

BRITISH GAMES CLUB

Bowls Section Byelaws

THE PLAYERS

- 1 The bowls section of the British Games Club comprises 'Regular' and 'Casual' bowlers.
- 2 Regular bowlers must be members of the British Games Club, and will pay the current fee to play in the section for a period of seven consecutive months or three consecutive months. Those regular bowlers who elect to play for seven months will be admitted to the competition lists and will have full section voting rights. Those who elect to play for three months will also be admitted to the competition lists but will have no section voting rights.
- 3 Persons who play for a period of less than three months will be deemed to be Casual bowlers, and will pay a fee applicable to the length of time they wish to avail themselves of the bowling section facilities. Casual bowlers will have no section voting rights. Membership of the British Games Club is recommended but not mandatory.
- 4 Residents may become Casual bowlers. They cannot play in competitions. Full members and three-month members will take precedence. In addition to daily playing fees, a further fee of €5 is required to become a social member of the British Games Club.
- 5 Bowlers must familiarise themselves with the Rules, Regulations, and Etiquette set out in the booklet displayed on the bowls section notice board and held by the Captain and the Bowls Committee members.
- 6 Bowls are played on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We aim to commence bowling 2pm sharp, therefore bowlers should ensure that they are in attendance at least 15 minutes before the starting time.

- 7 All players are expected to assist in clearing the playing area. Bowls and equipment must be returned to the locker room after play. The bowls section has several sets of bowls that may be borrowed on a daily basis. They cannot be reserved.
- 8 During play all bowlers must wear appropriate, respectable clothing. Bowlers playing in a competition must wear appropriate white clothing. Sleeveless vest tops are not permitted at any time.
- 9 All bowlers are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectable, sporting and unlikely to cause offence to other bowlers, spectators, or other users of Alvaro's sports centre.

MANAGEMENT OF THE SECTION

- 10 An elected Captain, responsible to the British Games Club Executive Committee for organising the playing and social activities of the Section, heads the Section. He or she is also responsible for the proper control of the accounting procedures for all monies generated by the section.
- 11 An annual meeting of the bowls section must be called and a report of the content of this meeting must be prepared for presentation to the British Games Club. This is to be presented at the Annual General Meeting, which is normally held in January or February.
- 12 Only bowlers who have elected to join for seven months may attend the annual meeting. The President or the Vice-President of the British Games Club may also attend.
- 13 At the annual meeting of the bowls section, the Captain can be re-elected by a show of hands. However, a majority of those members present may request a ballot.
- 14 The Captain will appoint a committee. This will normally comprise a Vice-Captain, Competition Secretary, Treasurer and Social Secretary. He may co-opt onto the committee up to three other regular seven-month bowlers.

- 15 A quorum for the committee will be three members, including the Captain or Vice-Captain.
- 16 In the event of the Captain being unable to continue in his or her post during the year, a special meeting will be called by the British Games Club Executive to appoint a new Captain.
- 17 Other meetings of the bowls section may be called as required. The bowls committee should meet on a regular basis. If these meetings are to be held at Alvaro's, permission must be obtained.

GENERAL POINTS

- 18 A notice board for the use of the British Games Club is provided. Personal or commercial notices may only be posted with his permission.
- 19 It is a requirement of the British Games Club that the bowls section opens its social events to all members, and advertises them on the Bowls, Tennis and British Library notice boards. The bowling section will comply with this, however priority will be given to bowlers and their partners.
- 20 When a fee is due for a social function, such fee should be paid at least seven days before the due date.