

Dog-Free Policy – The RUC, Licensed Lawn Bowling Club

Purpose:

This policy establishes expectations regarding dogs on club premises to ensure the safety, comfort, and enjoyment of all members, guests, and staff. It also supports compliance with health regulations, liquor licensing obligations, and the maintenance of high-quality bowling greens.

Scope:

This policy applies to:

- All members
- Visitors and guests
- Contractors and staff
- All areas of the club, including indoor spaces, outdoor seating, greens, and surrounds

Policy Statement:

To maintain a safe, hygienic, and distraction-free environment, dogs are not permitted on club premises except where required by law.

The club is committed to:

- Protecting the integrity and condition of bowling greens
- Ensuring compliance with ACT health and liquor licensing regulations
- Providing a comfortable environment for all patrons, including those with allergies, fears, or sensitivities

Exceptions:

The following animals are permitted: Assistance Animals - Accredited assistance animals, as defined under relevant legislation, are permitted. Handlers may be asked to provide evidence of accreditation if not immediately apparent.

Responsibilities:

Members and Guests

- Must comply with this policy at all times
- Must ensure assistance animals remain under effective control
- Must follow any directions given by staff or officials regarding animal access

Staff and Officials:

- Are authorised to remind patrons of this policy
- Request that non-permitted animals be removed immediately
- Escalate non-compliance to management if required

Enforcement:

Failure to comply with this policy may result in:

- Refusal of service and removal from the venue in accordance with club rules
- Suspension of membership