

CONSTITUTION OF BRUNSTANE BOWLING CLUB

ARTICLES OF CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 NAME AND OBJECTS:

The Club shall be called “The Brunstane Bowling Club”. The objects of the Club shall be to provide recreational, sporting and social facilities principally for the playing of bowls and primarily for residents of Brunstane, Joppa and Portobello. The Club is a non-profit making organisation and all profits and surpluses will be used to improve the Club’s facilities. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body or to members on winding up or dissolution of the Club.

ARTICLE 2 MEMBERSHIP:

The Membership shall be classified under the following sub sections. The numbers in each sub section shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting each year subject to the proviso that the minimum membership of the Club will be 30 Members.

1. Ordinary Members. These shall be gentlemen and ladies of 18 years and over and shall have full voting rights.
2. Honorary Life Members. The Management Committee may confer the honour of Life Membership on any member who has rendered distinguished and outstanding service to the Club. The decision regarding this honour can be made and thereafter bestowed by the Management Committee at any monthly meeting throughout the term of said Committee.
3. Junior Members. These shall be individuals under the age for Ordinary Membership. Junior Members will pay a reduced subscription and will have no voting rights. Junior Members will be eligible to participate in competitions run under Bowls Scotland Rules.
4. Recreational Members: This category of membership ceased and no longer exists following approved changes made at a previous AGM to the constitution. Existing recreational members may continue in this category for as long as they remain members of the club. They shall pay a reduced subscription but shall have no voting rights. They shall only be eligible to play in competitions as decided by the committee.
(Note: see rule 2 Para 7. The Bowling Committee shall be responsible for organising club competitions.)
5. Honorary Membership: This may be conferred on a non-member who has rendered a significant deed, service or gesture to the Club. The decision regarding this honour can be made and thereafter bestowed on the recommendation of the Management Committee at any monthly meeting throughout the term of said Committee.
6. Social Members. These shall be ladies and gentlemen who have been recommended by two Ordinary Members. Social Members will be 18 or over and will have access to all Club social facilities but will have no playing or voting rights.

The Member or Members referred to in this Constitution and Rules shall unless otherwise stated mean Ordinary Members and Life Members. Only they shall have power to vote, hold office or be concerned in the administration of the Club.

ARTICLE 3 OFFICE BEARERS:

The Office Bearers of the Club shall consist of the Gentlemen's President, Ladies' President, Gentlemen's Vice President, Ladies' Vice President, Gentlemen's Immediate Past President, Ladies' Immediate Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Gentlemen's Match Secretary, Ladies' Match Secretary, Senior Match Secretary, Junior Section Coordinator, Bar Convenor, Green Ranger, Entertainment Convenor, and Building Convenor. The Office Bearers shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting and only full members will be eligible for election.

ARTICLE 4 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Management Committee consisting of the following Office Bearers, Gentlemen's President, Ladies' President, Gentlemen's Vice President, Ladies' Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Bar Convenor, Entertainment Convenor, Green Ranger and Building Convenor, together with a representative from the Bowling Committee. Members elected to the Management Committee shall hold office for one year at a time and shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

ARTICLE 5 BOWLING COMMITTEE:

Bowling issues shall be managed by the Bowling Committee consisting of the Gentlemen's Match Secretary, Ladies' Match Secretary, Senior Match Secretary, Junior Section Coordinator, Green Ranger and *ex officio*, the Gentlemen's or Ladies' President. Members elected to the Bowling Committee shall hold office for one year at a time and shall be eligible for immediate re-election.

ARTICLE 6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the second week in February each year. The Management Committee shall fix the date and time of the Meeting not less than one calendar month before it is scheduled to take place. The business to be transacted shall consist of the adoption of the Annual General Meeting Minutes and of the Report of the Management Committee, approval of the previous year's Accounts, election of Office Bearers, appointment of Auditor, annual subscriptions and any other business competent to the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 7 OTHER GENERAL MEETINGS:

General Meetings (AGM, EGM, SPECIAL) may be called from time to time by:

- a) Either President;
- b) The Management Committee;
- c) The Bowling Committee;
- d) A requisition signed by not less than 12 Members. It shall specify the purpose of the Meeting and must be delivered to the Secretary. The Management Committee must call a General Meeting within thirty days of receipt of the requisition and only the business specified shall be discussed thereafter.

