



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 or an experienced bowler but the following information and policies apply to all our Members. So please take the time to read this and understand what we expect. Should you have any questions please ask a Club Coach, President or Secretary.

- ❖ Firstly 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 bring our club into disrepute. Please check the 'Play by the Rules' web site. Our club endorses this code at all times. Swearing or bad behaviour on the green are not tolerated and may be subject to disciplinary action.
- ❖ The Camden Bowling Club is a self-funded bowling club and in most respects like any other community based, not for profit, sports body. We receive no financial support from the licensed club and are two different identities. To this end we encourage all members to participate in organized bowls events as often as possible and to support the club in any other way you can. We do rely solely on voluntary support to keep the club alive.
- ❖ 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. We also have an accredited Australian Sports Commission Member Protection Information Officer who may be contacted should you have any concerns regarding harassment, vilification or discrimination matters. Otherwise you should talk to the relevant President regarding these matters. If you have any issues regarding the club that you are not happy with please talk to a Member on the Committee 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 a harmony in the club. Our aim is that everybody enjoys their time at the club.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ Green activities include Tuesday and Thursday mixed socials. Wednesday is Ladies day and Saturday is mixed social. Fridays may also be used as the Ladies alternate day. Greens are closed on Mondays and must not be used.
- ❖ 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 for further information.
 - For club days the following apply;
 - Tuesday and Thursday socials – clean and tidy dress.
 - 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



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are most welcome to play. The club uniform for the Men shall be worn on this day. This is club or club social shirt, cream or royal blue bowls 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 worn whenever playing social or competition days.
 - 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.
- ❖ 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.
 - ❖ 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.
 - ❖ While smoking is permitted on our greens it is expected that you do not do it at the discomfort of others. Drinking on the green is strictly prohibited. Should you see any person on our greens with a glass kindly ask them to leave the green.
 - ❖ Whenever you use the greens for a social 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.
 - ❖ 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 is on our committees and other relevant information you may want to know about the club.
 - The web address is - www.camdenbowlingclub.com.au
 - ❖ We do have a number of JP's so make use of these gentlemen should you need to.
 - ❖ The club does have a comprehensive indemnity insurance policy for all members.
 - ❖ Lockers are available to all members should you wish to have one. These are at no charge. Please see one of the Committee should you require one.
 - ❖ We do run a 200 club lucky draw competition each month which goes towards the running of the club. Tickets are \$20 each. We encourage all Members, if you are able, to support this. Please see the Treasurer should you wish to purchase a lucky number.
 - ❖ 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 found 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