**INVERKEITHING BOWLING CLUB**

 **Rules of the Green & Internal Competitions**

1. No one shall be allowed to play on the Green unless wearing approved footwear.
2. When delivering their bowls, players shall do so in such a way as will obviate the risk of marking or damaging the turf in any way and must not drop a bowl or bowls on the Green.
3. Green Rink rotation on the green to be carried out on a daily basis. Green Ranger or Greenkeeper to annotate the order of play on a daily basis which must be adhered to by all members. To allow even wear and tear over the whole of the green and to avoid over use of individual rinks.
4. The Green-Ranger, or in his absence the Green-Keeper, shall superintend and give directions for the proper keeping of the Green.
5. All applications for the use of a rink or rinks for a private game shall be submitted to the Secretary fourteen clear days before proposed game. It shall be within the power of the Management Committee to determine the number of private games that may be played on any one day or evening. It shall also have the power to refuse permission for such private games at any time during the Season if, in its opinion, such private games shall interfere with the playing of Club Ties or Matches.
6. **Competitions: -** The Club internal competitions shall be played under the current “Laws of the Sport of Bowls” as promulgated by the World Bowls Ltd.

An entry fee will be charged for all the clubs Annual Internal Competitions. The fee will be agreed at the AGM.

All competitions will be run on a knock out basis (unless otherwise stated)

The Ties Committee and Match Secretary duly appointed will be responsible for the running of the Clubs competitions.

1. **Gents Two Bowl:** Shall be played as the best of 3 sets, first to 7 shots in each set wins the set. In the event of the 3rd deciding set being required the players shall toss a coin to decide who shall deliver the Jack.
2. **Ladies Two Bowl:** 21 shots
3. **Vincent Cullen Memorial trophy:** 21 shots / 2 bowls. Open to both Ladies and Gents.
4. **Pairs:** Gents/Ladies Nomination Pairs and Gents/Ladies Club Pairs (Ladies & Gents Club Pairs will be drawn out of hat). 4 bowl / 17 ends in all rounds. WilRab Senior Pairs 4 bowl 15 ends. WilRab Senior Pairs will be open to Ladies/Gents members 55 or over and pairs will be drawn out of hat. Mixed Pairs will be nominated and consist of 1 lady and 1 gent 4 Bowl/17 End. Extra end(s) if required to determine winners.
5. **Veterans Trophy :** 3 Bowls and Shall be played as the best of 3 sets, first to 7 shots in each set wins the set. In the event of the 3rd deciding set being required the players shall toss a coin to decide who shall deliver the Jack. The final will consist of 9 ends. Open to Gents 65 or over only.

**The following competitions are all 21 shots/4 Bowls**

1. **Ladies Ruby Mason:** Prize winners in the current year’s competition shall be excluded from the following years Ruby Mason competition.
2. **Ladies Vice President’s:** Prize winners in the current year’s competition shall be excluded from the following years Vice President’s competition.
3. **Gents Seniors & Ladies Seniors:** Only Male and Female members aged 55 years or over on 1st April of current year may participate in the competition.
4. **Ladies & Gents Single Hand Championships.**
5. **Gents Vice Presidents.**
6. **Ladies & Gents Presidents**.
7. **Ladies Morgan Trophy**
8. **Gents Handicap:** Each player participating will be given a handicap up to a maximum of 10 shots, handicap to be decided by ties committee.
9. **Gents U25:** All players must be under 25 years of age on the 1st of April in the year of the competition.
10. **U16 Championship** – All players must be under 16 years of age on the 1st of April in the year of competition.
11. **Substitutions** will only be permitted as follows-

Single hand - NO substitutions.

Pairs - 1 substitution.

Triples - 1 substitution.

Fours - 1 substitution.

Substitutes will be allowed, only if they have NOT participated in that competition in the current year. With the exception of the Club Pairs and Wilrab Pairs, when the names of all players having been knocked out in the preliminary or 1st round can be entered in to the hat (if they wish to be considered) and substitutes randomly selected as required.

Only where a substitution is necessitated by family bereavement shall the player for whom substitution has been made be allowed to play in subsequent rounds. In all other cases, the substitute shall continue to play throughout the remainder of the competition.

1. **Junior Members:** Those under 18 years of age may be allowed to participate in the adult competitions if they are deemed by the Committee to be competent to play.
2. Each round shall be completed by the respective dates fixed by the Committee as shown on the Competition sheets and no extension of these dates shall be permitted unless the Committee is satisfied that there is a good reason for such an extension.
3. In the event of a player or players failing to turn up within 30 minutes of the agreed time of the tie the opposing player/players may claim the tie.
4. The onus is on BOTH players/teams to arrange ties timeously. In the event of difficulty arranging the tie, one or other of the players/teams should contact the other in writing, either by text, email, or paper, offering 3 dates/times spread over the period of the round. Any dates proposed must not be in the same week, must not be consecutive and must include a Saturday or Sunday. A copy should be sent to the Ties Committee.

If the dates are not acceptable then the other player/teams should offer 3 alternative dates/times, giving reasonable time to play the tie before the closing date. A copy should be sent to the Ties Committee. In the event of non-agreement, the Ties Committee shall intervene and organise an acceptable date or decide who goes through to the next round.

1. A match once started shall be played to a finish, unless the players mutually agree postponement. When however, due to weather conditions or the condition of the Green, the continuance of any match is unplayable. The Match or Tie shall be resumed where it was left off, at a stipulated time agreed to by both players.

These rules are as the AGM on 22nd February 2023.