

Raven Bowling Club Rules 2010

1. The Club shall be named **The Raven Bowling Club**, and is the dominant member of The Raven Sport Club.
2. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**
 - 2.1 O.A.P. £25.00 per annum
 - 2.2 Retired £25.00 includes all members who no longer have income from employment.
 - 2.3 Under 16 Free (includes juniors who still attend full-time education).
 - 2.4 All other members £40.00 per annum
 - 2.5 All subscriptions to be paid to Treasurer, Chairperson or Secretary. If members pay their subscriptions to any other person then they do so at their own risk. All subscriptions are inclusive of W&W insurance, details can be provided on request.
 - 2.6 All subscriptions are exclusive of British Crown Green Bowling Association registration. This registration fee (currently £6.00 for new bowlers and £2.00 for replacement cards) should be accompanied with membership application form to the Secretary.
 - 2.7 Fees reduced by 50% if a member joins after 50% of the Warwick and Worcester league games have been played.
 - 2.8 All subscriptions are exclusive of Refreshment and Registration (currently £10.00) which is payable by all members including Life, Honorary and other concessions to be paid in accordance with the rules that apply to subscriptions.
 - 2.9 New players who have not bowled before shall pay no subscriptions for the first year but shall be required to pay the clubs R&R (currently £10.00) and they must pay for the BCGBA life registration Number (currently £6.00) which is a one off fee.
3. **All subscriptions are payable on or before the 1st April.**
 - 3.1 Any member not fully paid up shall be suspended at the Management Committees discretion from using any of the Club's facilities; this is including all matches and competitions.
 - 3.2 Any member who has not paid their subscriptions shall be considered in arrears, and shall cease to be a member. The relevant Bowling Association shall be notified, preventing member from bowling for any other club and using any of the facilities of the Raven Bowling Club.
4. All members shall notify the Management Committee in writing of their desire to leave the Club at the end of the year.
5. All members selected for teams must notify their team captain as soon as possible if they are not available or they will be late arriving. Members not doing so may jeopardise their chances of future selection.

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6. TEA MONEY

- 6.1 £3.00 per player is payable, home and away at all W&W league matches only. This is only collectable where food is provided. This excludes matches at away venues where food is not provided or rearranged matches, including cancelled matches. The Management Committee will review this amount for amendment at AGM.
- 6.2 Persons responsible for collection of food money are Club Captain and Alliance Captain and shall pay Treasurer or nominated persons.
- 6.3 Members will make their own arrangements for Sunday games.

7. MERITS

- 7.1 Merits must be paid for by the closing date, determined by the Merit Secretary. The Raven Bowling Club shall pay no money, and members names will be deleted if payment is not received by that date. Please note that advanced payments for merits are accepted.
- 7.2 A minimum of four male members, no limit on lady members (in relation to lady only competitions) or over 60's when entering for a merit competition before the club will enter the merit, which may forfeit our own green. Also the Merit Secretary shall report to the Management Committee any possible clashes between merits and other matches or competitions, where it will be determined whether members shall be permitted to enter those merits.

8. SWEEPS – Shall not be compulsory, at the members discretion and run by them.

9. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 9.1 Shall consist of: Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Tote Committee Member, Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain, Alliance Captain, Green Keeper, Ladies Club Captain, Ladies Vice-Captain, Head of Projects.
- 9.2 Election of Officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.3 The Management Committee will meet during the first week of each month (usually Monday or Wednesday) at their convenience.
- 9.4 Management Committee meetings can be held as long as six Committee Members are present and at least one of the following are present and responsible for taking minutes of that meeting: Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer or Chairman.
- 9.5 Management Committee will have the power to appoint an officer in an emergency but such person shall not be able to vote on Committee matters until elected by the members at a general meeting.
- 9.6 The majority of the Management Committee will deal with any Committee person or Officer deemed not to carry out their duties or misbehaving.
- 9.7 Members wishing to bring matters to the attention of the Management Committee including complaints, grievances and suggestions for improvements, should be in writing, and notify a member of the Management Committee not less than one week before the Management Committee is due to meet.

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- 9.8 The Secretary to hold minutes of all meetings of the Bowling Club and also to have the names and addresses of all members of the Club.
- 9.9 The Secretary to be responsible for publication of fixtures and arranging Cup Matches and postponed League Matches after consultation with the respective Team Captain and inform the green keeper.
- 9.10 The Treasurer to keep an accurate account of all Money's received and paid, also to produce an audited balance sheet at the Annual General Meeting.

