

Subject: Lawn Bowling Greens

Purpose: To Establish Rules for Resident and Guest Use of the Lawn Bowling Facility

Rossmoor has developed three lawn bowling greens, a Mat House and a locker room at the Hillside Clubhouse for the enjoyment of resident players.

The Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club (RLBC or Club) has been formed to promote lawn bowling and to organize tournaments and social activities for the Club's members. Club membership is an individual choice and is not a condition for use of the lawn bowling facility.

Due to the special care requirements of the greens and unique etiquette governing play, the Board of Directors, and under this Rule R104.0, has delegated to the RLBC day-to-day responsibility to:

- Have exclusive responsibility to certify residents and guests for play and issue certificates of competence
- Determine conditions and/or restrictions for play (in cooperation with the Greens keeper)
- Schedule and organize draw games and tournaments
- Operate the Mat House and maintain equipment necessary for play
- Monitor player compliance with the Lawn Bowling Rules
- Serve in an advisory capacity to staff in matters related to the facility's maintenance

**RULES** have been adopted for resident and guest use of the lawn bowling facility.

## **Lawn Bowling Rules**

### **General**

The Lawn Bowling facility is for the use of Rossmoor residents and their guests only. Guests must be accompanied by their resident sponsor the entire time of play. A guest is defined as a qualified bowler, including tournament players when hosting other clubs, who has been invited by and will be accompanied by the certified resident bowler for the entire time of play.

### **Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club**

Except for persons receiving instruction for certification, all persons using the bowling greens shall first be issued a *Certificate of Competence* by the RLBC.

There are two classes of membership in the RLBC: ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP and ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.

Lockers are available to associate members to the extent all active members who wish to rent lockers are accommodated first and vacant lockers exist. If however, lockers are needed to accommodate active members, associate members will relinquish their lockers to meet the demand.

The Club will provide a third tier of locker arrangements for certified but non-Club member lawn bowling residents who may wish to rent a locker. But, those certified residents will only be able to rent a locker if all active and associate members have first been accommodated, and if vacant lockers are still available. This category of user will be “bumped” to accommodate any active or associate member who wishes to rent a locker if there are no vacant lockers available.

Lockers are NOT included in yearly RLBC membership dues. Locker rental is assessed separately. Rental rates for lockers shall be the same for Active and Associate RLBC members and certified resident bowlers who are non-club members.

Lockers are to remain unlocked at all times.

### **Schedule**

The Greens are closed on Mondays for maintenance, except when the Monday is a holiday or a tournament is scheduled.

All certified residents, associate and active RLBC members, and their guests, have access to the bowling greens within the time/date and use parameters established by the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club and in conformance with these Rossmoor Walnut Creek rules. However, certified non-Club member residents and associate Club members can only participate in tournaments, draw games, and other Club activities to the extent permitted by the Club itself.

Bowling is permitted daily, unless it may be otherwise prohibited by special announcement posted at the Mat House by the RLBC. The normal bowling time schedule is as follows:

Tuesday through Sunday (Closed Monday for maintenance)

Summer months (daylight saving time) from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Winter months – 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sunday bowling shall be on green #1, except during tournament play.

A daily draw is normally held at 8:45 for the morning bowling period, and 12:45 for the afternoon bowling period when there is no morning bowling.

Play and/or practice is permitted during daylight hours at any authorized time after the 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. start times. Exception: USLBA and PIMD Tournaments.

The RLBC will designate each day which of the greens is to be used. Play is restricted to only the designated green(s).

Greens are reserved for use in the following order: tournaments first, then instruction, then draw games and then practice.

### **General Rules**

Food and drinks, other than water or sport drinks, are not permitted on the greens or apron area. No glass containers of any kind are permitted on the greens or apron area.

Smoking or the use of cell phones/beepers are not permitted on the greens or apron area.

Mats are always required for play, and ground sheets may also be required when deemed advisable by the RLBC Greens Chairperson.

A Basic Code of Sportsmanship for Lawn Bowlers has been adopted by the RLBC and said code is incorporated, by reference, in these Lawn Bowling Rules for the purpose of preserving proper sport etiquette and good sportsmanship.

Although the Greens Equipment Maintenance Chairperson is responsible for maintenance and proper use of Club equipment, all bowlers should assist in setting up the games and in putting away the equipment. The last tournament or draw bowlers to leave a green are responsible for returning the sprinkler cover to the equipment cart and taking the cart to its proper storage locker. Jacks must be returned to the Mat House, NEVER left on the carts.

All bowlers must wear flat, smooth-soled, heel-less shoes. Bowlers must wear collared, white or cream-colored shirts (turtle-neck shirts are approved for intra-club play only) and white or cream-colored slacks. Skirts, shorts, or culottes may be worn but shall be no shorter than three (3) inches above the knee.

Instruction of non-Club member residents or guests by an active or associate Lawn Bowling Club member, or a resident who is certified but not a Club member, is permissible during the times/days and under the use rules set forth by the Rossmoor Lawn Bowling Club in accord with the Golden Rain Foundation rule granting the Lawn Bowling Club authority to establish such parameters.

**Violation**

Violations of policies, procedures, or rules will be reviewed and acted upon consistent with Policy 100, which may be found on the myrossmoor.com website or upon request at the administrative offices at Gateway Clubhouse.

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