

# Bloomfield Short Mat Bowls Club

## Rules



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## RULES

### 1. NAME:

The name of the Club shall be:-  
"Bloomfield Short Mat Bowling Club"

### 2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Club shall be to provide short mat bowling facilities for all its members.

### 3. MANAGEMENT:

The management of the Club shall be vested in an Executive Committee. This Committee shall consist of the following:- President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Fixture Secretary, Captain, Vice Captain, and two other members.

All shall be elected by the members at the Annual General Meeting.

All shall stand down after holding office for 1 year. The two other members shall retire after a period of 1 year.

However, any of the above (except the two other members) shall be eligible for re-election.

Five shall form a quorum.

### 4. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall have powers to act as follows:

- (a). To conduct the general business of the Club.
- (b). To make and/or alter Bye-Laws in the interest of the Club.
- (c). To elect new members.
- (d). To co-opt, if it thinks fit, non-Executive Committee members to act on sub committees. Such members shall not form part of the Executive Committee.

### 5. TEAM SELECTION:

The teams for all Club representative and friendly matches shall be selected by the Captain.

In the case of the Club having two sides in the same division of a League the Captain shall select players for one side and the Vice Captain shall select players for the other side.

### 6. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OTHER POSTS:

Nominations for the election of officers or as members of the Executive Committee shall be made by individual members of the Club. Such nominations shall be in writing, signed by a proposer, a seconder, and the nominee. The fully signed document should reach the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

No member shall hold more than one office on the Executive Committee. If there is more than one nominee for an office then a ballot is necessary.

A voting slip (one for each office that is being contended) shall be given to each member attending the Annual General Meeting.

If a member is nominated for more than one office and they are not contended then he/she shall accept the highest ranked (rankings as in list of Executive Committee members).

If a member is nominated for more than one office and a ballot is necessary then voting shall be done separately starting with the highest ranked. Voting for the second office shall not be done before the result of the first ballot is known.

If the member is successful in the first ballot then he/she shall stand down from the second.

Votes shall be counted by the two scrutineers appointed at the meeting.

Other posts that are seen to be necessary by the Executive Committee shall be contended for at the Annual General Meeting.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS:

At least 7 days notice at every General Meeting shall be given to each member, and such notice shall specify the business to be transacted. No business shall be considered unless it is specified in the notice convening the meeting.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held to receive the Executive Committee's reports and the audited Statement of Accounts for the last year. Also to elect the Officers of the Executive Committee and other posts for the ensuing year.

A Special General Meeting shall be convened at such time as the Executive Committee may consider necessary.

8. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP:

Candidates for election shall be approved by a majority of the Executive Committee.

Membership shall be kept to a maximum number set by the Executive Committee.

Candidates may go on a waiting list if the membership is at the maximum number.

Candidates living in Woodmansterne shall be given preference.

## **BYE-LAWS**

### 1. TIME OF PLAY:

The Club will generally be open all year round at the following times :-

Monday evening                      7.00 - 9.30 pm

(except 3rd Monday in every month)

Thursday afternoon                2.30 - 5.00 pm

Specific dates when there will be no play will be published and displayed on the notice board.

Club matches may be played on any suitable day.

If a club match is arranged at home and at a time in 1(a) then one rink shall be left free for casual play (except when a Godden League fixture is scheduled).

### 2. DRESS:

While on the mats, all players shall wear suitable shoes with a flat continuous sole and heel made of rubber or similar approved material.

Persons representing the Club at home and away will, from the start of the 2015 season, wear the newly approved club shirt in conjunction with Grey trousers or skirt

Dress for internal competitions and casual play will be at the discretion of individual members, but must remain smart.

### 3. SMOKING:

No smoking will be permitted in the hall during bowling events.

### 4. REFRESHMENTS:

Light refreshments may be obtained during the intervals at events but they shall not be taken into the playing area.

### 5. MAT FEES:

Current fees for casual, match, and competition play will be published and displayed on the notice board.

Payment shall be made to the Treasurer or his/her appointed deputy prior to the commencement of play.

### 6. GUESTS:

Any member may introduce a guest for play, and for whom he/she shall be responsible, subject to accommodation being available.

The charge for each game shall be £1.00.

The Executive Committee may use their discretion as to the number of games a person plays as a "guest".

### 7. CASUAL PLAY:

The games shall generally be played under the rules of the English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA). However, to save time in casual play a "no-end" shall count as an end played and 2 shots shall count against the offending team.

### 8. CLUB COMPETITION RULES:

A member shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting to act as Club Competition Steward for the oncoming season, His/her responsibilities shall be to "draw" the names for the various competitions and to ensure the various Competition Rules as published are adhered to.

Generally all Competitions are to be played under the laws of the ESMBA.

However, certain Club rules do exist and these shall be published on the individual competition sheets.

8. CLUB COMPETITION RULES: Continued

Competitors shall be subject to the following:-

- i. By entering any Competition the entrant agrees to accept the rules and to be available to play in any final.
- ii All ties are to be completed by the limit date stated for each round.

The Competition Steward shall have the power to strike out any defaulting player(s) in any tie not played by the limit date.

However, discretion may be used by the Steward should a match not be played by the limit date.

- iii. In all competitions the first named in each tie shall be the Challenger(s). The Challenger(s) shall within a reasonable time, agree with their opponent(s) a time and date on which the tie shall be played. The game should then be logged in on the appropriate "Booking-in" sheet.

9. EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS:

Members wishing to enter competitions run by other organisations may form their own team(s), pay any entrance fees necessary and then participate. However, should a team require the use of any of the Clubs facilities, permission must be gained from the Executive Committee. If permissible the match shall be logged in on the appropriate "Booking-in" sheet and the "Monthly fixture list" which can be found on the notice board.