

Camden Bowling Club

Information and Induction Sheet



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On behalf of all the members of the Camden Bowling Club welcome to our great Club and the great sport of lawn bowls. The Club has been in existence since 1939 so we do have a long history and the Club is an icon of the Camden landscape.

You may be new to the game, an experienced bowler, or a social member but the following information and policies apply to all our Members. So please take the time to read this and understand what we expect of you as a Member of Camden Bowling Club. Should you have any questions please ask a Club Coach, President, or Secretary.

- a. First and foremost, we are an inclusive Club with a clear code of conduct. We are not tolerant of harassment, discriminatory behavior, vilification, or anything that will adversely affect our Members well-being or bring our Club into disrepute. Please check the 'Play by the Rules' web site for further information related to this. Our Club always endorses this code. Swearing and/or bad behavior on the greens are not tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary action.
- b. The Camden Bowling Club is a self-funded bowling Club and, in most respects, is like any other community based, not for profit, sporting body. We receive no financial support from the licensed Camden Sports Club. We are two different identities and businesses. To this end we encourage all members to participate in organized bowls events as often as possible and to support the Bowling Club in any other way you can. We do rely solely on voluntary support to keep the Club alive.
- c. Both the Men's and Ladies Club have a President. Should you have any issues regarding a problem with the Club or membership they are your first point of contact. You should talk to either the Men's or Ladies President regarding any matters of concern. If you have any issues regarding the Club that you are not happy with, please talk to a Member of the Board of the Men's Club or an Executive of the Ladies Club and discuss it. There is always potential for misunderstandings or personal clashes. These we try to arbitrate on to keep harmony in the Club. Our aim is that everybody enjoys their time at the Club.
- d. Your safety is our main concern and we are pro active in helping to make this happen. Please listen to the coach regarding on green safety and green surrounds issues. We do have a number of accredited first aid officers who are usually at the Club should they be required. Sunscreen is also available in the Men's locker room so please make good use of that. Wearing of hats and appropriate clothing in adverse weather conditions is also expected of all Members.
- e. Green activities include Tuesday and Thursday mixed socials. Wednesday is Ladies Day. Saturday is mixed social. Fridays may also be used as the Ladies alternate day. Greens are closed on Mondays and must not be used unless there is an organized event. Social roll ups are not permitted at any time while there are any organised competitions in progress unless approved by the Controlling Body. This includes, by not limited to, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday socials, club championships and Regional games.
- f. We do have a dress code and we expect all members to be neatly dressed on our greens at all times. The Men do have some stock of Club uniforms available for sale which should be worn during Club events. We also have a Club social shirt that can be worn for all but Association events. Please see one of the committee members for further information.
 - For Club days, the following dress rules apply;

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- Tuesday and Thursday socials – clean and tidy dress. For the men, as a minimum, this shall be dress shorts or pants, collared shirt and approved bowling shoes. Dress track suit pants may be worn in the colder months.
 - Wednesday is Ladies Day where the Ladies uniform is required unless otherwise specified for that day.
 - Saturday is traditionally the Men's day when most of the Men's championships are played. If green space allows there is usually a social game organised where Ladies are most welcome to play. The Club uniform for the Men and Ladies shall be worn on this day. For the Men, this is Club or Club social shirt or plain white polo shirt, white or royal blue bowls shorts or pants.
 - For social roll ups, clean and tidy clothing are all that is required.
 - For all Association events the Club uniform must be worn which needs to incorporate the BA logo and conform to Bowls NSW attire requirements.
 - Approved bowls shoes must be always worn on the greens. (An allowance for flat sole thongs may be worn in roll ups and non organised events).
 - Bowls shoes come in many different brands and types. Some shoes are not permitted on the greens. Please see a coach to get the correct information on approved bowls shoes.
 - Lawn bowls are also wide ranging in manufacturer, size, and design. Again, please see the coach to get the right information for the bowls that will suit you.
- g. Please take the time to review the notice boards. This is where all the necessary information is posted for upcoming events and what is going on in the Club.
- h. Coaching is available to all members free of charge. All our coaches are accredited with Bowls Australia and the Australian Sports Commission. Should you feel you need any help with your game from technique to skills training please give them a call. All new members must see a Club coach prior to playing at Camden.
- i. Camden Bowling Club does have a smoking and vaping policy as follows;
- Camden Bowling Club have confirmed its existing policy regarding the consideration of other members and ask that players and spectators refrain from smoking and vaping on the greens and immediate surrounds during official bowls matches. Your attention is directed to the designated smoking areas provided by the licensed club. All players and spectators are also reminded that it is against the law to smoke and or vape in the vicinity of an organized sporting event. This may incur an on the spot fine by the relevant government body.
- j. Whenever you use the greens for a social a roll up please make use of the rinks furthest from the main building. Excessive wear of the rinks closer to the building is an ongoing issue.
- k. We do have a web site which contains an abundance of information regarding our Club. Please make use of this. This site will give you all the information regarding who the Board Members are and who is on our committees and other relevant information you may want to know about the Club.

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The web address is - www.camdenbowlingclub.com.au or www.camdenramsbcb.com.au

- l. We also have a Facebook page which is used for passing information between Members. Please link to that to get club info including inclement weather information.
- m. We have several JP's who are happy to assist you should you have the need.
- n. The Club has a comprehensive indemnity insurance policy for all Members. Should you injure yourself while playing bowls you must inform a committee member as soon as possible.
- o. Playing bowls during inclement weather or in the heat of the day may necessitate a game being called off by Officials of the Club. Should this happen you are required to follow their direction. Should you feel personally, that you are unable to continue in a game due to the weather or your health, you should inform the people you are playing with and discontinue your game. You are responsible for your own well-being if you don't feel well.
- p. Lockers are available to all full members, if available, should you wish to have one. These are at no charge. Please see one of the Committee.
- q. We do run a 200 Club lucky draw competition each month which goes towards the running of the Club. Tickets are \$20 each with the top prize being \$1500. We encourage all Members, if you are able, to support this. Please see the Treasurer should you wish to purchase a lucky number.
- r. Finally, all the Committee and Members wish you a happy and enjoyable experience with our Club. We pride ourselves on being a friendly social Club who enjoy the company of other like-minded people. Many friendships have been forged by becoming a member of the Club and we all hope that this is one of the outcomes you achieve with the Club.

Again, welcome and good bowling