

ST. JAMES'S GATE

BOWLING CLUB

Rule Book.

St. James's Gate B.C.

Iveagh Grounds Crumlin, Dublin 12.

CLUB & COMPETITION RULES

Revised 2025

ST. JAMES'S GATE BOWLING CLUB.

RULES.

1. TITLE.

The name of the club shall be the St. James's Gate Bowling Club.

2. COLOURS OF THE CLUB.

The colours of the Club shall be Royal Blue and Gold.

3. OBJECTS.

The objects of the Club shall be to promote, foster and regulate the game of Bowls according to the CODE of LAWS as adopted by the INTERNATIONAL BOWLING BOARD.

4. MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is open to all members of the public subject to the approval of the Bowling Committee. APPLICATION for membership must be made in writing on forms provided for the purpose.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual subscription shall be fixed at the A.G.M. payable to the Hon. Treasurer on or before the last Saturday in April each year.

From this subscription all appropriate fees due to the

I.B.A. shall be paid by the Hon.

Treasurer at the time appointed for such payments to be made.

6. OFFICE BEARERS.

The OFFICERS of the

PRESIDENT, CAPTAIN, HON, TREASURER HON. SECRETARY.

7. COMMITTEE.

A. COMMITTEE to be called the BOWLING CLUB COMMITTEE, shall be appointed to regulate all matters connected with, or arising out of playing of the game of BOWLS, the playing of matches and competition, the fixing and collecting of subscriptions and fees and the provision of prizes.

The COMMITTEE shall consist of the PRESIDENT the CAPTAIN, the HON. SECRETARY, the HON.

TREASURER, the CAPTAIN of the "B" team, the CAPTAIN of the "C" team, COMPETITION SECRETARY, B.L.I. REPRESENTATIVE and two other members; three to form a quorum which shall include 2 Officers.

8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The COMMITTEE shall meet once a week during the playing season. A meeting of the COMMITTEE may be summoned at any time, at the discretion of the PRESIDENT or on a

requisition addressed to the Hon. Sec. signed by three or more members of the COMMITTEE, specifying the nature of the business for which the meeting is required.

9. CHAIRMAN.

The PRESIDENT or, in his absence, the CAPTAIN, or failing both, the senior member present shall take the chair at all meetings of the COMMITTEE.

10. VOTING.

In the case of an equality of votes the CHAIRMAN shall have a second or casting vote in addition to his deliberate vote, but may, if he so desires, abstain from voting.

11. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE.

The OFFICERS and COMMITTEE shall, except as provided for in RULE 13 of RULES, be elected at the AGM and hold office until the next AGM.

12. CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION.

The names of the Candidates for election as Hon.

OFFICERS or as members of the Committee must be proposed and seconded on the forms provided and handed to Hon. Secretary at least seven days before the AGM and the election, if so demanded shall be by ballot.

All members of the Club shall be eligible for OFFICERSHIPS and COMMITTEE and have full voting powers at the AGM and COMMITTEE meetings.

13. VACANCIES.

Vacancies for HON. OFFICERS or member COMMITTEE occurring during the year may be filled by the COMMITTEE.

14. SELECTION COMMITTEE.

The COMMITTEE shall decide the handicapping of members and select teams to represent the

CLUB other than LEAGUE and CUP TEAMS, these teams to be selected by their respective CAPTAINS and presented to the COMMITTEE for their approval.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING shall held in the third week in October for the purpose of:-

- A. Considering the reports of the HON. OFFICER
- B. The election of HON. OFFICERS and members of the Committee.
- C. The revision of RULES.
- D. The transaction of such other business as may arise in connection with the affairs of the CLUB

16. NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

At least seven days notice of the AGM shall be given to each member. Notices of motion should be handed in at least four days before the AGM.

17. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING may be summoned at the discretion of the COMMITTEE or on a requisition to the HON. SECRETARY SIGNED by at least eight members stating the business to be brought forward. Seven days notice of every such meeting shall be given to each member.

18. DUTIES OF SECRETARY.

The HON. SECRETARY shall perform such duties as the Committee may from time to time require and in particular unless otherwise determined by the COMMITTEE:-

- A. HON SEC shall summon and attend all meetings of the CLUB of any SUB-COMMITTEE if so required and shall keep minutes thereof.
- B. And shall make such returns relating to the CLUB as the COMMITTEE may require.

C. And shall have charge of the documents and other papers the property of the CLUB and shall keep such other property of the CLUB as the CLUB direct.

19. THE TREASURER.

The HON. TREASURER shall be responsible for the receiving of all fees and subscriptions due to the CLUB, payment of all accounts and the keeping of proper record of all receipts and disbursements made on behalf of the CLUB.

20. BANKERS.

All monies received shall be lodged to the account of the St. James's Gate Bowling Club.

21. WITHDRAWALS.

Monies can only be withdrawn from the Bank over the signatures of any two of the following, the HON. TREASURER, the HON. SECRETARY and the PRESIDENT.

22. EXPENDITURE.

All expenditure on behalf of the CLUB must be sanctioned by the COMMITTEE.

23. SELECTION OF TEAMS.

The team shall be selected not later than the Tuesday preceding for Saturday matches and not later than the Monday for Vets matches.

24. MATCH PLAY.

The CAPTAIN shall have complete command of his team during match play.

25. LOCKERS.

Lockers in the BOWLERS ROOM, if AVAILABLE, may be acquired on application to the COMMITTEE.

