

MEMBERS' CHARTER

As a playing member of Hayling Island Bowls Club I agree to abide by the following charter:

MEMBERSHIP

1. I understand that I am part of an amateur club run by its members and will take personal responsibility for contributing to the collective effort in whatever way my physical abilities and skills allow.
2. I will respect and support the work of elected club officers and other volunteers, and will undertake any reasonable duties as requested by the Management Committee.
3. I understand there will be a duty rota. I will carry out my duties to a high standard and will find a substitute should I be unable to fulfil them as required.
4. I acknowledge that the club is self-funded and will help in fund raising activities.
5. I will pay my membership subscription and my match fees promptly.

GENERAL

1. I will set a good example to promote the Club's values.
2. I will wear flat / soft shoes on the bowling green (i.e. no open toed shoes or sandals) and ensure that correct bowling actions are adhered to (i.e. no bouncing or actions which would damage the carpet surface and the structure of the green).
3. I will wear the designated club kit for matches against external opponents.
4. I will respect all venues and facilities, whether home or away, to preserve their condition and the relationships with other clubs.
5. I will act responsibly with social media and other forms of communications within the public domain related to the bowls club and will immediately remove any offending material when requested by the Management Committee.
6. If there is something about the club that I don't like, I will convey this to the Management Committee rather than vote with my feet or grumble to others.
7. I understand that the club has a disciplinary clause in the constitution which can be activated in the event that I persistently or seriously breach any part(s) of this charter. Sanctions could include suspension or expulsion.
8. I acknowledge that the club does not hold personal injury insurance cover and will make my own private arrangements.

SPORTSMANSHIP

1. I will play to win, but within the rules and in a manner to protect the safety of myself, opponents, team-mates and spectators.
2. I will respect opponents on and off the green, displaying dignity in both victory and defeat.
3. I will be sociable towards visiting teams and their guests, ensuring they are offered directions, refreshments and anything else they may require in my capacity as a good host.
4. I will be sociable and encouraging with my team-mates.

TEAM SELECTION

1. I will accept the decisions of the Club's captains / selection committee with respect to selection.
2. I understand that teams will not necessarily be selected on playing ability alone. Erratic availability, withdrawal at late notice, Club roll-up attendance are all considered legitimate selection criteria as part of a non-exhaustive list.