MOOLOOLABA BOWLS CLUB INC.

Club Greens and Dress Code Policy

1. INTRODUCTION:

With the opening of the new undercover carpet Greens 1 and 2, the Board of Management (BoM) has worked closely with the Bowls Committee and Bio Scope (the carpet installers) to develop a set of rules governing the use and play on these greens. The primary purpose of these rules is to provide clear guidance that ensures the best possible protection, ongoing upkeep, and lasting durability of the newly installed carpet surfaces.

The Club Greens Policy will take effect immediately upon the opening of each green following carpet installation. The Board of Management reserves the right to review and modify these rules in the future as circumstances require, maintaining flexibility to respond to the needs of the Club and the greens.

The Dress Code policy, as outlined in Clause 8, establishes clear rules and guidelines regarding appropriate clothing and footwear for entry into the Club premises and for participating in bowls games on the Greens. These standards are mandatory for all Members, bowlers, visitors, and patrons of the Club.

Compliance with the Dress Code is required upon approval of this Policy. All individuals attending or playing bowls at the Club must adhere to these standards to ensure a respectful and consistent environment for everyone.

2. GREENS LOCATION AND ORIENTATION:

Green 1 is situated nearest to Brisbane Road, which lies to the east of the club's facilities. **Green 2** is positioned closest to the parkland area, towards the west.

The main club building is located on the northern side of both Green 1 and Green 2. On the opposite end, the southern boundary of the greens is marked by the canal.

3. CLUB GREENS USAGE RULES:

Rule 1: Morning Bowls Games

All morning bowls games, with the exceptions stated in Clause 4, are to be played exclusively in the east-west direction on Greens 1 and 2. This rule is designed to maintain the integrity and longevity of the greens by regulating directional play during the morning period.

Rule 2: Afternoon Bowls Games

All afternoon bowls games are to be played exclusively in the north-south direction on Greens 1 and 2. This ensures consistent usage patterns and helps distribute wear evenly across the greens.

Rule 3: Evening Social Games

Club-organised social bowls games, including corporate or charitable events in the evening (after 6.00pm), are to be played exclusively in the east-west direction on Greens 1 and 2.

(***BoM amendment 26/03/26 - The Corporate Bowl Challenge** event is declared a Special Event under this Policy and approval is granted to play bowls during the event in the evening in a north-south direction on Greens 1 and 2 as required).

Rule 4: Party Bowls

Party Bowls are to be played exclusively in the east-west direction on Greens 1 and 2.

If other bowls games are in progress, alternative arrangements such as using the north-south direction, or scheduling may be necessary to ensure that party bowls activities can proceed without disrupting ongoing games.

The Club Manager, or a delegated representative, is responsible for appointing a *Party Bowls Supervisor.* The Supervisor's duties include controlling, organising, and supervising all party bowlers both on the greens and the surrounding areas. This supervision ensures that all activities are conducted safely and in accordance with club standards.

It is the responsibility of the *Party Bowls Supervisor* to ensure strict compliance with all relevant conditions outlined within this Policy. This includes adherence to requirements regarding appropriate clothing and footwear, as well as the club's regulations on smoking, drinking, eating, and the correct rolling of bowls. The Supervisor's oversight is essential for maintaining a respectful and enjoyable environment for all participants.

The Club Manager shall not book or hold any party bowls sessions during the afternoon when Club Pennants events are scheduled, or any special bowls event approved by the Board of Management (BoM). Furthermore, no other social functions or non-bowling events may be booked or held in the covered outdoor areas adjacent to Greens 1 and 2 during a Pennants event or any special bowls event approved by the BoM. These restrictions are in place to prioritise official bowls competitions and maintain suitable conditions for competitive play.

The Club Manager shall not book any party bowls on a Tuesday morning or afternoon of each week without the prior approval of the Games Director or the Games Controller for that day.

The term Club Manager also includes the Function Manager of Helliwell Hospitality.

Rule 5: Barefoot Bowls

Barefoot Bowls are to be played on the uncovered outdoor Green.

In the event of inclement weather, such as rain, or the Green is closed, the Club Manager or their delegated representative holds the authority to allow barefoot bowlers access to Greens 1 and 2 provided a green is available.

When permission is granted under these conditions, all barefoot bowls shall be played in the east-west direction on Greens 1 and 2. If other bowls games are in progress, alternative arrangements such as utilising the north-south direction, or rescheduling may be necessary to ensure that barefoot bowls activities can proceed without disrupting ongoing games.

