

Terms and Conditions for use of Bowls Facilities 2026 Season

1.0 Bristol City Council's Responsibility

- 1.1 Bristol City Council and/or its contractors will carry out a programme of work, to maintain Bowling Greens within Bristol Parks to a clean and safe standard.
- 1.2 No grounds men will be available for additional maintenance, e.g. on Saturday mornings. If Clubs decide to play before a match commences, it may detract from the playing condition of the green for the match.
- 1.3 A maximum of four rinks are covered in this agreement.
- 1.4 Bristol City Council does not directly insure either the individual club(s) property, their members or their visitors. However, the council does hold Public Liability cover in respect of losses and damages arising from the negligence of its own employees.

2.0 Bowls Teams Responsibility

- 2.1 A maximum of four, six rink matches per green will be allowed during the course of the season without the prior permission of Bristol City Council, provided that a notice is displayed one week beforehand announcing the non-availability of casual play on the dates in question. Six rink matches in addition to the four permitted, will be subject to the agreement of Bristol City Council.
- 2.2 Clubs may have the use of the bowling greens from 10.30am, Monday to Saturday (inclusive) during the course of the season. This is subject to green maintenance being able to be carried out.
- 2.3 Resident clubs must agree to have rinks available for casual play from 2pm to dusk on Monday to Fridays (inclusive).
- 2.4 There is no stipulation as to the time play must cease, other than the premises must be vacated by 9pm.
- 2.5 Teams are responsible for making sure that:
 - First aid arrangements are in place
 - Fire evacuation plans are in place
 - Dealing with trip hazard plans are in place
- 2.6 Teams must immediately report the following problems to us on 01179 222050:
 - Boiler/hot water problems
 - Any accidents
 - Damage to a building
 - Unable to secure a building during or after play
 - Damage to equipment

- 2.7 The resident club(s) should ensure that no rubbish is left on the green or in surrounding areas. If teams fail to comply, a Cleaning Fine of £15 will be issued and appropriate photographic evidence will be taken and provided to the Hon. Secretary on issue of the fine. If Teams persistently break this rule, it may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the club(s) facilities.
- 2.8 Clubs who use the changing facilities should keep changing rooms clean and tidy and clear of rubbish.
- 2.9 All clubs are reminded that it is illegal to smoke within the changing rooms.
- 2.10 Resident club(s) are responsible for the conduct of its members. This includes:
 - 2.10.1 Ensuring that only correct footwear is used on the green.
 - 2.10.2 Excessive bumping on delivery of bowls being prevented.
 - 2.10.3 Vehicles not being parked where there could be damage to greensward, or nuisance to other path users.
- 2.11 Resident club(s) will not be required to deal with any malpractice on the part of non-bowlers. In the event of any difficulty or trouble, please contact the Police or telephone Bristol City Council's Emergency Control Centre on 0117 922 2050 outside of office hours.
- 2.12 Resident club(s) must record and report any accidents to Bristol City Council within three working days.
- 2.13 Any abusive and/or inappropriate behaviour will be treated very seriously. It may result in the temporary or permanent suspension of the club(s) facilities.
- 2.14 Club(s) shall indemnify and keep indemnified Bristol City Council from and against all loss and damage, actions, proceedings, suits, claims, demands, costs, damages and expenses in respect of injury to or the death of any person/damage to any property (moveable or immovable) or otherwise by reason of or arising as a result of the negligence of any team member or its supporters.
- 2.15 Club(s) shall take out and maintain Public Liability Insurance in respect of claims arising out of its liability. The sum shall not be less than £5,000,000 for any one occurrence or series of occurrences arising out of one event. Documentary evidence that insurance has been taken out and is being maintained shall be included with the application form for inspection by Bristol City Council, without the relevant insurance documents teams will not be allowed to start the season.
- 2.16 The home team should inspect the green prior to each match commencing. If, in the opinion of the home team, the green is not fit for play, or there is a problem with equipment provided by Bristol City Council, the game should be cancelled. Bristol City Council should then be notified at the earliest opportunity of the problem, to enable the appropriate action to be taken when necessary.

3.0 Bookings

- 3.1 Resident club(s) are required to submit a copy of their fixtures list with their application.
- 3.2 Clubs will be required to maintain a booking schedule for any casual use of the Bowling Green by members of the public. These must be submitted to the Sports Lettings Officer at the end of the season.
- 3.3 At sites where there is no Bristol City Council attendant, any fees from casual play for bowls may be collected and retained by the resident club(s). The prices charged must not exceed those in operation by Bristol City Council during the current season, which are as follows:

	Adult	Concession
Bowls	£3.00	£2.00

- 3.4 Where applicable, Bristol City Council is bearing the cost of VAT, although this is properly payable by all clubs.
- 3.5 The resident club(s) will be allowed to play eight Sunday matches per season, subject to the prior agreement of Bristol City Council. In the event of Saturday matches having to be cancelled through inclement weather, consideration will be given to this number being extended. Notice of these Sunday fixtures, must be received by the Sports Lettings Officer two weeks before the first date.

4.0 Seasonal fees

- 4.1 There is a £15 administration fee for processing an application.
- 4.2 The following charges apply to seasonal bowling green hire in 2026*:

Facilities available	Adult
All Parks - Full facilities	£6758.00

* Pricing is subject to approval by Bristol City Council Cabinet. Confirmation will be made to Clubs upon confirmation of pitch hire.

- 4.3 There are two methods of payment available for the seasonal hire of bowling greens:

Invoice

Payments are to be made in two instalments. Club Secretaries will be invoiced in April/May 2026 and August 2026. Payment must be made within 30 days. Please see invoice for a full list of ways you can make your payment. Cheques and Postal Orders should be crossed and made payable to 'Bristol City Council'.

Direct Debit

Payments are to be made in four monthly instalments, beginning on the 24 May 2026. All teams wishing to pay by Direct Debit will need to complete a new Direct Debit Mandate form and return it with their application.

5.0 Arrears

- 5.1 Failure to make payment within 30 days will result in the temporary withdrawal of facilities. Reinstatement will only be arranged upon full payment. Payment will need to be with us the Wednesday before the weekend match is due to be played to guarantee reinstatement.
- 5.2 Clubs with outstanding invoices or part thereof from any previous season with Bristol Parks will not be granted a bowling green for the coming season until full payment has been made, regardless of a change to the club secretary.

6.0 Sub Letting

The seasonal booking applies only to the club that has made the booking; therefore no sub-letting of the allocated Bowling Green may be made without the prior written consent of Bristol City Council.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

- I have understood all the Terms and Conditions set out by Bristol City Council.
- I agree that all Terms and Conditions will be adhered to at all times.

Signature of main Club contact:

Name: Date:

Signature of Witness:

Name: Date: