

STUDLEY ENTACO Bowls Club -Club Rules – November 2023

These rules may be amended by proposal and agreement at a Club Committee or Annual General Meeting (AGM) only.

Committee amendments must be approved at the AGM for final inclusion.

(Amended November 2023 – Rollup fee increased from £1 to £2)

1.0 Dress Code

1.1 General Dress Code

- **Club Fixtures** either require 'Whites' (W) or 'Greys' (G) to be worn. The fixture card will indicate the required dress code. (W or G)
- **'Roll ups'** can be 'Greys' or casual wear. No preference is required by the club and any form of appropriate casual wear is acceptable. Bowls shoes are preferred but flat soled shoes or flat soled trainers are acceptable footwear for newcomers. 'Roll ups' includes both the club organised sessions and any individual sessions.

'Whites' requires white above the waist and white below the waist.

For men 'whites' means plain white trousers and a plain white top be it a polo shirt, short or long-sleeved shirt or preferably a Studley Entaco club shirt. Any jackets/jumpers/trousers for keeping warm or dry shall be plain white or a jacket in club colours approved by the club.

For women 'whites' means plain white trousers or plain white skirt or plain white cropped trousers. Top may be plain white polo shirt or plain white blouse or preferably a Studley Entaco club shirt. Any jackets/jumpers/trousers for keeping warm or dry shall be plain white or a jacket in club colours approved by the club.

For all:- proper 'bowling shoes' shall be worn, they may be any colour.

'Greys' requires white above the waist and grey below the waist.

For men 'greys' means grey trousers and white tops (same full definition as 'whites')

For women 'greys' means grey trousers, cropped trousers or skirts and white top (same definition full as 'whites')

For all :- Any jackets/jumpers/trousers for keeping warm or dry shall be plain white or a jacket in club colours approved by the club.

For all:- proper 'bowling shoes' shall be worn. They may be any colour.

Note:

1. White tops may carry small brand coloured logos or thin coloured piping but no medium to large, coloured logos or patches, except for Studley Entaco club shirts.
2. 'Trousers' may include jeans, chinos or similar but proper bowling trousers are preferred.
3. Caps/hats shall be predominantly white for all club matches.
4. Proper 'bowling shoes' may have manufacturers coloured patches/logos.
5. There is a separate rule, 1.2, for wearing 'shorts'

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1.2 Shorts

Shorts should be a 'tailored' fit and approximately knee length. Alternatively, Bowls England official shorts may be worn. Bowls England official shorts bear the Bowls England logo and are currently available in many colours.

When can I wear shorts?

Roll Ups – Any colour tailored shorts or Bowls England shorts.

Club Fixtures – Home matches only. Grey or white tailored shorts or Bowls England shorts. (but same colour as the dress colour stated in the Fixture List)

Club Competitions (all rounds except Finals Day)- Grey or white tailored shorts, or Bowls England grey or white shorts.

Club Finals Day - White tailored shorts, or white Bowls England shorts.

Redditch Triples League - Home matches only - Grey tailored shorts, or grey Bowls England shorts.

Interberga League - Home matches only - Grey tailored shorts, or grey Bowls England shorts.

All team members wearing shorts shall have the same colour.

Shorts should not be worn at any AWAY match unless acceptable to the home team. This must be clearly communicated before travelling AWAY. If in doubt speak to your team Captain beforehand. Colour must be as the fixture list.

2.0 Roll-Ups

The Tuesday afternoon and Thursday evening Roll-up sessions are club events that takes place weekly throughout the season. They are for matches between Club members on a team basis. They aim to help members get to know each other and play in different team positions.

A fee is charged for Tuesday and Thursday Roll-up sessions.

For each session:- Tuesday & Thursday

- As a first choice, rinks or triples matches will be played, depending on the number of members attending.
- Teams will be selected by picking letter/numbered discs in a random draw for team members and playing position. These teams will be given first choice of rinks, both in terms of number of rinks and which rinks to play. The Roll-up organiser shall agree with the group the format of teams before the draw starts. This may be a mixture of rinks, triples or pairs depending on the numbers present.
- If there is an odd person that does not fit into a rink, triple or pair they will be added to one of the teams and the number of bowls for that team adjusted to make an equal number of bowls per team.
- Playing positions may be changed after the draw by team agreement but players cannot swap between teams.
- Other club members, wanting a roll-up, but not taking part in the teams, may play any type of match on any of the rinks not used by the teams.
- Use of rinks not being used by the teams is on a 'first come, first served', basis.
- Rinks cannot be pre-booked for Tuesday or Thursday sessions with the exception of :-
 - Planned fixtures-(on the fixture card)
 - Warks County BA competition, South Warks BA competition or National competition

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matches.

