has been introduced and signed in as a guest or visitor. An up-to-date list of Members is held on the Clubhouse notice board for this purpose.
- 4.7 Member's dogs when brought to the Club must be kept under strict control and to avoid the possibility of offending other Members the dog(s) must not be present in the Clubhouse when food is being served.

## 5 Smoking

- 5.1 No smoking anywhere on the green, clubhouse and patio.
- 5.2 Whenever bowling on the path adjacent to the clubhouse you should only smoke in the designated smoking area near the flagpoles, away from the patio, or behind the garage.
- 5.3 When bowling on the other paths, you can again smoke in the areas as above, or between the two 23 metre marks at the two sides of the rinks.
- 5.4 Smokers should always be aware of any spectators and adjust their position to be 20-30 feet away from them.
- 5.5 Spectators should only smoke on the designated area near the flagpoles.

## 6 Safeguarding Adults in Bowls and Safeguarding Children in Bowls

- 6.1 The Club has adopted the Bowls England (its National Governing Body) Safeguarding Adults in Bowls and Safeguarding Children in Bowls. Members must follow the Club's policy and procedures on the protection of children and vulnerable adults and where necessary refer any questions or issues to the Club's Safeguarding Officer.

## 7 Equipment

- 7.1 Members are not permitted to remove club bowls from our premises.

## 8 Interpretation

- 8.1 In these byelaws 'Member' or 'Members' means a Member or Members of any category.

(Confirmed by the General Committee - 12th February 2025)