

Meon Valley Bowling Club

Club rules (as amended by management committee on November 2018)

1. General rules

- A** i) Members, their guests, and any other visitors must at all times, whilst on club premises (or representing/supporting the club away from the club premises), behave in a courteous, orderly and sporting manner. Any two members of the management committee may, at their absolute discretion, require any person to leave the club's or other premises if his/her behaviour causes or is likely to cause distress or disturbance.
- ii) Members are responsible for the behaviour of their guests and may therefore be subject to the code of discipline in the event of their guest(s) behaving unacceptably.
- B** Club premises shall not be used by members to conduct private or any other business matters, without prior approval of the management committee.
- C** Every member shall notify the membership secretary of any change of address and telephone number as soon as possible.
- D** The club pavilion shall be open to members daily at times the management committee shall from time to time determine, but the management committee or house committee may close the pavilion, for such times as they deem necessary for cleaning or essential maintenance, meetings or other matters. The management committee or green committee shall determine the opening and closing times/dates of the green and indoor rinks. Details of closures must be displayed prominently, giving as much advance notice as possible, except in the case of emergencies.
- E** Unless otherwise stated, the senior member present at any game or function on club premises (including the green) shall be responsible for:
- collecting any fees due, and documenting them;
 - setting out the required equipment;
 - ensuring that when necessary any equipment used is safely stored away;
 - ensuring that the club premises are secure before leaving the site - this to include setting the alarm system.
- F** The supply of intoxicating liquor shall be permitted whenever bowling is taking place and on social occasions.
Smoking is permitted only in the designated area outside the pavilion.
All gaming, except that organised by the social committee or events authorised by the management committee, shall be prohibited.

2 Code of discipline

- a) Indiscipline means any act or acts against the rules or constitution of the club members or opposing players. Any complaint regarding indiscipline must be made in writing to the club secretary not more than one month from the time of the happening. Any subsequent withdrawal of the complaint must also be in writing and will be held as final. No further action will be taken following such withdrawal.
- b) The club secretary will call a meeting of the officers of the club (as set out in the constitution) within seven days of receiving a written complaint, to ascertain if a breach of the discipline code has taken place. At least three officers of the club (the discipline panel) must be present at any such meeting. Past presidents can be enlisted to make up required numbers.
- c) The person against whom the complaint has been made must be informed of the

complaint.

- d) If it is decided that no breach of the code has taken place the complainant and the person complained of will be informed accordingly.
- e) If the discipline panel decides that a breach has taken place they must, within 14 days of that decision (or longer in exceptional circumstances), hold a formal discipline hearing. The person complained of, the complainant, together with any witnesses either may wish to call, will be invited to attend the hearing which will be arranged at a mutually convenient time. In the absence of any party signed, written statements may be considered in lieu. It is the responsibility of the complainant and the person complained against to ensure the appearance or statements of any witnesses; and the secretary must be informed of witness's names before the hearing. If the person complained of fails to appear at the arranged time, or to submit a statement, the complaint may nevertheless be heard and action recommended.
- f) The discipline panel will be composed of at least three officers or past presidents and shall not include anyone who was a witness to the event to which the complaint relates, nor either a partner or a relation of the person complained of. Its purpose is the hear the evidence and to make recommendations as to any action required to the management committee. It will not reveal those recommendations at the hearing.
- g) The management committee must be informed of any such meeting together with the result and recommendations by the discipline panel of actions to be taken by the management committee. The decision on any action to be taken shall be made by the management committee and can include any of the following penalties:
 - verbal warning as to future conduct;
 - written warning;
 - suspension from membership;
 - expulsion from membership.
- h) The person complained of will be informed in writing within seven days of the management committee's decision.
- i) Any person against whom action is to be taken shall have a right of appeal against the management committee's decision. Any such appeal must be made in writing to the club secretary within seven days of receipt of notification of the decision. Any action against that person will be suspended until the appeal is decided.
- j) The club secretary will summon a meeting of the management committee within seven days of any appeal being received. The committee will consider the appeal and may confirm or amend its decision on action. The decision of the Committee on the appeal will be final.

Note: no member of the original disciplinary panel may serve on the appeal management committee.
- k) Where an appeal is dismissed then the opportunity to appeal to the County Association must be drawn to the appellant's attention.

3. Rules of play

Rink and green fees

All matches and competitions will be charged at a rate recommended by the management committee.

Dress

Any member who does not conform to the dress of the day, as detailed below, may be requested to leave the green/mat by the Captain of the Day or, if he/she is not available,

by any member of the Management Committee.

Footwear: approved footwear must be worn.

Roll ups: casual dress is acceptable.

League games: MEN should wear grey trousers (or tailored plain grey shorts) with a club shirt. Please remember that some clubs do not allow shorts.

LADIES should wear white skirt or white trousers (or tailored white shorts) with a club shirt. Please remember that some clubs do not allow shorts.

Club competitions indoors: MEN should wear grey trousers with a club shirt (unless otherwise indicated). LADIES should wear grey trousers or a skirt with a club shirt (unless otherwise indicated).

Club competitions outdoors: as from the 2019 summer season both Ladies and Gentlemen will be required to dress in whites for all internal outdoor competitions. *Shorts when worn should be tailored.*

Care of the green

Any member of the management committee or member of the green committee shall have the authority to prevent any person using the green if in their opinion damage is likely to result from such use. The green keeper and green chairperson shall be the ruling body in all matters affecting the green.

Walking sticks can be used if specially adapted for use on the green.

Smoking on the green is not permitted. All rubbish must be placed in the containers provided.

Running on the green is prohibited. Only those persons concerned in a game shall enter the green.

Use of indoor rinks/ outdoor green

Members are entitled to play on any available rink unless already booked, or being used as a full rink, or for accredited matches, leagues or competitions.

The green keeper/green committee may from time to time close the green for maintenance.

The Green may also be closed if in the opinion of the green keeper or green chairperson (or, if either are not available, the captain of the day) play may cause damage etc. due to weather conditions.

Allocation of play

The order of priority for the allocation of green /indoor rinks is:

1. National, County or District competitions
2. Leagues (District and clubs).
3. Official club friendlies
4. Club competitions (including leagues and cups).
5. Officially organised roll-ups, practice sessions, social events and drives.
6. Organised training.
7. Privately organised roll-ups (full rinks).
8. Privately organised roll-ups (two or more members).
9. Lone player.

Forward booking of outdoor and indoor rinks can be made, subject to the order of precedence above.

Unbooked rinks are available for the use of any member and member guests. However

members take precedence over member guests. All members are expected to invite other members, particularly new members, to enter a roll-up game.