The above matches shall be given first choice of rinks. Notification to the Roll-up organiser would be appreciated.

Note: Playing Club Competitions during the Tuesday or Thursday sessions should be avoided if possible. If this is unavoidable the no booking rule still stands. Only rinks not allocated to the Roll-up can be used. Rinks wanted for team roll-ups and individual roll-ups shall take precedence over Club competitions during these two sessions.

3.0 Club Competitions

3.1 Competitions format

3.1.1 Two Wood Singles...Separate Mens and Ladies competitions.

To be played over 21 ends. Trial ends may be played immediately before the match starts. The player with the highest score at the conclusion of 21 ends shall be the winner. If it is clear that a player can win before the full 21 ends need to be played the match may be conceded. If it is a draw after 21 ends then an extra end shall be played to reach a result.

Trophy:- Mens is 'Dot Parker Memorial Cup', Ladies cup donated by 'Margaret & Derrick Pratt'.

3.1.2 Four Wood Singles...Separate Mens and Ladies competitions.

The first player to score 21 shots shall be the winner. Each player starts from a score of zero. Trial ends may be played immediately before the match starts. The number of ends played is unlimited.

Trophies:- Mens is 'Francis Moss Cup', Ladies is 'Dorothy Prior Trophy'

3.1.3 Handicap Singles...A Mixed competition.

The first player to score 21 shots shall be the winner. Each player starts from their nominated handicap score. When the handicap is minus,(less than zero), the score board shall not show their score until they have scored sufficient shots to reach zero or above. Trial ends may be played immediately before the match starts. The number of ends played is unlimited.

Trophy is the 'Priory House Shield'

3.1.4- Pavilion Cup...A mixed competition.

This competition shall be played as a Four Wood Singles competition. Entry for this competition is limited to those players with a handicap of plus 6 or more only.

Trophy is the 'Pavilion Cup'

3.1.5- Presidents Cup (Gala Day)... Awarded to the winner of the Gala Day events. Where a number of matches are played, on the day, the winner shall be the player with the most shots 'for' and the least 'against'. In the event of a draw the cup shall be shared. Trophy is 'Presidents Cup'

3.1.6- Four Wood Pairs...Separate Mens and Ladies competitions.

To be played over 21 ends. Trial ends may be played before the match starts. The pair with the higher score at the conclusion of 21 ends shall be the winners. If it is a draw after 21 ends then an extra end shall be played to reach a result.

Trophy:- Mens is the L.H. Breare Cup, Ladies is the G. Goodman Cup.

3.1.7- Captain's Trophy... Presented to the person, who in the opinion of the Club Captain, has given strong support and contributed most to club matches during the season. Trophy is the 'Captains Trophy'

3.1.8- Player of the Year... Presented to the player who in the opinion of club officers has excelled in their performance or commitment to the club over the past season. Trophy is the 'R.W Smith Cup'

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3.1.9 – Most Improved Newcomer... Presented to newly joined players who in the opinion of the Club officers have improved most since joining. Trophy is the Alex Bray Cup.

3.2-Club Competition Rules

3.2.1 Qualification

All entrants must be fully paid-up playing members of Studley Entaco Bowls Club.

An entry fee of £1.50 per competition per member applies.

A player's handicap is set by the Club Captain and Competitions Secretary prior to the competition draw. Other Club Officers may be consulted for setting handicaps.

The draw to see who plays who, for all competitions, shall be made by the Competitions Secretary and the President. (or his appointed substitute)

ALL ENTRANTS MUST BE ABLE TO PLAY IN THE FINALS ON THE AGREED CLUB FINALS DAY. If they are unable to do so they must withdraw prior to the date of the semi-final round of that particular competition.

Any player contravening this rule, without acceptable reason, could face disqualification from that competition in the following year.

3.2.2 Play

All competitions will be played within the laws of the match as prescribed by Bowls England. See para **5.0**, of this document, also.

The Challenger (the first or top name(s) on the draw sheet) will be able to choose the rink on which the match is to be played during the rounds, but those rinks must be on marks that have been designated for that day.

It is up to the Challenger, to contact the opponent, and offer dates and times to play.

Matches played before the closing date must be arranged with the consent of both parties. All matches must be played on or before the day the round is due to close.

Please bear in mind that if your opponent works, you may have to play in the evening or Sunday morning. (Please also note the Roll-up rules at 2.0 above)

All dates and times must be entered on the Daily Booking Sheets within a reasonable time prior to the match being played. In the event of a clash of matches those entered onto the Daily Booking sheets will take precedence.

National, County, Association, Club and League dates must be given priority over club competition matches. Any variance from this must be with the consent of the Committee or Club Captains.

For singles matches the Challenger will be responsible for arranging a marker.