When barefoot bowlers are authorised to use Green 1 or 2, the Club Manager or a delegated representative is responsible for appointing a *Bowls Supervisor*. The Supervisor's role is to oversee, organise, and supervise all barefoot bowlers on both the greens and surrounding areas.

In accordance with Rule 7.1, all barefoot bowlers must wear appropriate footwear while playing on Greens 1 and 2.

Rule 6: Practice Bowling:

6.1 Practice bowling is available to club members, visitors, and guests when Greens are accessible. Practice sessions may be conducted in both morning and afternoon periods. Subject to paragraph 6.4 below, **morning bowls practice** is restricted as follows:

1. During weeks 1, 3, and 5 of each month, morning practice bowling is restricted to the **east-west** direction on Greens 1 and 2.

2. During weeks 2 and 4 of each month, morning practice bowling is restricted to the **north-south** direction on Greens 1 and 2.

3. Each week of the month commences on a Monday.

4. An appropriate directional sign will be displayed for direction of practice bowling.

5. A **Green Practice Fee** of $10.00 is payable by all bowlers prior to any practice bowling. However, there is an exemption for financial Club Bowls Members (Full and Dual) for whom the practice fee will remain free of charge.

6. These measures ensure equitable use of the greens and helps maintain their quality for all members, visitors, and guests. Bowlers are asked to adhere strictly to these directional guidelines when conducting their practice sessions during these specified weeks.

(*Rule 6.1 amended 23/04/2026).

6.2 During afternoon social games, practice bowling is permitted only with prior approval from the Games Controller. If permission is granted, all practice must be held in the north-south direction on Greens 1 and 2.

6.3 The practice rink should ideally be positioned at least two rinks away from any ongoing social games to minimise disruption and maintain a respectful environment for all participants.

6.4 Practice bowling is prohibited on any green where a Club Championship game, Pennants, or a club-approved bowls competition or event is in progress, unless prior approval has been granted by the Games Controller, Games Director, or an authorised delegate.

4. EXECPTION TO RULE 3.1: Morning use of north-south direction

The following events or games are permitted to be played in the north-south direction on Greens 1 and 2 during the morning:

1. Any Club-organised Championship event or game, including Pennants, or any other special event or game that has been approval by the BoM or the Bowls Committee.

2. Any Club-approved competition that extends over both the morning and afternoon sessions.

3. The Tuesday morning social bowl competition.

5. USE OF GREENS:

1. The supervision and management of the greens are the responsibility of the Greens Director, the President, or an authorised delegate. These individuals have the full authority to oversee the use of the greens and may prevent play at any time if they deem it necessary to protect the playing surface or maintain safety and standards.

2. Players are not permitted to play on the carpet surface unless they are wearing the correct footwear. It is essential that all members exercise great care while on the carpet green to avoid damage and ensure everyone's safety.

3. The greens are open for play every day subject to maintenance or repair of the Greens. However, priority for the use of the greens is always given to officially organised games. This ensures scheduled competitions and club events proceed without disruption.

4. The ability to practise on the greens prior to official games is subject to the specific conditions of play on the day. Players should check these conditions before commencing any practice session.

5. Visitors and guests who wish to practise on the greens must first check in with the Club reception, and a practice fee may be payable.

6. All practice activities must also adhere to the guidelines set out in Rule 3.6 above.

7. The Greens Director or an authorised delegate may only move ***boundary pegs*** on the greens. This measure always ensures the integrity and correct setup of the playing environment.

8. ***Lighting over the carpet greens*** must be used with discretion and only when necessary. The authority to turn on the lights rests solely with the Greens Director, an authorised delegate, or the Games Controller on duty for the day. In the case of party bowls events, this responsibility is specifically delegated to the Manager or the duty Manager. This measure ensures that lighting is managed appropriately, preserving energy and maintaining the integrity of the playing environment.

6. CLOSURE OF GREENS:

The Board of Management (BoM) retains the authority to temporarily close Greens 1 and 2, either individually or together, to facilitate the preparation and hosting of entertainment or

hospitality events. These events are organised by the Club's Management Partners, Helliwell Hospitality and require the prior approval from the BoM.

When considering the closure of any green, the BoM will evaluate several key factors:

- The financial benefit to the Club resulting from the event.
- The priority to ensure that available playing greens remain accessible for bowling activities.
- The protection and maintenance of the playing surface of the greens.

