

Information for schoolkids and other groups of kids bowling at Diamond Bay

Diamond Bay is happy to welcome your group to a session of bowling. We are one of the very few bowling clubs that allow participants who are under the age of 16 (or 18).*

There are some things that you (and your group) need to know, in order to have an enjoyable experience. Please make sure that the people in your group are aware of these requirements.

1. You'll need soft, flat-soled shoes – or else bowl in your socks or bare feet.
2. Glass, drinks, and food are not allowed on the green: there is plenty of space around the green for these things.
3. There are no activities other than lawn bowls allowed on the green.
4. If this is your first time, we're happy to provide instruction – show you how to bowl and let you know the basics, so that you can have an enjoyable bowling experience. Let us know if you'd like us to do this.
5. Lawn bowls is a game of touch – not strength. Do not blast the bowls. This is not like ten-pin bowling. You're not trying to bash things. Rather, you're trying to get your bowl to stop as close as possible to the jack (the little white ball). Simply blasting – throwing the bowl really hard – is not permitted.
6. In bowling, you should release the bowl as close to the ground as you can. You shouldn't chuck it from waist or shoulder height. This is harmful to the green.
7. We are a licensed club. As such, it is legal requirement that anyone under the age of 18 must be under the constant supervision of an adult. (You can't simply deposit the kids to bowl, and then leave them to their own (and our) devices.) They must be under your supervision while they're at Diamond Bay.
8. You might be interested in having a look at this short instructional video: <https://youtu.be/kvmXcnQ1ogQ>

* We have experienced some unfortunate situations with some kids groups in the past, and we want to do everything we can in order not to resort to instituting a minimum age requirement on who can bowl at Diamond Bay.