26. CLOSING OF GREEN.

The COMMITTEE may close or reserve any or all the rinks on the GREEN at their discretion. The decision as to whether the Green is in a fit condition for play shall rest with the Greenkeeper.

27. GRIEVANCES.

Any member having a grievance or cause of concern may give notice in writing, signed notice to apply, to the HON. SECRETARY, who shall bring the matter before the COMMITTEE for consideration at their next meeting.

28. ALTERATION OF RULES.

The foregoing RULES shall not be altered or repealed nor shall any new RULE be made, except at a GENERAL MEETING of the BOWLING CLUB.

29. DRESS CODE.

The Club Dress Code conforms with ILBA Rules.

Dark Blue or Black Blazer with Club Crest, White Shirt, Club Tie, Grey Slacks/Skirts.

To be worn Saturday and Sunday League and Cup Matches, Opening Day, Club Finals, Touring, and at the request of the Committee.

Club colours to be worn during Matches on these days.

COMPETITION RULES.

1. COMPETITION COMMITTEE.

This shall comprise of the President, Club Captain, Honorary Secretary, and the Competition Secreta The President shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie vote.

2. COMMITTEE'S AUTHORITY.

The Competitions Committee is empowered to make all arrangements for the playing of Competitions, Tournaments etc., subject to resolutions passed at AGM's pertaining to such Competitions. The Committee's decision on all matters connected with such Competitions, Tournaments etc. shall be final.

3. COMPETITION FEES.

Competition Fees for Internal Club Competitions must be paid to the Competition Secretary as directed by the General Committee. Fees ideally should be paid when submitting entry forms, but must be not later than the closing date for entry to ILBA's competitions. Failure to comply with this rule incurs automatic disqualification from Club Competitions.

4. COMPETITION SHEETS.

Proper regulation Match Sheets to be used for all Club Competitions, which should be displayed on the Club Notice Board.

5. MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

The onus is on the contestants to arrange a day by mutual consent, and if at all possible before the closing date. Games in all competitions, unless an extension is granted, shall be played no later than the appointed closing date.

6. COMPETITION CARDS.

Score Cards must be used for all Club Competitions Matches. Card will not be accepted unless fully completed.

i.e.

Name of Competition.

Date.

Handicap's.

Final Score.

Duly Signed.

Competition Score Cards to be placed in the locked Competition Box provided. Keys of same to be held by the Competition Secretary and the Club Captain.

These Officers are the ONLY people authorised to make any entries on the Competition Sheets.

7. HANDICAPS.

All Singles Matches will be played to twenty one shots.

Lesser Handicap Player to play to twenty one, Higher Handicap player to play to twenty one plus the difference in the handicaps.

8. SKIPS.

Rinks shall appoint a Skip. In the event of a dispute as to who shall Skip in pairs, triples or rinks matches, it shall be deemed that the highest handicap player shall skip.

9. EXTENSIONS.

Extensions to closing date shall be granted in

EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES ONLY, such as

ILBA representative games or immediate family bereavement. If the contestants are given an extension and cannot agree on a date, then the Committee shall fix a date for the match.

10. WALK-OVERS.

Walk-Over Cards, signed by the attending competitor and a neutral member of the Club, must be placed in the Competition Box on the closing date. Failure to comply with this rule will entail elimination from the competition. If an opponent signs a Walk-Over Card this will be deemed as valid.

11. RINK RESERVATIONS.

Competitors may not place bowls on the green in order to reserve any particular rink for their own game.

12. DRAW FOR CHOICE OF RINKS.

When two or more matches are due to be played, a draw will be made by entering the opponent name in the draw. (i.e. "The Opponent" shall be deemed to be the player drawn on the bottom of the competition. The challenger shall be deemed to be the player drawn on top)

In the case of pairs, triples or rinks matches, any opponent's name may be entered in the draw. In the event of the opponent not being present at the time of the draw, then the challenger may draw for choice of rink. i.e. First name out has choice of all rinks, etc. Draw for rinks will take place between 6.15 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. from the start of season.

13. FINALS.

No player will be required to play in more than two finals on Finals Day. In the event of a player/s reaching three or more finals, then the Committee will set an alternative date for the remaining final/s to be played.

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Useful Information For Beginners

FOOTWEAR

Smooth Sole and Heelless Shoes.

Ridge Shoes can damage Greens

GREEN

Square 40.5 M. Each Rink 5.5 M to 5.8 M Wide

TO PLAY

Mat at start is placed 2M from Bank or Ditch.

After first end the mat can be placed. It has to be a minimum length of 21M from the Jack.

Delivering the Jack, it must be centered when it has stopped. After delivering the Jack it must not be less than 2M from the ditch. If it goes into the ditch on delivery it is dead. If it lands outside the rink it is dead. If Jack is hit, it rebounds off the bank or bowls forward to a point less than 18M from the mat the Jack is dead.

DEAD BOWLS

1. It fails to travel 14M from the front of the mat.
2. It ends up in the ditch whether played there or knocked there by another bowl.

(Except in the case of touchers)

3. If it goes outside the rink line, including touch-ers. If it goes outside the rink line and comes back in it is still alive.
4. It rebounds from the bank back into the rink.
5. It rebounds from the ditch back into the rink.

GAMES

Singles, two players play four bowls each (21 Shots)

Pairs, four players, two on each side, play four bowls each (18 Ends)

Triples, six players, three on each side, play three bowls each (18 Ends)

Fours, eight players, four on each side, play two bowls each (18 Ends)