



FERNDOWN BOWLS CLUB

Ferndown Bowls Club Health and Safety Policy

1. Policy Statement

Ferndown bowls club is committed to providing and maintaining a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment for all members and visitors.

The Club recognizes its responsibility to protect the health, safety, and welfare of everyone involved in its activities. Our goal is to prevent accidents, injuries, and ill health by managing risks effectively and promoting good practices both on and off the green.

Health and safety are everyone's responsibility — together we aim to ensure that Ferndown Bowls Club remains a safe and enjoyable place to play.

2 Responsibilities

2.1. Club Committee

- Ensure compliance with all relevant health and safety legislation.
- Maintain safe facilities, including the greens, clubhouse, car park, and storage areas.
- Conduct regular risk assessments and inspections.
Provide appropriate first aid equipment and ensure emergency procedures are in place.
- Keep accurate records of incidents, accidents, and corrective actions.
Communicate safety information clearly to all members and visitors.

2.2. Members and Players

- Take reasonable care for their own health and safety and that of others.
- Follow all club safety rules and the directions of club officials.
- Report hazards, unsafe conditions, or accidents immediately to a committee member.
- Use club equipment responsibly and report any faults or damage.
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for bowling conditions.

2.3 Visitors and Spectators

Must comply with all club safety rules and follow directions from officials.

Remain in designated spectator areas and keep clear of the green during play.

3. Risk Management and Safety Measures

3.1 Playing Area

- The green and surrounds shall be inspected regularly for hazards such as uneven surfaces, loose materials, or slippery areas.



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- Play shall be suspended in hazardous weather (e.g., lightning, heavy rain, extreme heat).
- Equipment such as mats, jacks, and boundary markers must be in good condition and used correctly.

3.2 Equipment Safety

- All bowling equipment and maintenance tools shall be checked for defects.
- Any damaged or unsafe equipment shall be removed from use immediately.

3.3 Personal Safety

- Members are encouraged to wear footwear that provides good grip and ankle support.
- Adequate sun protection (hat, sunscreen, water) is strongly advised during outdoor play.
- Members with medical conditions should inform the club of any relevant precautions or emergency needs.

4. Clubhouse and Grounds

- Fire exits must remain unobstructed at all times.
- The clubhouse shall be kept clean, tidy, and free from trip hazards.
- First aid kits shall be maintained and accessible.
- Electrical appliances shall be inspected regularly. The responsibility for this is with KGV.

5. Emergencies and First Aid

- Emergency contact numbers and procedures shall be displayed clearly in the clubhouse.
- All incidents, accidents, and near misses must be recorded in the Accident Report Book and reviewed by the committee.
- In an emergency, members must follow the evacuation plan and gather at the designated assembly point.

6. Training and Communication

- New members will receive an induction that includes key health and safety information.
- Safety notices and updates will be displayed on the clubhouse noticeboard and communicated at meetings.
- The Club will review and update procedures as necessary to reflect best practice and legal requirements.



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7. Risk Assessments

All procedures are outlined in the separate Risk Assessment policy which includes procedures and checklists

8. Basic Food Hygiene and Kitchen Rules:

The following kitchen rules outline responsibilities using the kitchen:

- Only maximum of three people behind the table.
- Wipe surface with detergent and wash hands
- Any spillages must be dealt with immediately.
- Keep all preparation areas clean and wash any dishcloths, T-towels or towels regularly on a hot wash.
- Work safely around kettles
- Cuts need to be covered with waterproof dressings (preferably blue). An apron must be worn, and clothes must be free from hanging sleeves.
- Do not cough or sneeze over food and wash hands after touching the mouth or nose.
- Always practice safe knife skills
- Freezer should be below -18C. Fridge below 5C..
- Wipe all fridge spillages immediately.
- Never leave uncovered food out on the work surface.

Nothing is more important than hand washing.

9. Adoption And Review

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