



MONTMORENCY BOWLING CLUB INCORPORATED

BY – LAWS

(Revised July 2011-In line with new Constitution)

(Amended Sept.2012, Oct.2012, April 2013, June 2014, November 2017, January 2018, April 2018, July 2018, May 2022, November 2022, March 2023, September 2023, October 2023)

Official Record of By-Laws with originating date, Proposer and Seconder kept by the Secretary.

No.1 BAR TRADING HOURS.

In accordance with Liquor Control Board – Licensed Bar Trading hours are:

MONDAY TO SATURDAY (Incl.)	12 Noon to Midnight.
SUNDAYS	12 Noon to 8-00 p.m.

No.2 BEER/OR ISSUE WHEN ALL PENNANT SIDES WIN ON SAME DAY.

The Club will provide a drink for each player when all sides win their Pennant matches on the same day.

To be distributed by the Chairman/President of the day and controlled by the bar staff.

No.3 CLUB POLICY PERTINENT TO SMOKING/NON-SMOKING

The Clubrooms of the Montmorency Bowling Club Inc. shall be a non-smoking area.

The Greens and Surrounds of the Montmorency Bowling Club Inc. shall be a non-smoking area with the exception of

The west bank of both greens and the east bank of bottom green where smoking shall be permitted in assigned areas.

Within the car parking area at eastern end of Clubhouse smoking shall be permitted.

No.4 CLUB COMPETITIONS.

Entrance Fee for Club Competitions: Normal green fees to apply. *(Ratified at meeting of Board of Management on 15th November 2017).*

This to cover full participation in the relevant event until elimination or ultimate success.

Substitute Players: A substitute may only play for one team in any (non-singles) championship event. *(Ratified at meeting of Board of Management on 11th July 2018)*

MEN'S SECTION. The following Rules/conditions shall apply:

COMPLETION DATES: *All events must be completed by the set dates. Substitutes must be found if necessary – in accordance with competition rules. Exceptions to completion dates will only be made where Pennant finals commitments or other Championship events/Protected events cause a clash (Ratified April 18th, 2018).*

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (25 Shots Up)

Open Event. *Minimum of 16 entries for event to take place (Ratified January 17th, 2018).*

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP. (18 Ends, 4 bowls per participant, 2x2x2x2)

Open Event. *Minimum of 8 team entries for event to take place (Ratified October 18th, 2023).*

CLUB MIXED PAIRS (18 Ends, 4 bowls per participant, 2x2x2x2)

Open Event. *Minimum of 8 team entries for event to take place (Ratified October 18th, 2023).*

CLUB OPEN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP (18 ends, 2 bowls per participant, 18 ends for all games including Finals)

(Ratified at meeting of Board of Management on 15th March 2023)

Minimum of 8 team entries for event to take place (Ratified January 17th 2018).

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (100 up + Handicap)

Open Event. *Minimum of 16 entries for event to take place (Ratified January 17th 2018).*

MINOR SINGLES (21 Shots Up for all games including Finals). *(Ratified at meeting of Board of Management on 15th March 2023)*

Eligibility: (a) Not more than a combined 8 games in 1st, 2nd or 3rd pennant side in previous season;

(b) Has never won a club championship

(ratified at Board meeting 16/11/2022)

Minimum of 16 entries for event to take place *(Ratified January 17th 2018).*

LADIES' SECTION. The following Rules/conditions shall apply:

CLUB SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (25 Shots up)

Open event.

MINOR SINGLES (21 Shots up)

Limited to bowlers of no more than 3 Years experience as Affiliated Bowler.

PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP (100 up).

CLUB PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP (18 ends for all games, 4 bowls per participant, 2x2x2x2). (Ratified October 18th, 2023)

CLUB TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP See Men's Section "Open Triples" *(Ratified March 15th 2023)*

CLUB FOURS CHAMPIONSHIP (18 Ends) Knockout. Sectional play 15 Ends.

**** Other Championship Matches to be at the discretion of the two Bowls Sections to arrange.

N.B. *All competitions are played under Bowls Australia Domestic Regulation and Laws of the Sport of Bowls – Crystal Mark Fourth Edition.*

No.5 DRESS LAWS.

