

EWHURST OUTDOOR BOWLS CLUB

HEALTH & SAFETY POLICY

The term Ewhurst Bowls and the term Club in this document relates to the Outdoor Bowls Club and the group responsible for the maintenance and repair of the Clubhouse.

1. Ewhurst Bowls recognizes its responsibilities under Health and Safety at Work and Leisure legislation to:

- Provide and maintain a safe clubhouse, safe green equipment and a safe environment for its members, including volunteers working for the Club and its guests.
- Ensure hazards and risks are identified and that there are regular and recorded risk assessments.
- Ensure the Club takes appropriate preventative and protective measures.
- Promote awareness of Health and Safety encouraging best practice to all members.
- Ensure the policy is reviewed annually and monitored for effectiveness.

2. Organisation and Responsibilities

Responsibility for ensuring that the Club complies with Health and Safety legislation is vested in the club Management Committee. They will conduct a periodic pre-season risk assessment to ensure appropriate measures are in place to eliminate/mitigate risk. In addition, the Club appoints one member as Health and Safety Officer, whose function is at any time to draw to the Committee's attention any risks/hazards.

3. As a Club Member you have a duty to:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and that of others who may be affected by what you do or do not do.
- Comply with the Club's Health and Safety Policy.
- Use all equipment provided by the Club correctly and safely.
- Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health and safety.
- Wear suitable footwear on the green, either bowling shoes or flat soled shoes approved by the Club. (No Sandals). Comply with the Club's dress code whilst bowling.
- Take care on walkways and surrounds and take special care when stepping on or off the green. Access steps are available as required.
- Take care when using electrical equipment and not use damaged or suspect equipment; defective equipment should be taken out of use immediately and reported to the Club's Management Committee.
- NOT LIFT beyond their capacity and assistance should be sought when lifting, moving heavy furniture or other equipment.
- Store bowls and other equipment safely.

- Take extra care when storing and accessing pushers and two metre sticks on their rails.
- Take care when storing chairs and tables.
- Always conduct their activities in a way to minimize the risk of fire; they have a duty to report immediately any fire, smoke, or potential fire hazards. Make sure you are aware of where Fire Extinguishers are placed in the clubhouse.

4. Measures in Place to Mitigate Risk

- Fire extinguishers are inspected annually and serviced by qualified personnel.
- Electrical installations and portable electrical equipment are subject to periodic inspection and testing.
- Chemicals and Fertilizers are held securely under lock and key.
- Defibrillator to be tested every 4-6 weeks and location made clear to members.
- First Aid Box to be checked every 4-6 weeks. Location made clear to members.
- Accident Book displayed by the First Aid Box.