

Caerleon Bowling Club

All Ages - All Abilities

General Information Pack

1. Affiliation

We are a Sporting and Social Club. We are affiliated to Welsh Bowling Association, Monmouthshire Bowling Association (MBA), Newport Bowling Association (NBA) and Gwent Bowling Association (GBL)

2. Club Matches

You will be given plenty of notice as to the dates and location of our matches. These are posted on the notice board throughout the season, and each member is given a pocket sized fixture card.

2.1 Availability Sheets

- ✓ Availability Sheets will be on display for all up coming matches. They can be found at the notice board in the Pavilion.
- ✓ It is important to note that you should only enter your name on any match sheet if you are available and want to be selected.
- ✓ All members are encouraged to make themselves available for as many matches as possible.

2.2 Team Selection

The selection committee will normally meet every Monday at the Pavilion.

Team sheets

- ✓ Team sheets (including reserves) for up coming games will be displayed on the notice board at the Pavilion and on the club website and Facebook page
- ✓ You will be given plenty of notice as to the dates and times for all matches. (Normally at least one week ahead)
- ✓ Please check the notice board to see if you have been picked and for any changes of date or venue. You must tick off on the team sheet at the earliest opportunity to confirm your availability. Any change of availability must be advised to the Team Captain a.s.a.p.
- ✓ Where we are travelling for away fixtures, those that require a lift will find information on the Team Sheets, this will show pick up times from the local car park. (It is important not to be late)

2.3 Reserves

- ✓ It is anticipated that if you have entered your name for selection you would be happy to be considered as a reserve.
- ✓ Please ensure that as a reserve you will be ready to travel up to within half hour of start time for home matches and one hour for away games. (See advisory note for Reserves on club notice board)

2.4 Dress code

- ✓ For away games you should travel to matches wearing grey trousers/white shirt and club tie/dark blazer. (Club tie and blazer badge can be purchased from Treasurer)
- ✓ Afternoon matches: Appropriate shoes, white trousers and club/white top for most matches. (Unless instructed otherwise)
- ✓ Evening matches: Appropriate shoes, grey trousers and club/white top for most matches (Unless instructed otherwise)
- ✓ Club competitions and league matches: Appropriate shoes, grey trousers club top (Unless instructed otherwise)

2.5 Match Fees to Cover Catering Costs

- ✓ Weekend games £3:00 (provide a meal)
- ✓ Mid Week Evening games £2:00 (provide bread and cheese)
- ✓ Over 60's Games and NBA £1:00 (provide tea and biscuits)
- ✓ Cost for raffle tickets at each game £1:00
(Raffles prizes supplied by hosts)

2.6 Match Food

- ✓ For all weekend home matches we have our own caterer who will prepare a meal for both teams after the match. A similar meal is also provided at away games by the host club.
- ✓ For midweek games i.e. the GBL and Over 60's tea and biscuits are provided during break or at the end of the match.
- ✓ If any member (both teams) has any special dietary requirements they must inform the team captain who will pass this on to the caterers.

2.7 Role of Each Player

In the team game there are usually three or four rinks of four players per side. Each player has two bowls which will be bowled alternately with their opposite number. Each member of the rink also has specific duties summarized below.

- ✓ ***The Lead*** is the person who plays first in fours (rinks) game. The lead is responsible for setting the mat and delivering the jack to start the end.
- ✓ ***The Second*** in a fours (rinks) game is the player who plays second. The second is responsible for marking the scorecard if asked to do so by the skip.
- ✓ ***Third*** is the third player to play in a fours (rinks) game. The third is normally responsible, with his corresponding opponent, for deciding the result of an end, i.e. who is holding shot and how many shots have been scored. The skips however have the final say in this in the event of any dispute.
- ✓ ***The Skip*** is responsible for his rink. The skip is always last to play and will direct the play during each end. The other players in a team must follow the skip's instructions. The skip is responsible for the scorecard but may delegate this task to The Second.

3. Club Handbook

We produce a handbook each year with all of our current members contact details along with all of our upcoming fixtures. It also contains other information such as who is on our committee, Officers and dates of functions. This is handy for arranging internal competitions and for car sharing duties.

