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BAREFOOT BOWLS POLICY

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Barefoot Bowls (BFB) is an event that allows guests to play a social type game of bowls at the club whilst having a function, or just playing BFB and having a barbecue (BBQ) at the Club.

Lawn Bowls are the equipment used for bowling, normally four bowls are given to the participants and they are shown the basics of lawn bowling to maximize the competition for your event.

Lawn Bowls can cause injury when they are used recklessly. Every effort is made to ensure your guests can use the bowls with regard to the other guests in the game, and the knowledge of what **not to do**. It is **your responsibility** as the organiser to **ensure all your guests** behave in the right manner and **do not** endanger others.

Accidents can happen when playing lawn bowls such as:

- Slipping over a bowl on the rink
- Falling down on the green
- Tripping on the ditch
- Hands being squashed between lawn bowls
- Lawn bowls hitting someone on the ankle or other part of the body.

Being aware of the dangers is important when playing BFB. There are **consequences** for **guests causing recklessness** during events, we take this **breach very seriously**.

We want you to enjoy your function/event, but the Pakenham Bowls Club (PBC) will not tolerate bad behaviour, drunkenness or recklessness of any kind.

On the next page is a list of issues that will cause the removal of guests from our Bowling Greens, and especially for recklessness, they will not be allowed back onto the green for the rest of the function.

Guest must not:

- **Bring any drinks onto the green** at any time - **games will be stopped** if this behaviour continues.
- Wear shoes that can **damage our greens**.
- **Act** in a manner that will cause **damage to any/all sections** of the Bowls Club's greens and surrounds.
- **Throw or bowl** the bowl at what is considered **excessive speed**. This is considered **reckless behaviour** and will **result in immediate removal** of the guest **from the rink/green** they are playing on.

ACTIONS

The following actions will be taken in the event that a breach of the rules is made.

Action 1 - A guest who is not following the rules such as carrying drinks onto the green will:

- **1st time receive a warning** - The guest will be advised if they do it again, they will be asked to leave the game.
- **2nd time** - be asked to **leave the rink**. If **they refuse** the **game will be stopped**, until the **guest has left** the rink.

Action 2 - A lawn bowl that is **used recklessly** by a **guest**, after being advised of the dangers of doing so, will result in the following:

- The guest who has behaved in a **reckless manner** will be asked to **leave the rink/green** he/she is playing on and **will not be allowed** to participate any further.
- If the **guest refuses** to leave the playing area (green, rink) then the **entire green and rinks will be stopped**, until he/she has done so.

These actions may seem harsh, but broken hands, fingers, ankles can result in your guests being badly hurt.

The playing surface of our greens is extremely important for our members to enable us to play our Club, State and Region events. Damage caused by beer, alcohol, soft drinks and glass breakages, can stain and damage the playing surfaces. If this occurs the greens will need to be professionally cleaned, and would be an added cost to you as the organiser of the event via loss of your bond, and any costs above your bond to make the repairs.

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