PTBC Club Induction Notes

Core Purpose of the Document
A welcoming induction guide for new members explaining how the club operates, what facilities are available, expected etiquette, how to get involved in games, and the roles of players on the rink.

Committees & Key Roles
- The club is run by two main committees:
- Management Committee – finances, facilities, maintenance, short mat.
- Bowls Committee – games, selection, competitions, captains.
- Additional volunteer roles include:
- Bar Manager & bar rota volunteers
- Social Secretary & social events team
- Garden/maintenance volunteers
- Men's & Ladies' Representatives (confidential support for members)
- Club Coaches
- Members are expected to complete tea duties during the outdoor season.

Club Facilities
Indoors
Clubhouse, changing rooms, lockers, kitchen, bar, storeroom, noticeboards, short mats.

Outdoors
Bowling green, equipment store, away changing room, gardening store, greenhouse, gardens, maintenance shed, coded gates, outdoor furniture.

Members receive a key and padlock codes, must secure the club when leaving, and sign the visitors book when hosting guests.

Dress Code & Etiquette
Dress varies by activity:
- Roll-ups: casual clothing, flat-soled shoes.
- Rota sessions: grey below the waist, white/club shirt.
- Competitions: greys/whites depending on round.
- Away games/tours: whites or greys as directed.
- Movement around the green must avoid distracting bowlers.
- Flat-soled shoes required on the green.
- Smoking/vaping only in the designated outdoor area.

Bowls Buddy System
- Every new member is assigned a bowls buddy who helps with:
- Booking rinks
- Signing up for games
- Equipment guidance
- First tea duty
- General support and questions

Playing, Booking & Coaching
- Roll-ups can be booked in the Rink Book inside the clubhouse.
- Preferred rinks for roll-ups: 1 and 6.
- Monday afternoon rota is run by coaches for development.
- Extra coaching available on request.

- Sign-up sheets for home/away games, leagues, tours, and friendlies are on the noticeboards.

- Player Roles & Responsibilities
Explains the four main playing positions:

Lead (Number 1)
- Mat placement, jack delivery, centring, first bowls, collecting bowls depending on winning/losing the end.

Number 2
- Scoreboard, confirming shots, sometimes completing scorecards.

Number 3
- Reading the head, advising the skip, marking touchers, measuring, agreeing shots.

Skip (Number 4)
- Tossing coin, directing play, advising team, marking touchers, updating scorecards, removing mat.

Rink Distances & Measurements
Key minimum distances:
- Mat: 2m from rear ditch
- Bowl must travel 14m
- Jack minimum length: 23m
- Mat must be at least 25m from front ditch

Frequently Asked Questions
Covers:
- Shoes (trainers OK)
- Buying bowls (try club bowls first)
- Clothing (second-hand rail available)
- Ordering club shirts
- Booking rinks
- When to put your name down for games (buddy/coach guidance)