

RULES OF IRCHESTER BOWLING CLUB

Qualification for Membership

1. (a) All applications for membership must be made to the Membership Secretary of the club.
- b. Full membership will be considered for persons 16 years and over.
Junior membership will be considered for persons 15 years and under but under supervision.

Admission of ordinary Members

2. (a) Admission of ordinary members must be by election by the committee.
A candidate for election who receives the votes (of the majority of the committee, of not less than 7 members of the committee) shall be declared elected.

All applicants for membership must complete a Membership form which must be submitted to the Membership Secretary.

- (b) Associate Members:

Any member of over 10 years membership, who is no longer able to play outdoors at this or any other club may apply for Associate Membership **by completing the relevant form**
Associated members may not vote at the AGM

Notice of Members elected

3. Membership commences on receipt of the Membership joining fee and annual subscription, together with a completed membership form.
The secretary will then forward a 'welcome pack' containing a members handbook, copy of the constitution and club rules.

Joining fee and Subscription

4. The joining fee and annual subscription fee shall be such sum as the committee may from time to time determine. Due notice of the current annual subscription shall be given by a notice posted in the clubhouse, and also published in the clubs Newsletter.

Subscription Categories

- (a) Full Membership - Any member from the age of 16
- (b) Junior Membership - Any member under 15 years old, or in full-time education, up to the age of 21 years.
- (c) Associate Membership - Any member of over 10 years membership who is no longer able to play outdoors at this or any other club.

Annual subscription payment

5. All annual subscriptions (except the first subscription of a new member as Provided by rule 3)
Shall be payable on or before the Clubs renewal date
If payment is not made by 1st April. Membership will be terminated and such members will need to reapply.
No club competitions can be entered into unless annual subscriptions have been received.

Patrons and Life members

6. Any member may at any time after payment of the joining fee and first annual subscription compound by one payment of all their future subscriptions and on such payment shall become a Patron or Life Member and be entitled to all privileges of membership for life unless he/she shall cease to be a member under the provisions of Rule 9 or be expelled under Rule 10. The compound fees shall be determined from time to time by the committee.

Resignation of members

7. Any member may resign membership by giving to the Secretary notice in writing to that effect. Every such notice shall unless otherwise expressed be deemed to take effect immediately, but no refund is payable.

Expulsion of members

8. In the event of a dispute between members, or any unacceptable behaviour of a member, the secretary will issue such persons with a relevant dispute form to be completed. The committee will discuss the issue at the next committee meeting. Any such member shall be given prior notice of the date, place and time of the meeting, and shall be afforded a proper opportunity to attend the meeting to offer an explanation. A member shall be expelled at such meeting if not less than two thirds of the committee present vote for his/her expulsion and shall immediately cease to be a member of the club. In the case of a continuing dispute a member has the right of an ultimate appeal to the Trustees within fourteen days. The decision of the Trustees is final.

Green fees

9. Visitors playing the greens will be charged a green fee, determined annually by the committee and published for all to see on the club notice board. Envelopes will be available for the payment to be deposited, and placed into the box marked 'Green Fees'

Green condition

10. The Green Chairman/Groundsman has the ultimate authority to use such equipment (wet mats) as deemed necessary or to close the green at any time if it is considered unfit for play.

Club matches

11. Club stickers must be used on woods for club matches. These will be distributed in the yearly fixture booklets.

JUNIOR MEMBERS

12. Junior members under the age of 11years cannot play in Adult Competitions With the exception of the Sandy Cup, Roman Cup, Scotts Man & Van, & Gala Day.

