

Titchfield Bowling Club (TBC) Website Moderation Guidelines

Scope

This document covers the member interaction and moderation of the TBC website.

Moderation Aims

The TBC web site provides a number of opportunities for members who wish to discuss content posted on the site or debate issues which are likely to be of interest to club members.

Our aim is to ensure that the site is inclusive, safe and is the place where you will find something of interest relating to TBC. It also aims to provide the most up to date source of club information.

Club Community Standards

There are 10 simple guidelines which contributors are expected to abide by, all of which directly inform the moderator's approach to the upkeep of the website . These apply across the site but the moderator should take account of the context in which comments are made.

1. **Debate & Dissent** - Debate and dissent is welcomed but personal attacks will not be tolerated. The key to maintaining the TBC web site as an inviting space is to focus on reasoned discussion of topics as they arise.
2. **Criticism** - We acknowledge the need and are open to criticism of management decisions and club events but will challenge or remove misrepresentation. For the sake of robust debate we will distinguish between constructive, focused argument and other unwanted motives or tactics.
3. **Tone** - We understand that members often feel strongly about issues under debate but we will consider removing any content which the moderator considers offensive or threatening to others. Please respect other people's views and beliefs and consider the impact on others when making a contribution.
4. **Reserving the Right** - We reserve the right to curtail comments or remove discussion threads altogether if the moderator considers the debate is becoming toxic or divisive. Such issues will be referred to the committee for potential separate action.
5. **Discrimination** - Our aim is to treat the membership with respect and each should expect the same in return. Comments of a racist, sexist, homophobic nature or relating to religious belief, disability or age will not be posted.

6. **Legal** - Any content which the moderator considers could put the club into legal jeopardy will not be allowed without suitable assurances e.g. libellous, defamatory or an infringement of copyright or intellectual property.

7. **Advertising** - The moderator will not allow commercial advertising or spam content. Flyers or posters of local interest should be sent to the secretary or webmaster for approval before they are posted.

8. **Keep it Relevant** - Items posted should be related solely to the activities of the TBC and its members. The moderator will remove what he or she considers to be personal arguments between individuals or small groups that are of little or no interest to the general membership.

Any queries or comments in relation to the moderation of the site should not be posted but discussed with the Secretary or Webmaster.

9 - **Be Aware That You May be Misunderstood.** - Always try to be clear about what you are saying and be prepared for readers to interpret your contribution differently to what you intended. Jokes or banter that might cause offense will not be posted.

10. **Ownership** - The web site belongs to the club but the conversations and comments belong to everybody. As the TBC moves forward, the committee's intention is that the web site becomes a welcoming space that encourages informed comments and discussion. We all take responsibility for maintaining an appropriate and constructive environment which has benefits for the whole membership.