10. SELECTION COMMITTEE

- 10.1 Shall consist of: Club Captain, Vice Captain, Alliance Captain plus Captains of mid-week leagues plus Chairman who shall take charge of all meetings.
- 10.2 Selection shall be made of the following week's games including Cup Matches. The teams will be displayed in the Raven Bowling Pavilion on Sunday lunchtime.
- 10.3 Under no circumstances shall any member approach any one member of the Selection Committee. If a member is dissatisfied concerning selection they may ask for a meeting to be arranged in the Bowling Pavilion. They can then state their case and an explanation will be given. If still dissatisfied, they can ask that the matter be raised at Management level at the next meeting.

11. CLUB COMPETITIONS

- 11.1 Club competitions commence at 11 a.m. A break for lunch will take place after the first complete round or at approximately 1.30p.m. whichever is the soonest with restart 45 minutes after last game has finished. No amendments shall be made to the date without 14 days notice.
- 11.2 Members shall ensure that they are present at the time they are required to start playing. If not then they will be withdrawn from the competition and their opponent shall be placed in the next round of the competition.
- 11.3 Ladies competitions to commence at 2.00 p.m. on Sundays.
- 11.4 Fee of £2.00 for entry in Club Competitions.

12. EXISTING COMPETITIONS

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| 12.1 | Men's Club Championship | Scratch | |
| 12.2 | Ladies Championship | Scratch | |
| 12.3 | Men's Doubles | Scratch | Traditionally 1 st Competition of season. |
| 12.4 | Ladies Doubles | Scratch | Traditionally 1 st Competition of season. |
| 12.5 | Men's Peter Bedwood | Scratch | |
| 12.6 | Ladies Peter Bedwood | Scratch | |
| 12.7 | Men's Presidents | Handicap | |
| 12.8 | Men's Secretary | Handicap | |

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- 12.9 Ladies Rosina Handicap
- 12.10 Mixed Triples See 12.13
- 12.11 Memorial Trophy Mixed Pairs Traditionally May Day
- 12.12 An open mixed triples competition shall be organised for the August Bank Holiday. Non-members shall be eligible if accompanied by a member at a cost of £2.00 per person. Further details shall be posted in the Bowling Pavilion.
- 12.13 The Phil Ellett Novice Invitation Trophy shall be a Handicap Competition run separately from all other competitions.
- 12.14 The John Radcliffe Trophy. See rule 26
- 12.15 The Filly Bulwell arranged and run by Billy for the over 60's
- 12.16 All competitions may only run if at least 8 registered members are in attendance on the day to start the competition.

13. HANDICAPS

- 13.1 Handicaps shall be gained by two points winner, one point runner up to be added to the previous handicap at the end of each season.
- 13.2 Handicap gained in all competitions as except doubles.
- 13.3 No handicap greater than 12
- 13.4 All matches 21 up plus handicap
- 13.5 Members with over 3 years experience minimum handicap 2.
- 13.6 Members with over 5 years experience minimum handicap 3.
- 13.7 Ex Members rejoining Club-handicap to remain not less than handicap obtained during previous membership.
- 13.8 Handicaps to be reduced by one point for members not winning any trophies.
- 13.9 A record of all members' achievements and handicaps will be kept by the Trophy Officer and approved by the Management Committee and may be seen on request.

14. HEAD OF PROJECTS GREEN & SURROUNDS

- 14.1 Elected at the AGM. The Management Committee will deal with any complaints regarding the green upon request. Any suggestions for improvement will be appreciated and raised at Management level.
- 14.2 Remuneration to be determined at Management Committee.
- 14.3 Head of Projects will be empowered to delegate all tasks with the approval of the Committee.

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15. ALL MEMBERS

- 15.1 Any person wishing to become a member shall be proposed and seconded by two Club members and vetted by Management Committee.
- 15.2 The rules of Warwick and Worcester Bowling Association will apply to all games and it is the duty of all members to acquaint themselves with them. Handbooks are available to members upon request and by payment.
- 15.3 The Captain or Vice Captain in accordance with the Warwick and Worcester Rules will deal with any disputes during games. The Captains decision is final.
- 15.4 Flat heeled shoes must be worn on the green at all times. No heavily treaded training shoe will be permitted. Allowances shall be made to anyone with a disability.
- 15.5 TOTE All members **MUST** support the Tote. Any members selling tote will receive 10% commission or free subscriptions at the Management Committee's discretion, payable at the end of the financial year, subject to available funds.
- 15.6 Any member misbehaving or using bad language in the Raven Grounds, the Raven Public House or representing the Raven at away matches will be reported to the Management Committee where disciplinary action will be taken.
- 15.7 Any member not following club procedures or rules shall face disciplinary action by the Management Committee.
- 15.8 Keys to the Bowling Pavilion are available on request. A charge of £3.00 will be made to cover cost of cutting, refundable upon return of keys.
- 15.9 A players fee payment of 20p to be paid by All members when they play in any league and cup matches home and away, excluding Saturday Warwick and Worcester League games where rule 6.1 applies. The elected captain will collect this money or person nominated by such captain. In the event of a player receiving a bye the fee is still payable since the result is still recorded.

