



## FORMBY VILLAGE BOWLING CLUB

### CLUB RULES

1. The Management Committee may not alter the existing Club Rules without prior agreement of an Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

#### Rules for the Use of the Green

1. The priority for the use of the Green will be in the following order:
  - League matches or competitions
  - Internal competitions
  - Organised Social Bowls
  - Green Maintenance
  - General membership use
2. In playing league matches, the order of preference for selecting players will be first team before second.
3. Both Ladies and Gentlemen will be eligible to be selected to play in league teams where they are allowed by the league rules.
4. The green is available for use generally from 08.00 hours to 22.30 hours daily. Play is not allowed on Good Friday or Christmas Day.
5. Subject to the above Fixture Lists, members may use the Green as follows:
  - Men at any time except Thursday afternoon (Ladies Social)
  - Ladies at any time except Wednesday afternoons (Men's Social)
  - Juniors may not use the green any afternoon except Saturday or when competing in club competitions and league matches.
6. In afternoon men's social, games are usually played as double matches playing to 15 points. Each pair of players shall be made up in order of member(s) arrival at the pavilion. At the conclusion of each game players shall invite any member(s) waiting for a game to join in. The player(s) to retire shall be such as may be agreed upon. No more than **six** games shall be on the Green at any one time.
7. Ladies social games have a structured format such as may be agreed on that afternoon.
8. Outside the identified Social sessions, players may arrange games as they deem fit between themselves (except for the priorities as defined above).
9. Suitable footwear i.e. flat soled shoes without heels shall be worn on the green at all times.
10. It may be possible to allow limited use of the green during the winter season. This will be investigated and the membership informed each year. Use will be subject to the condition of the green and weather conditions and at the discretion of the committee/greenkeeper.
11. The floodlights cannot be used when only one member is on the Green.
12. A Committee Member / Team Captain / Event Organiser shall have full control of the Green and shall decide all matters in dispute during play. His decision shall be final at the time.
13. Handicaps will be used for certain competitions, please refer to the explanation within this document of how these are calculated and applied. The competition subject to handicap are detailed in the vents calendar published annually at the start of the season. All entry forms will detail if handicaps apply. A list of player handicaps will be displayed on the club notice boards. Handicaps are subject to review annually as detailed elsewhere.
14. The Committee may, at its discretion, let other clubs, organisations or individuals use the Green free or at a charge.

**AT THE CONCLUSION OF PLAY WHEN LEAVING THE PREMISES PLEASE ENSURE ALL EQUIPMENT AND ITEMS USED ARE STORED AWAY AND ALL BUILDINGS AND THE GATES LOCKED AND SECURED.**

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE GREEN IS OFTEN TREATED WITH CHEMICALS  
NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED ON THE GREEN AT ANY TIME  
YOU ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO WASH YOUR HANDS WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED PLAYING.**



## Disciplinary Procedure

Infringements of FVBC rules (inappropriate behaviour) will be dealt with in a timely manner by the Committee in the first instance and an appropriate course of action decided upon.

**If the infringement is serious or persistent, the matter shall be referred to the Sports Club and the appropriate authorities may be informed.**

## The Club Handicap System

The Committee shall appoint a sub-committee of three full time members for the purpose of deciding handicaps to determine individual player handicaps for internal competitions and events.

1. Certain internal competitions are run with the application of player handicaps as detailed in the Competitions and Events lists published annually. Competitions run without handicaps will not affect a player's individual handicap. Social bowling does attract handicaps.
2. The relevant competitions are the following:
  - The Challenge Cup
  - The Don Welch Trophy
  - The Secretary's Cup
  - The Rose Bowl (Both Mens and Ladies Competitions)
  - The President's Cup
  - The Lonsdale Trophy
3. Handicaps are allocated at +4 for new members on joining with little or no previous experience of bowling and revised where necessary at the start of each season. Where a seasoned player joins the club the handicap committee will review the player's level of experience and agree a suitable handicap to be applied. The Handicap Committee will discuss and decide any disputes.
4. No player shall receive more than +4, or owe more than -3 points, except that players over the age of 75 at the start of the season shall receive one extra point in the Challenge Cup, making +5 possible for such players in that competition.
5. Winners of competitions are given a 2 point deduction per win and runners-up a 1 point deduction, until the maximum given handicap of -3 points is reached. T
6. Players who enter competitions and do not reach any finals receive 1 point added back to their handicap at the start of the next season, provided they are not already on +4 points.
7. Where a doubles competition has handicaps applied the two players handicaps will be averaged by adding together and dividing by two, and be rounded up.
8. Members who do not enter competitions will not affect their handicap score. All adjustments are effective for the following season.
9. In all Handicap games the first line of the scorecard should be completed with negative and positive handicap figures entered on the score card first line. (Hence a player on -3 has to score 24 points to win and a player on +4 point has to score 17 to win)
10. The finishing score for all competitions shall be 21 up.



11. Member's allocated handicaps will be recalculated and published at the start of the season on the club notice boards.

12. All disputes shall be dealt with by the Handicap Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Please also refer to the competitions and events lists published annually by the committee where details of the all internal competitions are shown detailing which events are subject to handicap rules.

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