Bowls Victoria Dress Laws will apply for all Pennant, Tournaments, Social Bowls and or otherwise as Ruled by Board of Management.

CLUB COMPETITIONS: *Club uniform for all days of all events (Ratified April 18th, 2018).*

DRESS FOR PRACTICE AND WITHIN THE CLUB ROOMS – Clean, casual wear. (T-shirts to be devoid of any wording or design that may be deemed as offensive or in any way questionable.)

THONGS – Not permitted.

No.6 NOMINATION FEES APPLICABLE TO PREVIOUS MEMBERS RE-NOMINATING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Previous members of the Club who nominate for re-admittance to the Club within two (2) years of their resignation from Membership shall not be required to pay a Nomination (Joining) Fee.

More than two (2) years absence - A Nomination (Joining) Fee of \$60-00 will be required.

No.7 RULES AND PRIVILEGES OF JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP. (SEE RULE 10 – JUNIOR MEMBERS.)

(There is no lower age restriction for Junior Members).

1. For existing Junior Member to become a Full Member once reaching the age of 18 years, they must pay the Club's Nomination Fee and pay full or pro-rata subscriptions as determined by the Board of Management.
2. Have the right to play Pennant.
3. Full practice rights as determined by the Board of Management.
4. Have the right to play on Social Bowls days.
5. Have the right to participate on Tournament days when the greens have not been filled by Full Members.
6. Have the right to enter Club Competitions.

No.8 USE OF GREENS FOR COMPETITION GAMES AND PRACTISE.

On Pennant Days practise only when an entire green is free.

On all other organised days there must be at least one (1) rink between practise rink and organised bowls.

Practise is permitted in neat casual wear with collared shirt.

(Amended at meeting of Board of Management held on 18th July 2011.)

No.9 WINTER ATTIRE.

Clean, casual wear as outlined in Rule 5 above.. Bowling shoes must be worn.

No.10 SECRET BALLOT – When Board consider Applications for Membership.

(Refers to Constitution Rule 5.5.)

All voting by Board of Management on new members to be conducted by secret ballot.

(Ratified at Committee Meeting held 3rd January 2004.)

No.11 NEW/EXPERIENCED BOWLER

A person applying for membership, if has played bowls previously, shall be treated as an experienced bowler and pay full subscription.

(Ratified at Board Meeting held on 25th August 2004).

No.12 SAFETY

As a safety measure, all games of bowls played on both greens shall commence from the north bank.

No.13 PRESIDENTS' DAYS

Traditionally, "President's Days" for the Ladies' Section and for the Men's Section are "NO GREEN FEES" Days.

To comply with the Equal Opportunity Act these days cannot be declared gender specific. Therefore, members are entitled to attend either or both days. Should they attend both, a standard Green Fee will be payable for the second President's Day attended in the same season.

(Ratified at meeting of Board of Management on 15th November 2017)

No.14 CAR PARKING

The eastern area behind Clubrooms shall be reserved for allocated parking only.

No. 15 "ALEC TREACHER AWARD" – VOTING SYSTEM

The Voting System consists of a maximum of 9 votes available for distribution in respect of any game with **NO** requirement to allocate **ALL** 9 votes.

Votes to be allocated as per the following limits and guidelines:-

5 votes - is the maximum that any one bowler can be awarded and to achieve this allocation would require bowler to bowl exceptionally well.

4 votes - outstanding and clearly the best bowler of the rink.

3 votes - bowled consistently well for much of the day.

2 votes - contributed satisfactorily for part of the day.

1 vote - poor day with little positive impact on the game.

0 votes - very poor day with no positive impact on the game.

Carried at Men's Section AGM 27th April 2014.

Ratified at Board Meeting 18th June 2014)

No. 16 "JEAN THOMSON AWARD" VOTING SYSTEM.

Votes awarded shall be same as By-Law 15 Alec Treacher Award

(Ratified by Board, August 2022)

No. 17 APPROVED FOOTWEAR.

All members must bowl in approved footwear as defined by the relevant rules of bowls. In the case of guests and bare-foot bowls, footwear shall be defined by the Greens Director. *(Transferred from Constitution, May 2022)*