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16. AVERAGES

16.1 HOME GAMES

- 16.1.1 Win to single figures (21/0-9) 4 points
- 16.1.2 Win (21/21-21/10) 3 points
- 16.1.3 Lose (19/21 or 20/21) 1 point
- 16.1.4 Bye 3 points no plus on aggregate.

16.2 AWAY GAMES

- 16.2.1 Win (21/0-21/9) 8 points
- 16.2.2 Win (21/10-21/20) 6 points
- 16.2.3 Lose (20/21) 5 points
- 16.2.4 Lose (19/21) 4 points
- 16.2.5 Lose (18/21) 3 points
- 16.2.6 Lose (17/21) 2 points
- 16.2.7 Lose (16/21) 1 point
- 16.2.8 Bye 3 points no plus on aggregate

16.3 In the event a League is run with over 50% of the players being under 16 then a unique averages system will be adopted.

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17. HONORARIUMS AND OFFICIALS' PAYMENT

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| 17.1 | Secretary and Treasurer to be decided by Management Committee, but not to be raised by more than 10% each year. | |
| 17.2 | Green Cutting | £3.00 per cut |
| 17.3 | Ground Surround Officer
discretion as rule 14.2 | £25.00 per month at management committee |
| 17.4 | Tote Sub Committee | £4.00 per month |
| 17.5 | Saturday Food Preparation | £25.00 per spread |
| 17.6 | Chairman | £10.00 per annum |
| 17.7 | Captains | £10.00 per annum |
| 17.8 | Trophy Officer | £25.00 per annum |
| 17.9 | Fixtures Officer | £30.00 per season including printing |
| 17.10 | Benevolent Officer | £10.00 per annum |
| 17.11 | Merit Secretary | £10.00 per annum |
| 17.12 | Green Attendant | £3.00 per match |
| 17.13 | Club Competition Organiser | £6.00 per competition |

- 18.** Anyone who accepts lifts offers to contribute to expenses.
- 19.** Any committee persons or members ordering goods for the Club shall obtain the Management's Committee's approval prior to any guarantee of purchase.
- 20.** Members and Captains are to ensure that the Pavilion and Raven Grounds are left in a secure and tidy condition. Glasses must be returned to the Public House Bar.
- 21.** The Club holds no responsibility for any property left in the Pavilion.
- 22.** Any member wishing to stand for office and is unable to attend the Annual General Meeting must send a letter stating for which office he is available to stand.

23. CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

This is to be awarded for outstanding endeavours during the season. To be determined by the Management Committee. The trophy will not necessarily be awarded each year and shall remain the most prestigious trophy.

24. GUEST GREEN FEES 50p

All members may take a guest upon the green. Any members doing so are responsible for ensuring their guest pay the said fee.

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25. CLUB BENEVOLENT FUND

- 25.1 To be funded by Club charity competitions and other specified activities within the Club. To provide finance for tributes and other charity expenses.
- 25.2 All records made by the Benevolent Fund Officer controlled by Management Committee and an Audited Balance sheet provided at the AGM.

26. JOHN RADCLIFFE TROPHY

- 26.1 The Competition to be run on an ongoing yearly basis and to be managed by a Committee nominated by the Management Committee.

27. LIFE AND HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

- 27.1 Life membership can only be proposed by Club Members
- 27.2 Proposals for Honorary Membership can be any person who has provided outstanding services to the Club, and/or Club Members with Management Committee approval.
- 27.3 Notice of Motion for proposals for Life and Honorary Membership must be made to the Management Committee according to Club Rules.

28. LIFE MEMBERS.

Shall pay no subscriptions but shall pay the clubs R&R each year and will be able to attend all general meetings.

29. HONORARY MEMBER

Membership with all rights to attend general meetings, vote and play in Club Competitions. Subscriptions will be due from honorary members wanting to play in League or Cup Matches. These Members will not automatically be registered to play for the Raven Bowling Club. Honorary Membership proposals shall have a time period assigned. Time period may be between 1 and 5 years maximum but may be reviewed by the Management Committee at the end of each year.

30. GUEST MEMBERSHIP

Temporary Membership are for Club Competitions only. No rights to attend meetings to vote. This membership will be agreed by the Management Committee only (usually for the John Radcliffe Trophy).