

Howard Park Bowls Club
7.15 pm Monday 20th July 2026

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chair's Address
 - a. Trophy presentation to Onela Sapumanage
3. Approval of Minutes of AGM on Monday 16th June 2025
4. Officers Reports
 - a. Treasurer's report
 - b. Secretary's report
 - c. Registration Secretary's report
 - d. Competition & Tournament Secretary's report
 - e. HTTA Representative's report
 - f. Trophy Secretary's report
 - g. Coaching Officer's report
 - h. Web-Master's Report
5. Election of Chair
6. Election of Officers
7. Election of Auditor
8. Proposed Rule Changes – see below for details.
9. Any Other Business
 - a. Bill Bavister - Tribute to George Hellens
 - b. Jon Clarke - Club diversity in the committee
10. Trophies

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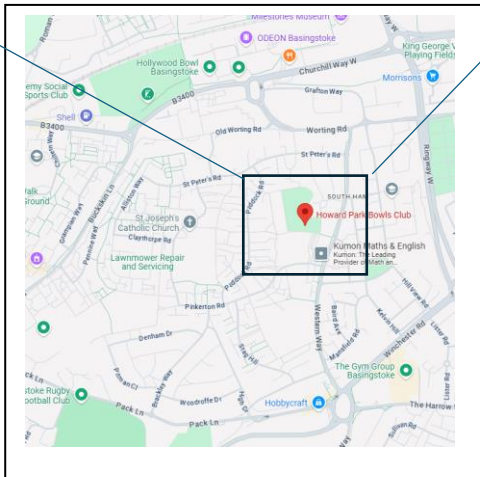
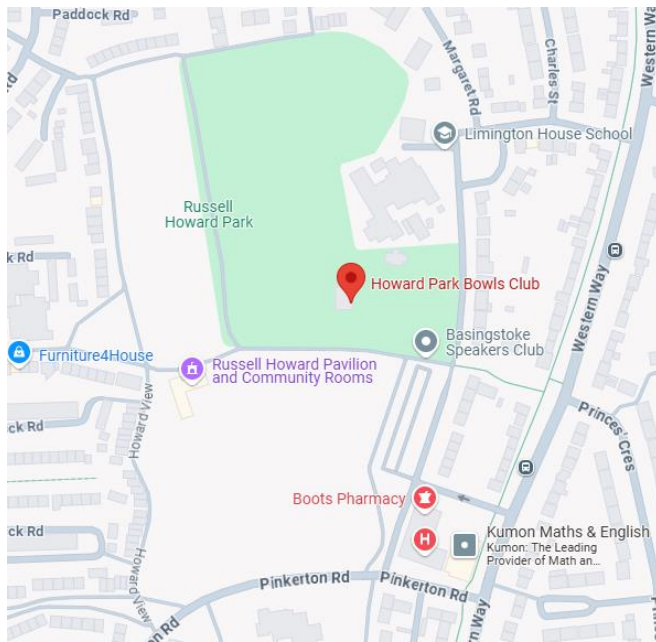
Meeting venue

We extend our sincere appreciation to Howard Park Bowls Club for generously providing access to their facilities. As the Club does not charge us for the use of the clubroom, we encourage attendees to support them by making use of the bar.

Address:

Howard Park Bowls Club
Russell Howard Park
St Andrews Road (Off Pinkerton Road)
Basingstoke
RG22 6PT

What 3 Words address of car park - [///unwanted.fines.visit](https://www.what3words.com/unwanted-fines-visit) (don't read anything into that 😊)



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Proposed rule changes

Rule	Rule 22 and rules 18, 26
Proposer	Peter Matthews, Queens B.
Committee comment	- Agree with the proposal in principle. - Suggest increasing permitted postponements to two or three matches to support teams with less flexibility.
Current rule 22. Matches cannot be conceded and may be postponed only with permission from the committee. Captains must request postponement via the website. 18. If a club or team persistently postpones matches, the Executive Committee shall investigate the matter and may impose such penalty as it thinks fit. 26. Where a club has multiple teams in the League, the Club Secretary will assign a ranking to each team. A player may play for higher-ranked (superior) teams, but upon playing four times for any superior team, they will be automatically re-registered to the lowest-ranked superior team they have represented and become tied to that team for the remainder of the season. This rule also applies when multiple teams from the same club compete in.	
Proposed change: The change I am proposing would affect two of the current rules but with one purpose and that is to reduce the number of postponed matches throughout the season. As it is my first year as a team captain, I have found it the most difficult task to re-arrange matches when opposing teams have cancelled especially when it has been my home night. To get availability of your own players, to obtain a free evening for the venue and then get agreement from the opposition has proved extremely time consuming and I can see why fixtures pile up at the end of the season. I would like to suggest a change to rule 22 adding in 'a team may only postpone one match per season'. This may also negate the need for rule 18. To support this, it would be helpful if a column on the League Teams page of the website could be added to show when a team has cancelled a match. And then a change rule 26 where the word 'four' is replaced by 'six' allowing players from a lower team to play for higher ranked teams on more occasions. Hopefully this will encourage team captains to play reserves instead of cancelling matches when their best players are not available.	

Rule	Rule 23
Proposer	Celia Hooker, c. Registration Secretary
Committee comment	Support the proposal
Current rule 22. If a team fails to attend a scheduled match without prior permission from the Executive Committee, the match shall be awarded to the opposing team. The result shall be recorded as a 10–0 win in favour of the team that was present. No league points shall be deducted from the team that failed to attend, but repeated failure to fulfil fixtures may result in further disciplinary action at the discretion of the Executive Committee.	
Proposed change: "If a team fails to attend a scheduled match without prior permission from the Executive Committee, the match shall be awarded to the opposing team AND NOT REPLAYED . The result	

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shall be awarded as a 10-0 win in favour of the team that failed to attend AVAILABLE TO PLAY. No league points etc etc”

Rule	Rule 13a
Proposer	Chris Parkyn, Web master
Committee comment	Support the proposal
Current rule 13a. Persons wishing to register as a player must complete the Association’s online registration form annually - Player Registration. This form, together with the appropriate registration fee as outlined in Rule 41, must be submitted prior to participation in any match.	
Proposed change: "Persons wishing to register as a player must complete the Association’s online registration form annually - Player Registration . This form, together with the appropriate registration fee as outlined in Rule 41, must be submitted prior to participation in any match. Failure to have paid the complete fee before playing any match will result in the matches being conceded".	