# 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, September 2024, November 2025, January 2026, August 2026, October 2026).*

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:

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| 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 Championships: $10 for first event and $5 for subsequent events entered *(Ratified at meeting of Board of Management on 19th August 2026).*

*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)*

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 LADIES' AND MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP (25 Shots Up)

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

CLUB LADIES' AND MEN'S PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP. (18 Ends, 3 bowls per participant)

*Minimum of 8 team entries for event to take place (Ratified August 19th 2026).*

CLUB MIXED PAIRS (18 Ends, 3 bowls per participant)

*Minimum of 8 team entries for event to take place (Ratified August 19th 2026).*

CLUB OPEN TRIPLES CHAMPIONSHIP (18 ends, 2 bowls per participant, bowl, 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).*

CLUB OPEN PRESIDENT'S HANDICAP 100 UP (4 bowls per participant, first to 100 points with handicap applied)

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

CLUB MINOR SINGLES (21 Shots Up for all games including Finals). *(Ratified at meeting of Board of Management on 18th September, 2024)*

Eligibility: (a) Not more than a combined 8 games in 1st and 2nd pennant side (both Weekend and Mid-week) in the previous season;

(b) Has never won a club championship

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

**** Other Championship Matches to be at the discretion of the Club Championship Committee

*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 the same value as the Bowls Victoria Affiliation Fee for the current financial year will be required. *(Ratified August 19th 2026*

**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 CAR PARKING**

The eastern area behind Clubrooms shall be reserved for allocated parking only on approval by the board *(Ratified August 19th 2026*

**No. 14 "ALEC TREACHER AWARD" – VOTING SYSTEM**

The Alec Treacher votes slips are to be collated and votes recorded by one(1) person and checked by another. Both these persons must be external to the Match Committee. *(Ratified October 21st 2026)*

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 October 21st 2026)*

**No. 15 "JEAN THOMSON AWARD" VOTING SYSTEM.**

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

*( Ratified by Board, October 21st, 2026 )*

**No. 16 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)*

**No. 17 CASUAL MEMBERSHIPS.**.

In addition to the defined categories of membership, as defined in the club constitution, the board may create some additional grades of membership from time to time to suit the needs of the club.

(i) Dual Members: This membership grade applies to individuals who are affiliated members of other bowling clubs, but wish to use MBC facilities for practice and social purposes. They will have no voting rights or capacity to participate in club championships.
*(Ratified at Board Meeting held on January 21st, 2026).*

(ii) Practice Members: This membership grade applies to individuals who wish to use MBC facilities for practice and social purposes, but choose not to participate in competitive bowls events. They will have no voting rights or capacity to participate in club championships.

*(Ratified at Board Meeting held on January 21st, 2026).*