

CHELTENHAM CROQUET CLUB BYE-LAWS (May 2024)

- 1. LOCKING THE CLUB.** The last Member to leave the Club at any time shall be responsible for closing and locking all windows, doors, and the outside gate. For this purpose and so that they may obtain access, Members are expected to purchase keys to the Gate and the Clubhouse from the Secretary.
- 2. FOOTWEAR.** No one shall walk on the lawns unless wearing appropriate flat-soled shoes. Boots/trainers with deep-treaded soles are not permitted nor may players go barefoot.
- 3. START TIMES.** Play may not begin before 9.30am in summer and 10.00am in winter except during tournaments or as otherwise announced by the Committee.
- 4. RISK OF DAMAGE TO LAWNS.** A Committee member or the Mowing Contractor as authorised by the Committee may delay the start of play or close lawns altogether when they are frosted or saturated/waterlogged after heavy or prolonged periods of rain. When closed, Hoop 1 will be removed and laid flat (as also when lawn maintenance is being carried out) to indicate that play is not permitted on any part of that lawn. Jump shots are not permitted on any of the lawns during the winter period. During the summer season practice of jump shots (ie repeated attempts to run one or more hoops by a single or several players) must be confined to the practice lawn (lawn 12). Playing a jump shot in the normal course of play in summer competitions and friendly or practice games is permitted but members should have particular regard to the risk of damaging the lawn especially when the ground is soft.
- 5. FRONT LAWNS.** Lawns 1 and 8 may not be used for friendly games or practice unless all other lawns are fully booked.
- 6. RESERVING A LAWN.** Lawns may be reserved for either Club Competitions or friendly games by entering the fixture onto the On-Line Booking System. There is a computer in the clubhouse for members to access the system whilst at the Club. Members should be prepared to accept double-banking even when playing Club Competition games. Lawns that are free may be booked during a playing session for the remainder of that session.

It is recognised that some games may over-run into a subsequent session which has not been booked. In this event the new arrivals shall

1. Wait until the first game is completed, or if this will take too long
2. Seek an alternative lawn, or
3. Double bank on the lawn in question, or
4. Double bank on another lawn.

If none of these is feasible, then those playing on a lawn which they have not booked for that session must vacate it if this is requested by members who have booked it for that session. Note that double-banking of AC with GC should not be considered.

- 7. COMMITTEE LAWN RESERVATIONS.** The Committee may reserve lawns for tournaments, social golf, Club sessions and corporate events, for example. During tournaments, whenever possible, at least one lawn will be left free for Club Member use.
- 8. YOUNG MEMBERS & CHILDREN.** The Club has a safeguarding policy in accordance with national guidelines which sets out its approach to safeguarding young and vulnerable people, including the requirement for parental consent in specified circumstances. In addition, **members under the age of 18** may not introduce a visitor to the Club without the prior approval of a committee member, and may not have access to the Club buildings after 6pm unless an adult Member is present. **Members up to the age of 15** must be supervised at all times by an adult Member unless given specific exemption by the Committee, as must non-members in the same age range who are guests of Members under Bye-law 9 (Visitors). **Young children up to the age of 10** who are not Members shall only be allowed on any lawn at the discretion of a committee member.

9. VISITORS. Players from other croquet clubs and guests of Club Members are welcome to play at the Club on payment of the appropriate Green Fee. However, such visitors shall normally be limited to 6 sessions of play during any one calendar year. Green Fees are not required for play in a tournament, an inter-club match, or other event when arrangements have been made for the hire of lawns, nor for practice sessions on the day preceding a tournament. Any Club Member who happens to be present at the Club should be responsible for collection of green fees and for entering details in the Green Fee Book.

10. TASTER SESSIONS. Members may introduce and instruct non-players who may be interested in the game on one occasion without charge. Thereafter they may pay the green fee as Visitors as in Bye-law 9 whilst observing the limit of a total of no more than 6 playing sessions during any one calendar year; or together with other new or potential players, they may attend a Coaching Course for Beginners on payment of the course fee.

11. INTRODUCTORY SESSIONS. Members may organise “Introductory Sessions” with the object of encouraging non-players to join the Club. Such sessions shall permit non-members who have not previously played croquet in a croquet club to attend a maximum of six sessions in one calendar year on payment of the fee set out below. The sessions shall be supervised by a club member who shall introduce the non-players to the rudiments of the game. These introductory sessions are a one-time-only option and cannot be used in subsequent calendar years.

12. SMOKING. Smoking, including of E-cigarettes, is not permitted in the Clubhouse or the Tea Room (including the verandas of both) or in the area in front of both buildings along the entire boundary of Lawn 8 and extending across the central pathway to the adjacent corner (Corner 1) of Lawn 9 and the near corner of the CA building. Nor is it permitted in the viewing pavilions, lawn huts or on any of the individual croquet courts (defined as the close-cut playing surface area). Smokers are expected to act considerately towards others and to ensure that no one is subjected to or discomfited by their smoke in any way, refraining or moving if wind is carrying smoke into the areas previously defined.

13. ANIMALS. It is preferable that dogs or other pets are not brought to the Club and in any event they must not be taken into the Clubhouse, Tea Room, pavilions or huts. Dogs brought to the Club must be kept on a lead at all times and must not be allowed to interfere with any player or cause any disturbance within the Club grounds. Any fouling must be removed immediately and taken home or placed in the refuse skip behind the buildings.

14. MOBILE PHONES. Mobile phones must be switched to silent mode and conversations must not take place within earshot of any lawn on which play is in progress.

15. THE BAR & INTOXICATING LIQUOR. The purchase of alcoholic drinks is forbidden outside the hours stipulated by the notices on the bar, and must not be taken on credit. No one under the age of 18 may be served alcoholic beverages. Bar cards may be used by Members only if supported by bank transfer, cheques, or cash in advance.

16. TELEVISION. Members and Visitors may only watch, record or download any form of TV programme anywhere on the Club premises using any device (including but not limited to TV, computer, phone, tablet, games console, digital box, DVD/VHS recorder) if BOTH

1. The device is NOT plugged into the mains electricity, AND
2. The member’s or visitor’s activity is covered by a valid TV licence at their home.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE MAY 2024

FEES AND CHARGES SET BY THE COMMITTEE FOR 2024 (AS REVISED MAY 2024)

Guests playing with a Member And Visitors from other Clubs	Green Fee of £10 per person per Session (morning, afternoon or evening).	
Group hiring a lawn or lawns	Green Fee of £80 per lawn per Session	
Use of Tea Room	Charge to be set by the Committee dependent on circumstances. (Guideline for small groups - £20 per lawn hired)	
Locker Rent	£10 per annum	
Gate and Club Keys	£15 per set – Refundable deposit	
Mallet Hire	£10 per month.	
Taster Sessions	One free taster Session will be offered to an individual	
Introductory Sessions	£5 per Session for a maximum of 6 Sessions	
Three Coaching Sessions	£30, refundable on joining the Club	
Newcomer's subscription (Rule 14b)	Joining Month	Discount
	Jan, Feb, Mar	20%
	Apr, May, Jun	40%
	Jul, Aug, Sep	60%
	Oct, Nov, Dec	80%
	Newcomer's discounts are rounded up to the nearest pound and are valid until January 31st of the following year.	

Fees and Charges for Under 18 Members

U18 Sessions

First 3 Sessions	Free
Subsequent Sessions	Fees to be arranged with Under 18s Coordinator.

NB The Under 18s category includes those who are over 17 years of age but are still pupils in a secondary education establishment.