4. Club Night

We have a weekly club night to which all are invited. This is an opportunity for new members to come along and meet everyone. This will include coaching and practice and sharing of experiences. Equipment including bowls is available for use but participants must bring their own flat-soled shoes

5. Communications - Notice Board/Website/Facebook

There is some information on our Notice Board and our website www.caerleonbowlsclub.co.uk please take the time to look at both. We also have a Facebook page available called '*Friends of Caerleon Bowling Club*', this a closed group created for information updates and general club conversation.

6. Competitions

We have many internal Club competitions all of which are keenly contested, it is hoped that you will get involved in as many as you feel able to. All of our Club competition formats are available on the website/notice board.

As we are affiliated to WBA & NBA you are also eligible to enter into County and District competitions but you would be expected to do this under your own steam, however there are many experienced members who can guide you.

7. Constitution and Club Management Committee

A written framework on how we run our Club, including the roles and responsibilities of all club officers. A copy is always available on the club notice board.

8. Equipment (recommended for members)

- ✓ Club ties
- ✓ Bowls x 4 – and a bowls bag to keep and carry them in.
- ✓ Cap – keeps the rain off your glasses or on rare occasions stops the sun blinding you.
- ✓ Club or white top.
- ✓ Diary – lots of fixtures to keep track of.
- ✓ Hand towel – to wipe any grass clippings and debris off of your bowls & dry your hands and bowls.
- ✓ Shoes – flat soled. (You must have separate shoes for wearing on the green)
- ✓ Wet proofs and a jumper.
- ✓ White (x 1 pair) & grey (x 1 pair) trousers.
- ✓ Suntan cream (it can get hot out there, we hope)
- ✓ Money (for match day fees i.e. Food, Raffle, Drinks)

9. Non-essentials – Only if you progress to act as a marker for any matches.

- ✓ Chalk, pen & string measure

10. Meetings

We hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the Club Pavilion around the middle of November. You will be able to vote on all matters relating to the Bowling Club at this meeting, including the selection of club officers and selectors for the upcoming year. All members are entitled to put their names forward for any management role, including Selection Committee.

We also hold a Pre Season Meeting mid March to discuss upcoming events, fixtures and fees.

11. Money

Always bring some along preferably change or small notes as we have a fully stocked fridge in the pavilion and fully licensed bar which is in a separate building at the Club.

12. Parking / Car share

There is ample parking outside the green, however it can get busy on match days so please do try and get there early if you need a space close to the entrance. We try and car share for away matches, so please ask around for a lift or offer to drive every now and then so the load gets shared around.

13. Pavilion

There are changing facilities at the green you should turn up in plenty of time so you can change into the appropriate dress and footwear for your match. In the pavilion outside match days there is a small kitchen area where you can make a hot drink and also a well-stocked fridge where you can purchase assorted beverages.

Please note that on match days the kitchen area is for catering staff use only but we do have a well stocked separate bar building for use by both teams on match days.

14. Roll ups (Practice)

You will be given a key code for the main and back entrance so you can access the green at a time to suite. There is a diary in the pavilion for rink booking you will be shown how this process works. (There is an instruction posted on the notice board advising of the rink booking procedure and priorities).

Please use the green and practise as often as you have the time to do so. **Don't forget to lock everything up if you are the last one to leave.**

Please Note:

It is important to check the diary for availability as we share the green with the Ladies and NAC

However the following times are reserved: -

- ✓ Mondays 2-4PM is generally reserved for CBC/NAC ladies practise.
- ✓ Monday evenings are normally NAC club night
- ✓ Thursday evenings are normally CBC club night

15. Safety / Security

During a match the Pavilion is open at all times. Whilst security is not usually an issue, please do not take unnecessary valuable items along to the green lock them in your car if you have to have them with you.

16. Social Side

On the social side after most Men's/Mixed matches we retire to the bar for drinks and a natter.

We arrange a number of barbeques and quiz nights throughout the year, which are well attended and open to all member's friends and family.

There is also the annual club tour which takes place during the playing season and all members are encouraged come along.

We also have a presentation and social night mid October or November this is held locally in the Newport area.

As a member you are entitled to use the Pavilion whenever you wish, you can check out upcoming events on our notice board in the Pavilion, on our website or Facebook page.

17. Subscriptions

Are due annually around March/April time. You should pay at the Pre-season meeting. Anyone joining mid season will pay a pro-rata rate.

18. Volunteers

We have a group of volunteers that maintain the grounds, the pavilion and serve in the bar and would welcome any additional helpers on match days.