

REDCAR BOROUGH PARK BOWLING CLUB
BYELAWS FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE INDOOR BOWLS HALL

GENERAL

1. MEMBERSHIP:
Only bowlers who are life members or ordinary members are eligible to bowl in the Indoor Leagues and Competitions and to represent the Club in National and County competitions and friendly matches

2. CONDUCT ON THE GREENS:
 - a. Dress: All bowlers, markers and other officials shall wear grey with white above the waist for league matches and competitions, except where alternative dress is required. Proper bowling shoes must be worn at all times.
 - b. No drinks to be taken onto the green or within ONE metre of the green
 - c. Running on the green is prohibited.

3. GREEN FEES:
 - a. Bowlers qualified by Byelaw 1 shall pay green fees of £2.50 per two hour game or as determined by the General Committee.
 - b. Other bowlers shall pay green fees of £3.50 per two hour game or as determined by the General Committee.
 - c. If there is a spare rink in any league session or session being used by at least four other bowlers then another player may practice on that rink for one hour for a fee of £1.25p.

4. COMPETITIONS
It is a condition of entry that EVERY league fixture must be fulfilled. In all league matches Team Captains will be required to complete and return to the Office an Entry Form showing all the bowlers in that team. Members who enter a league are pre-booking rink space for the full season and they will be required to complete all their fixtures. If a team cancels a fixture they will be compelled to pay their own rink fee for that game. Fixture sheets will be issued 2 weeks before commencement of the sessions. The fixture sheet will be the only notification issued for the league competitions.

5. If a team fails to turn up for a league fixture their opponents will be awarded the 2 points plus 5 shots. The offending team will be compelled to pay the FULL rink fees within 14 days.

6. Any team who cancels a game that is not re-arranged will have to pay the whole rink fees and also forfeit 2 points and 5 shots to their opponents. A match may be re-arranged to a mutually agreed date, within four weeks of the original match date, provided that the Office is informed of the arrangements as soon as possible and before the date of the original game. Games cancelled within the last four weeks of the league season should be re-arranged to a mutually agreed date as soon as possible and before the week scheduled for any play-offs. Any dispute will be determined by the General Committee. At the end of the season teams who have not fulfilled their fixtures and who have not paid for their cancellations could be subject to losing their league status.

7. League competitions will be operated with 2 points to be awarded for a win and one for a draw. The top teams in each section of each league will go forward to compete in final stages on a knock-out basis. If there is a tie for

any position in the top places the team with the greater shots difference will be declared the winners. In the event of equality in both points and shots, the result of their league games will be the deciding factor.

8. During the league stages of competitions a pool of players will be made available for each of the leagues, any team captain who requires a player to make up his /her rink must make the arrangement via the Office who will arrange for a player to stand-in. Similarly any bowling member may submit his/her name to the Office prior to the start of any league session throughout the season to make him/herself available as a stand - in for any rink that is short handed, in the event of there being more than one stand-in available a draw will be made at the Office to select the player. The stand-in will have to play at second wood and he/she will not be allowed to play against his/her own team in the same discipline. In all fours matches teams will have the option to play 3 players thereby losing a quarter of their shots. Rinks may call on up to 2 stand-in players, triples and pairs may call on one player. There will be a restriction on the number of games a stand - in player may play or the number of teams he/she may play for. A stand - in player playing for a team 3 times will be deemed to become a member of that team. Pool or stand-in players will not be permitted during the knock-out stages of competitions. If through bereavement or illness a team is unable to muster a full team in the knock-out stage, they may introduce one player only but this player must not have played for any other team in the competition.
9. Trial ends are not permitted in any of the league competitions.
10. Visits to the head are limited to ONE during each end.
11. The sessions will consist of 2 hours and no new end can be started after 5 minutes before the end of the session. An end will be deemed to have started if the mat has been properly laid and the jack delivered from the leading player's hand.
12. A period of grace of 15 minutes will be allowed for a team delayed by weather or other cause. If after that period has elapsed and the team is not on the rink ready to play, their opponents will be declared the winners. In the league competitions the non-defaulting team will be awarded TWO points and FIVE shots. If, however the teams agree to play to a shortened period the points and shots will go to the winner.
13. The person who enters the team is responsible for the rink fees of each member of his or her team. It is also his or her responsibility to ensure that no non-eligible member plays in his team. A team which includes a non-eligible player in a game will forfeit the points and the shots scored in that game, and the team is liable to be disqualified.
14. When a team is unable to field 4 players in league matches they can play with 3 players, a first and second playing 3 bowls each and the skip two. The team playing with 3 players must deduct a quarter from their total score. When both teams play 3 players both must deduct a quarter from their score. This rule does not apply to knock-out competitions.

15. CLUB COMPETITIONS

When entering Club Competitions members will be required to pay the entry fee before the first game is played.

Club Competitions will be played on fixed dates or by "play by dates" which will be decided by the Indoor Sub-Committee, with these dates being shown on the entry forms. Any member who is unable to play on a fixed date may re-arrange that match to a mutually agreed date, which must be before the date originally fixed for it, providing the Indoor Competition Secretary is informed of the arrangements as soon as possible.

16. In all games the Secretary, his deputy or some other person agreeable to both skips shall act as Umpire. The Umpire shall measure any shot or shots in dispute. He/she shall decide all questions as to the distance of the mat from the ditch and the jack from the mat. He/she shall decide whether or not the jack and/or bowls are in play. In all these matters his/her decision is final.

17. Subject to the provisions of Byelaw 16, any question, dispute or protest arising in the course of, or in connection with the game may be referred to the General Committee provided such is intimated in writing to the Club Secretary within 48 hours of the termination of the game. The decision of the General Committee shall be final.

18. CASUAL PLAY

Casual sessions are available and rinks may be booked, subject to availability, by bowlers under Byelaw 1 up to four weeks before the date, the member booking is responsible in the event of cancellation or non-appearance. Other bowlers may book, subject to availability, a rink during casual sessions up to 10 days before the date and may be required to pay a deposit of £10. A booking shall be for not less than 4 bowlers, or the payment of the rink fees of 4 bowlers. Any cancellation not subsequently re-booked or non-appearance will be charged as for 4 bowlers. Byelaw 3 (c) allows bowlers to practice for one hour under certain conditions.

19. NATIONAL AND COUNTY COMPETITIONS

The Club will attempt to give a certain degree of priority to National and County Competitions particularly when members have reached the later stages of the competitions.

20. When league games are cancelled by the Indoor Sub-Committee because of Club commitments every effort will be made to offer alternative dates.

21. The General Committee may delegate their powers under these Byelaws to a Sub Committee. Except for these Byelaws the rules adopted by the E.I.B.A. Ltd shall apply.

These Byelaws were adopted by the General Committee of Redcar Borough Park Bowling Club (GCM) at their meeting on 4th August, 1996 and subsequently amended at their meetings on 6th April, 1997, 10th June, 1998, 12th November, 2000, 8th July, 2001, at the Annual General Meeting on 24 March, 2002, and at the GCM on 26th September 2010.