7. RULES FOR USING THE GREENS:

1. Footwear on carpet Greens 1 and 2: Flat-soled shoes or thongs only (no bare feet).
   Footwear on outdoor Green: Flat-soled shoes, thongs or barefoot

2. Standing, sitting or placing items in the surrounding edge (ditch) of the green is prohibited.

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3. All food and drinks are prohibited on the Greens playing surfaces. Walk around the green with your drink or food.

4. Smoking or vaping on or near the Greens is prohibited by law. Use the designated smoking areas only.

5. Always roll your bowl - *no bouncing, throwing or dropping when bowling*, as this can damage the playing surface.

6. Non-affiliated bowlers are not allowed to perform driving shots.

7. **Children:**

   Children under 10 are permitted to bowl on the outdoor green when supervised by a parent or guardian.

   Children under 10 are not permitted to bowl on the indoor carpet greens. Children aged 10 and above must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

8. DRESS CODE POLICY:

Purpose: This policy ensures the compliant and appropriate attire is worn to the **Mooloolaba Bowls Club Inc.** (the Club) and for Pennants and 'above level' events. The Dress Policy reflects the dress expected and is designed to encourage integrity.

Scope: The policy is a set of rules and guidelines which apply to all Full Bowls Members, Bowls Dual Members, Life Members, Junior Members, visitors and patrons of the Club.

Definition:

- **'pennant'** refers to any competition between Clubs that are affiliated either to a state or district where the competition uses the regulations of Bowls Australia, State or Territory

bowls authorities and/or a subdivision thereof, and/or where the accredited umpires are required to adjudicate.

- **'above level'** events are those events organized or controlled by Bowls Australia, State or Territory bowls authorities and/or a subdivision thereof. In addition, this includes club championships, regional and/or district championships and tournaments.

Dress Code:

Club Uniform:

* **Club Shirt -** Current BQ approved Mooloolaba Club shirt.
* **Bottoms -** Royal blue bottom (all styles) with BA Logo.
* **Jacket, Coat, Vest -** Current approved Mooloolaba Club jacket, or BA approved outer wear.
* **Socks -** Plain white short or anklet socks
* **Headwear -** Headwear when worn shall be blue or white, or Mooloolaba Club cap.
* **Shoes -** Correct BA approved bowls shoes to be worn for all Pennant and above level events.

Club Championship: Club uniform as above.

Pennants, BQ and SCDBA events, and any interclub competition: Club uniform as above.

Team wear:

For side or team competitions at Pennant and 'above level,' all club players must be dressed in the same BQ approved Club uniform as above.

Players should refer to the conditions of play and dress regulations of each/any competition to determine which uniform requirements are to be followed when participating in Pennants or 'above level' events. The Bowls Australia logo is mandatory for upper body wear worn in Pennants and 'above level' competitions.

For all other events there is no requirement for teams to be similarly attired, and participants can wear a combination of team wear and/or non-team wear.

Social Game Wear and minimum for <u>entry</u> to the Club premises:

Neat casual attire is acceptable for entry into the club premises or on the green.

Footwear must always be worn (thongs are permitted) for entry into the club premises.

Social Bowls:

Neat casual attire is acceptable for entry into the club premises or on the green.

Correct BA approved shoes must be worn.

Barefoot, Party and Mufti Bowls:

Neat casual attire is acceptable for entry into the club premises or on the green.

Approved footwear only:

Covered Greens 1 and 2:	Flat-soled shoes or thongs only (no bare feet)
Outdoor green:	Flat-soled shoes, thongs or barefoot.

When on the green, shoes need to be clean and with a smooth sole. Trainers or those which have a tread or sharp edges to them are not allowed on the green.

The following attire is not allowed in the club premises or on the green:

* revealing clothing
* stained, torn, dirty, ripped or excessively frayed clothing.
* clothing with obscene or offensive slogans or images
* offensive personal hygiene.

Disciplinary Action:

The club reserves the right to refuse entry to anyone deemed to be not suitably attired.

The club reserves the right to refuse entry on the green to anyone deemed not to have the appropriate footwear.

The Club may take disciplinary action against a member or visitor who repeatedly or intentionally fail to follow this policy.

Review: The Board of Management shall undertake a review and evaluation of this policy at least annually.

Amendment: **26/03/26 - Rule 3.3 - Evening Social Games: The Corporate Bowl Challenge is declared a Special Event.**
Amendment: 23/04/26 - Rule 3.6.1 - Morning practice bowling.

DATE APPROVED BY BoM: **19/02/2026**