

# PHYLLIS COURT CROQUET CLUB

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## Bye-Laws

(to be read in conjunction with the Croquet Club Rules)

AS AT 21 SEP 2020

1.

New members of the Croquet Club who have played croquet and have achieved the required standard of play may participate in all the activities of the Croquet Club.

New members of the Croquet Club who are new to croquet or those who fail to reach the required standard will be offered a place on a training course, but this may not be until the beginning of the following season. They may still become members of the Croquet Club but must conform to the playing restrictions detailed in Croquet Club Rule 2 (they are restricted to courts 3 & 4) until they reach the required standard of play.

2.

Any member whose conduct gives rise to serious concern may be reported to the Croquet Club Committee. In particular, actions which bring the Croquet Club into disrepute and conduct which disadvantages other members will be subject to this Bye-law. After being given an opportunity to reply, the member concerned may be given an official warning with a reminder that the Committee has the authority to impose temporary suspension or even exclusion from the Croquet Club. In either event Phyllis Court Council will be informed.

3.

Croquet Club members who sign up to enter an all-day tournament, or are selected for a club match, and fail to arrive on the day without notifying the Tournament Organiser / Team Captain before the event, will be reported to the Committee. The member will be advised of what, if any, action the Committee wishes to take. Such actions include, but are not limited to, not accepting an entry from the player for subsequent tournament or tournaments, and / or not selecting the player for a subsequent match or matches.

4.

Dress Code. Members playing croquet must wear flat-soled shoes which fully cover and protect the foot from injury. At all times (see also Rule 1), they must also be dressed in white except in inclement weather (or winter play) when appropriate coloured clothing is acceptable. The 'whites' part of this bye-law does not apply to new members during their beginners training course period.

Although the CA (Croquet Association) Tournament Regulations stipulate 'predominantly white' for normal play, it supports (and encourages) the idea of team colours for "team occasions". The team colours for Phyllis Court are light blue. Team colours are only used for important matches, and their use is discretionary.

5.

The annual subscription is due on 1 January each year.

A member who has not paid their subscription by 31 March of that year will, at the discretion of the Committee, be deemed to have resigned.

6.

If a written request is made that a formal motion be discussed at an Annual General Meeting and this request is -

(a) received by the Secretary not less than 6 weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting; (b) supported by the signatures of a least 10% of the paid-up members of the section;

then:

(i) the text of this motion must be circulated as part of the calling notice for the Annual General Meeting;

(ii) the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting must ensure that the motion is included in the business of the meeting.

7.

Nominations for election to the Committee for the following year must be made in writing to the Secretary.

Each nomination must be signed by a proposer and a seconder and must include a signed acceptance of the nomination by the candidate.

The proposer, seconder and candidate must all be paid-up members of the Croquet Club.

All nominations must be received by the Secretary not less than 4 weeks before the Annual General Meeting.

The Committee may decide the size of the Committee for the following year within the limits specified by the Constitution. This size must be declared in the calling notice for the Annual General Meeting.

If the number of candidates exceeds the specified size of the Committee for the following year, as decided above, then a ballot must be held (see Bye-law 8).

Otherwise, the committee may decide the form of the election.

8.

If election to the Committee for the following year is to be by ballot, then ballot papers containing the names of all candidates must be prepared before the Annual General Meeting and one copy issued to each paid-up member of the Croquet Club attending the Annual General Meeting.

Each member may cast one vote for any number of candidates up to the size of the Committee for the following year declared in the calling notice.

In order to be elected, a candidate must secure the votes of at least 50% of the members who return a valid ballot paper.

Completed ballot papers must be returned to the Secretary who along with the Chairman will perform a count to determine which candidates have been elected.

The Chairman will announce the result at the conclusion of the meeting or as soon as is practicable thereafter.

*[Croquet Club documents: The Constitution is formulated by the Croquet Committee, passed at AGM, and ratified by the Council of Phyllis Court. Bye-laws are formulated by the Croquet Committee but have to be agreed with the Council. The Croquet Committee produces several other documents.]*