See the Studley Entaco website under 'Members-Marker's Duties' for their role in the match.

For singles match, just one scorecard is needed. This to be filled in, as the match progresses, by the Marker.

For pairs matches each team should have their own card and check frequently during the match that the scores are in agreement. Number ones in pairs shall agree the number of shots each end doing any necessary measuring. If they cannot agree they should call in an Umpire or another member to decide.

The Challenger always calls the toss. The match can then commence.

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matches are either 21 shots, or 21 ends. See para 3.1 above for the specifics of each type of match.

Two trial ends may be played before the start of any match.

All matches are played in greys except for the final which is all whites.

NO player is allowed to play on the same rink mark, on the same day as the match has been agreed.

3.2.3 Extreme weather

In the event of a match not being finished owing to bad weather on the final day of a round, the accumulated score of the match being played will be deemed complete as long as Seven Ends have been completed prior to the abandonment.

Matches not started or failing to complete seven ends will be decided by the toss of a coin:- If the match can be completed on a later day, but within the set date of the round closing, it must be played on the same rink, and the score continues from the that score at the time of the abandonment.

3.2.4 Substitutes

In matches other than singles, **one** player who has not previously played in the competition may play as a substitute. Should a substitute be required in a future round only the original substitute shall be eligible to play again.

When a substitute is played then the scorecard must be clearly marked with the word 'substitute' against his name.

Once a substitute has played, they are not permitted to play in that particular competition again during that year.

3.2.5 Appeals

Competitors shall have the right of appeal any decision made by the Competition Secretary, in writing to the Club committee, whose decision will be final. Any such appeal must be made within 7 days of the match being played

4.0 Fees

4.1 Joining Fee

1. The annual joining fee is £75 for adult playing members and £10 for adult nonplaying past members.
2. The joining fee for new members
 - a. Prospective new members are allowed one-month free trial period before paying a joining fee.
 - b. After the trial period the joining fee is calculated at 20% of the full joining fee, for each full month of the season remaining, but with a minimum charge of 60% of the annual fee. This to be based on a full season of 5 months.
 - i. Example:- Based on annual joining fee of £75, therefore 20% is £15. Thus, after one month trial at the start of the season a newcomer would pay, (5 months less 1month trial period) = 4 times £15 for a total of £60 joining fee.
Newcomers starting after two months of the season has passed, including the one-month trial period would result in a charge of (5 months less 2 months) = 3 x £15 for joining fee of £45.

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This, £45, is also the minimum to be charged (60%) for new members joining with less than 3 months of the season remaining.

- c. If newcomers are experienced bowlers and wish to nominate for matches without taking advantage of the trial period, then the full playing joining fee applies.
 - d. A reduced fee does not apply to past members who join later in the season.
3. Junior membership joining fee is zero (£0) for those under 18 or in full time education.

4.2 Organised rollup sessions

- £2 charge per adult playing member for those using the green during each rollup session.
 - a. This charge to apply to each adult playing member during every rollup session, regardless of them joining the organised games or playing on their own or with others.
 - b. The charge will not apply to new members during their initial first month's trial period except where they join the club before their trial period ends. Once joined as an adult playing member the charge shall apply to all and at each rollup session. This charge does not apply to Junior playing members.
 - c. Current rollup sessions are Tuesday, 2pm until 4pm and Thursday, 6pm until 8pm.

4.3 Green fees Club members

In general members do not pay a separate fee for use of the green. However, in the following cases a fee is charged: -

- Matches appearing on the fixture card are charge at £3 per member. This may include food after the match. The charge applies to both home and away matches.
- For all competitions entered by Studley Entaco club there is a charge of £2 per Studley Entaco member per match played, home and away. This includes the following competitions: -
 - Interberga league
 - Redditch Triples league
 - Mens Top Club
 - Ladies Top Club
 - National Two fours
 - Wardrop Cup
 - Ivens Cup
 - Reed Trophy
- Member playing their National, County or South Warks competitive matches do not pay a green fee either home or away.
- Members playing in Club competitions do not pay a green fee.

4.4 Green fees-Visitors

4.2.1 A green fee, currently £3 per person, shall be charged for all visitors and teams requesting to play on our green.

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This charge shall be higher if food is provided by the club.

4.2.2 If a team playing a National, County or South Warks competition match, containing one or more Studley Entaco members, choose to use our green rather than the one drawn to play on, the green fee may be waived for all members of that team. This is irrespective of whether the team is entered in the Entaco members name or not.

5.0 Playing Laws

5.1 Studley Entaco shall abide by the laws of the sport of bowls as laid down by World Bowls (amended by Bowls England for domestic use). These are contained in the World Bowls publication 'Laws of the Sport of Bowls- Crystal Mark (latest Edition)

5.2 No local club laws are in force.