

MARGATE BOWLING CLUB
PART II : BY-LAWS

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 1. **OFFICIAL PLAYING SESSIONS FOR SOCIAL BOWLS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS**
 - 1.1 **Summer (1st September – 31st May)**

Tuesdays, Thursday and Saturdays.
14h00 - Tabs-in by 13h45.
(Dress - See By-Law No 24 “whites”).

Sundays and Public Holidays (other than above)
09h00 - Tabs-in by 8h45.
(Dress - see By-Law No 24 – “mufti”).
 - 1.2 **Winter (1st June – 31st August)**

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
13h45 - Tabs-in by 13h30.
(Dress - see By-Law No 24 “whites”).

Sundays and Public Holidays (other than above)
09h00 - Tabs in by 8h45.
(Dress - see By-Law 24 “mufti”).
 - 1.3 There will be NO PLAY on Good Friday and Christmas day.
 - 1.4 Green shall be closed on Mondays other than approved by MANCO.
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 2. **RULES OF PLAY**
 - 2.1 The game is to be played under the laws of World Bowls and the etiquette as laid down by Bowls South Africa, and the Controlling Body for that competition.
 - 2.2.1 No mobile or cellular telephone may be brought onto the green in a switched on condition.
 - 2.2.2 Members who have cellular telephones at a playing session may utilise such at the tea interval or after play.
 - 2.2.3 Where a member is expecting on urgent telephone call, such member shall, prior to the start of the game, advise its skip and the skip of the opposing team that such telephone call is expected and if received, shall take such call off the green.
 - 2.2.4 Consideration shall be afforded to the opposition players, and the player taking the call shall limit the time period of the call so as not to delay play unnecessarily.
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 3. **PRACTISE TIMES**
 - 3.1 Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays after 15h00.
 - 3.2 Saturday mornings between 9h00 and 11h00 subject to a green being available.

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 - 3.3 Wednesday afternoons and Friday afternoons after 14h30.
 - 3.4 Practise may be allowed at other times subject to permission from the Green Keeper or a member of the Greens Committee.
 - 3.5 On Wednesday mornings a registered Coach may hold a Talent Identification Development Course.

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 4. **BAR HOURS**

The bar opening and closing hours will be as displayed on the Notice Board but may be subject to change.

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 5. **SOCIAL BOWLS**
 - 5.1 Play in social bowls will be regulated by players placing their Tabs in the appropriate boxes provided for this purpose on or before the prescribed times set out in Rule 1 above.
 - 5.2.1 The draw for play will be controlled and supervised by the committee member on duty assisted by the Tabs Officer or by a member so requested by a committee member;
 - 5.2.2 Such persons will decide on the type of play which will depend on the number of tabs in the draw. Preference will be given to Fours or Triples, however, it may be necessary to arrange play as Pairs or Singles;
 - 5.2.3 Visiting players are permitted to play on payment of the prescribed fee and should, where possible, be divided evenly between teams.
 - 5.3 The person in charge of the Tabs draw, will then complete the draw.

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 6. **BOUNCE GAMES**

Provided there is a green space available, "Bounce Games" will be permitted on Sunday mornings.

Skips are required to record their names on the appropriate list on the Club Notice Board no later than the day before the intended "Bounce Game".

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7. **TEAM PRACTISE**

Team practises and practise games for upcoming events, may, by arrangement and with the permission of EXCO and the Green Keeper, or a member of the Greens Committee, take place during normal practise times.

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8. **VISITING TEAMS**

EXCO approval must be obtained prior to visiting teams using the Club facilities.

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9. **STORING OF EQUIPMENT**

When necessary, at the end of a playing session, provided no further play is intended on that day, Club players shall remove all equipment used and place same in either the storerooms or other safe storage place or area.

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10. **COACHING**

Coaching for potential new players or existing players or members, is provided free of charge on Saturday mornings during the normal practise times or by prior arrangements with a registered coach.

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11. **CLUB NOTICE BOARD**

11.1 This shall be used for displaying or notifying members of information relating to the Club and bowls matters including entry for competitions, tournaments and draws, or any other matter which relates to bowls.

11.2 Members are referred to the sections of the Constitution relating to authority necessary to display any other notices.

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12. **GREEN SPACE**

12.1 In the event green space is limited due to:

damaged, unplayable or preparation of greens,

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the use of the greens for National/Provincial or District tournaments or competitions,

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12. annual events, such as Margate Week,
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similar events which have been approved by MANCO,
- a. social bowls shall take precedence over Club competitions, EXCEPT when the postponement of a Club competition would affect the Club entry to the District Champion of Champions in Singles or the entry of a Club side in District or National competitions.

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13. **MANCO POWERS**

MANCO may debar any person whose presence may be considered offensive or objectionable to members.

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14. **SPECTATORS AND VISITORS**

In order to preserve the Club greens and banks surrounding such greens, spectators and visitors are not permitted to either walk on the greens or sit on the banks.

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15. **CHILDREN**

- 15.1 Children brought to the Club premises must be under adult control at all times.
- 15.2 Persons under the age of eighteen (18) years will only be served non alcoholic drinks.

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16. **PETS**

Pets and especially dogs, shall only be allowed on the Club premises under strict control of the person bringing such pet on the Club premises and dogs shall be on leash.

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17. **CYCLES OR WHEELED TOYS**

No cycles or wheeled toys shall be ridden on the Club premises except when same are being parked or removed from the premises.

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18. **HAWKERS**

Hawkers shall not be permitted on the Club premises.

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19. **FUND RAISING**

EXCO's consent is required for fund raising for non-Club purposes, held on the Club premises.

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20. **PARKING**

20.1 Parking within the Club premises during playing sessions will be restricted to the following:

Bar Manager, Bar Key Holder on duty, the Green Keeper or member of the Greens Committee on duty, the Competition Secretary, the Treasurer, the Catering Manager or persons deputising in these positions.

