

COWPLAIN BOWLING CLUB RULES

1. **DRESS:**

Dress for the various types of matches played is shown on the relevant match notice boards in the Clubhouse.

a. **ROLL UPS/PRACTICE SESSIONS:** Leisure clothing, any colour, shorts may be worn.

b. **BOWLING SHOES: MUST** be worn on the green. As long as they are the correct bowling shoes they may be any colour. Due to Health and Safety implications, Cowplain Bowls Club operates a “no sandals on the green” policy. If visiting bowlers insist on wearing sandals, they are required to complete a disclaimer form.

2. **MATS/RINK ACCESS:**

It is the sole responsibility of the Club Captain to determine the fitness of the green. However, in the absence of the Club Captain, the decision can be made by any Committee member or the “Captain of the Day”.

Players are requested to use the footpath and not walk across the rinks. Sitting on the bank with feet on the green is not permitted.

3. **RINK DIRECTION:**

During the summer season, the green is divided into seven rinks, playing N/S. For winter bowling the green is changed to E/W with seven rinks provided

4. **BOOKING OF RINKS:**

Rinks may be booked in advance for internal and external competitions. However, **only the confirmed date** should be entered into the diary with the rink number for external competitions clearly shown. As internal competition rink numbers are to be drawn on the day, the match, only, to be entered into the diary. Multiple provisional date entries for the same match are NOT acceptable. Priority for booking: National, County, P&D, Club. All Club Representative Matches will take priority over individual competitions.

5. **VISITORS/SOCIAL MEMBERS:**

Visitors as guests of members, and Social members will be permitted during the summer season to play for a fee which is displayed in the Clubhouse. This is limited to five sessions in one season. The use of the green by visitors must not be to the detriment of Club members. Only 1 visitor per member will normally be allowed but this will be reviewed as circumstances demand.

6. **MINORS:**

Members or guests under the age of 18 **must** be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult whenever and wherever they are on Club premises.

7. **USE OF THE GREEN BY THE PUBLIC:**

It is a condition of the lease that one rink is to be available from 2 p.m. till dusk during the summer season, in the event that members of the public wish to bowl. The use by the public **must** be by prior arrangement. The lead steward at the time of hire is to be contacted so that arrangements can be made for a steward (or nominated member of the Club) to be in attendance during the period of hire, ensuring proper use of the green. (Detailed instructions are displayed in the Clubhouse.) Members of the public are NOT allowed access to the green unless supervised at all times by a Club member.

8. **STEWARD DUTIES:**

All members are required to take their turn to fulfil their duty as Steward. Names and dates are published at the beginning of the season. Should the date not be convenient, it is the member's responsibility to make alternative arrangements to ensure the tasks are performed.

Specific instructions applicable to Stewards duties are published in the Clubhouse.