



## CLUB MEMBERSHIP & FEES

### 1. Membership

#### 1.1 Full members

Full membership may be purchased at any time for a contiguous period of:

- 3 months for €155
- 6 months for € 250
- 12 months for €400

They pay no green fees for use of the club green.

#### 1.2 Pay as you Pay (PAYP) members

PAYP membership may be purchased for €65 at any time for an contiguous period of 12 months.

They pay €6 each time they play on the club green, except only when playing in:

- \* a team against visiting tour groups,
- \* home games in the Bowls Algarve Championships,
- \* a practice session organised by the Club Captain,
- \* the internal Presidents Shield and Spring Pairs competitions,
- \* the open Anniversary Pairs competition where the event fee includes a green charge.

In all other ways, PAYP members enjoy the same benefits as Full Members in attending and voting in club General Meetings and in standing for election to club offices.

#### 1.3 Junior members

Applicants under the age of 16 years may join for a annual fee of €100. They pay no fees for use of the club green, and may attend but not vote at club General Meetings.

### 2. Discounts

#### 2.1 Founder Members

Founder Members, who all contributed to set up the club, are entitled to a discount of 5% on their membership fees for each €1000 contribution.

#### 2.2 Spouse membership

The legal partner of a member, of any category, is entitled to a 25% discount on a membership fee of the same or lower value.

### 3. Visitor fees

#### 3.1 Bowls Algarve members

Current members of other Bowls Algarve clubs pay €7 to play on our green when part of a league team, or visiting individually. When playing in Bowls Algarve Championship games the fees are waived; all as part of reciprocal agreements.

#### 3.2 Others

Visitors may use the club green at club roll ups or for individual/group games for a fee of €10 per person each morning or afternoon session, with an additional €1 for the hire of a set of bowls; all subject to the discretion of the Club Captain.

### 4. Approval process for new members

All new membership categories are subject to the following approval process:

- 4.1 The applicant must complete a Membership Application form, and get it countersigned by two current full or founder members.  
The completed form and the appropriate fee (in cash or cheque on a Portuguese bank) must both be handed to the Club Treasurer to activate PROVISIONAL acceptance, which allows the applicant to play on the club green at the appropriate green fee, but not attend or vote in club General Meetings or stand for election to club offices.
- 4.3 The application form will then be displayed on the club notice board for 14 days, allowing any club member to comment directly to the Management Committee.
- 4.4 At the next Management Committee meeting after the display period, the application will be reviewed taking into account any comments raised and their joint judgement, and will be either accepted or rejected.
- 4.5 The applicant will then be advised of their decision. If rejected, the applicant's fee will be refunded, less any adjustment for green fees incurred during the provisional membership.

## **5. Membership renewals**

### ***5.1 Existing members***

Membership renewal is not automatic. If the Management Committee decide they do not wish to accept the renewal of any member, the member will be advised and the Club Treasurer will not accept payment of the membership fee.

### ***5.2 Lapsed membership***

A membership is deemed to have lapsed within 2 years of the last expiry date. After then they must complete a Membership Application form, which will be processed as a new member.

## **6. Membership application form**

A copy of the Membership Application Form can be printed from the website at  
***<http://www.valverdebc.co.uk/membership.asp>***