20.2 EXCO's approval must be obtained if other persons need to use the Club premises for parking, which approval will only be given if the circumstances warrant such parking.

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21. **PROBLEMS, DISPUTES OR COMPLAINTS**

Should any of the above arise between members and/or visitors, this shall be reported to a member of MANCO within twenty four (24) hours of the incident and MANCO should, where possible, deal with the incident within forty eight (48) hours of such incident, unless such incident has already been settled amicably. Members are referred to Section 13 of the Constitution.

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22. **FLAGS**

In the event the National Flag is flown on the Club premises, the flags will be flown in the following positions:

National Flag will be in the top position, the District flag, if flown, will be in the second position from the top and the Club flag will be flown at the same height as the District flag.

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23. **ARRIVALS AT SPONSORED COMPETITIONS AND ENTRIES**

23.1 Teams which fail to arrive for sponsored competitions without having advised the Competition Secretary by the latest the previous evening, of their inability to play, will be barred from entering that specific competition for the next two (2) months.

a. In the event there is an uneven entry for a sponsored competition, the last Club entry on the entry form will step down.

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- b. Where the last entry has stepped down as in 23.1 a. above, such entry shall automatically be regarded as the first entry for that specific sponsored competition for the following month.

24. **PLAYING DRESS**

24.1 **Club Competitions and Social Games**

White, cream or green or the officially registered new Club colours may be worn, or any other recognized bowling attire including that which has been awarded to a member, including sponsored clothing.

a. **Public Holidays and Sunday mornings**

For social bowls held on public holidays and/or Sunday mornings, players may wear ordinary clothes; provided the clothing is neat and bowling shoes must be worn.

b. **Club Representatives**

It is mandatory for members to wear the Club's registered colours when representing the Club in any league, competition or district tournament.

The entire team must be dressed uniformly.

Men are requested to wear long white or cream trousers when representing the Club in league competitions.

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25. **ENTRY FEES**

- 25.1. Any member or team representing the Club, who enters a Club, District, Kwazulu Natal or National competition, must place the stated entry fee in the slotted box at the Club office. Attached to the entry fee must be a note which reflects the entrant's name and the particular competition for which payment is made.

- a. Should the entry fee not be paid by the closing date for that particular event, the entry will be deleted from the entry list. The maxim "NO PAY, NO PLAY", will be enforced.

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26. **CLUB COMPETITIONS**

The following Club competitions will be played each year:

26.1 **Ladies**

Novice Singles
Handicap Singles
Open Singles
Nominated Pairs
Drawn Pairs

26.2 **Men**

Novice Singles
Handicap Singles
Open Singles
Nominated Pairs
Drawn Pairs

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26.3 Mixed Drawn Pairs.

26.4 Mixed Drawn Trips.

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27. ENTRY FOR CLUB COMPETITIONS

The respective Competition Secretaries, shall place notices on the Club Notice Boards advertising each competition at least twenty one (21) days prior to the proposed starting date.

- a. A draw for a Club competition must be done by the respective Competition Secretary together with at least one MANCO member or Selection Committee Member.
- b. The draw must be placed on the respective Club Notice Board at least ten (10) days before the commencement of the first round.
- c. It shall be each individual member's responsibility to check the draws and to be present on the day and time for which such member is carded to play.

A member or members of a team is responsible to advise the Competition Secretary in good time if such member or team is unable for good reason, to play on the date set down.

- d. National and/or District competitions or obligations, shall take preference over the dates set down for Club competitions.
- e. If both opponents agree and in exceptional circumstances, an alternative date and time may be considered.

The Competition Secretary must be informed in good time of the altered arrangement if possible.

- f. Where possible a postponed match should take place before the commencement of the next round.
- g. In the event a player or team defaults through their own fault or negligence and there are no reasonable extenuating circumstances, the opposition player or team may be granted a walk-over,

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in the stage of semi-finals or finals where such walk-over will not apply unless the defaulting player or team is unable to complete such competition due to ill health or other extreme circumstances.

- h. Substitutes in team competitions may be permitted.

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28. **SUSPENDED MEMBERS**

Any Club member who has been suspended in terms of the Club Constitution shall be banned from the Club premises and the use of all Club facilities.

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29. **CLUB AS HEAD QUARTERS**

29.1. In the event the Club is chosen as Head Quarters for any National, District or any other competition or tournament, the Club greens and facilities shall be handed over to the higher controlling body.

a. In such event, NO CLUB competitions or social bowls will be permitted at the Club on the days that the finals of the above competition, or tournament is played unless permission is granted by the higher controlling body.

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30. **ENTRY FOR SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALS**

The following procedure will be followed when a National side is selected:

30.1 All members who wish to attend the Nationals in the Fours event, are required to put their names on the Preliminary Entry Form which is posted on the Club Notice Board.

a. By placing their names on the Entry Form, such members indicate they are available to represent the Club.

b. The Selectors shall hold a meeting to select a side to represent the Club at least six (6) weeks before the closing date of such National Tournament.

c. The names of the members chosen as the Club representative side will be handed to MANCO who will exercise the right to approve such Club representative side or raise objections to one or more of the members selected.

d. The side approved by MANCO will be the side officially representing the Club at the National Fours Tournament and will be entitled to financial assistance from the Club, if the Club is able to render such financial assistance.

e. (i) Members are reminded that it is an honour to be chosen to represent the Club at the National Tournament. In the event members intend taking part in the Nationals their names must be put on the selection list for consideration by the Club.

(ii) In the event any member is not chosen by the Club such member may be permitted to make up a side to participate in the Nationals but will not be illegible for financial assistance by the Club.