ARTICLE 8 APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Applications for all classes of Membership shall be made, in writing, to the Secretary and shall be signed by two Ordinary Members of the Club. The name and Date of Birth of the Applicant will be displayed on the Notice Board for at least 8 days before consideration by the Management Committee. Power to accept or reject an application shall be vested in the Management Committee who shall have the power to refuse membership without giving any reason for doing so. An interval of two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election of Members. A member of Brunstane Bowling Club who is also a member of another bowling club affiliated to Bowls Scotland must advise the appropriate club selectors at the commencement of each season which club they wish to represent.

ARTICLE 9 EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:

A Member of any class who persistently violates the Rules of the Club or whose conduct is, in the opinion of the Management Committee, such as to constitute a serious annoyance to other Members or is liable to prejudice the good name of the Club may be expelled on a decision of the Management Committee whose decision will be final.

ARTICLE 10 ENTRY FEES AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS:

1. Members of the Club shall be required to pay an annual membership subscription. Annual membership subscriptions are due and payable immediately after the Annual General Meeting. If the subscription or fee of a Member of any class remains unpaid by Opening Day the Management Committee may deem membership to have lapsed.
2. Members joining the Club after 1st May will pay a reduced annual subscription and the amount shall be decided by the Management Committee. Members joining the Club during the close season will pay a reduced annual subscription and the amount shall be decided by the Management Committee.
3. Junior and Associate Members will pay an annual subscription and Social Members an annual fee.
4. Young persons between the ages of 18 and 25 remaining in full time education or employed in any form of apprenticeship, youth employment scheme or unemployment scheme on joining the Club as full Members will pay a reduced annual subscription and the amount shall be decided by the Management Committee. On attaining the age of 25 years or on ceasing full time education, apprenticeship, youth employment scheme or unemployment scheme whichever is the earlier date the annual subscription will be payable in full.

ARTICLE 11 BANK ACCOUNT:

All monies belonging to the Club shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Club and all payments therefrom, by cheque or otherwise, shall be made on any two signatures from three Trustees nominated by the Management Committee.

ARTICLE 12 TRUSTEES OF THE CLUB:

1. The Trustees of the Club shall be the Gentlemen's President, the Ladies' President, the Gentlemen's Vice President, the Ladies' Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer all *ex officio*. The title to an asset acquired or which may be acquired and to all the cash reserves, general and specific, shall be held or taken in their names and those of the respective successors in office as Trustees of the Club.
2. Any President, Vice President or any Member of the Management Committee as well as employees, servants, agents and any trustees of the Club shall be indemnified by the Club to pay all costs, losses and expenses which any such President, Vice President, Committee Member, employee, servant, agent or trustee may incur, or become liable for, by reason of any undertaking entered into, or act or thing done in good faith as such President, Vice President, Committee Member, employee, servant, agent or trustee on behalf of the Club or otherwise in the proper discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE 13 POWER TO BORROW MONEY:

The Management Committee, at a General Meeting, may be given power to borrow on behalf of the Members such monies as may be necessary for Club purposes and to require the Trustees to convey the property in security thereof if required.

ARTICLE 14 AUDITORS:

An accountant, employed by the Club, will be used to verify the Accounts.

ARTICLE 15 CASUAL VACANCIES OF OFFICE BEARERS, ETC:

Casual vacancies amongst Office Bearers, Members of the Management Committee or Auditors occurring during the year shall be filled by the Management Committee until the next Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 16 POWER TO MAKE RULES:

The Management Committee shall have power to make Rules for carrying into effect this Constitution and for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Club providing such Rules shall not be inconsistent with this Constitution. New or revised Rules shall be advised to the Annual General Meeting for homologation. A simple majority is required.

ARTICLE 17 ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES:

The Constitution may not be altered except at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose and any alteration must be approved by not less than two thirds of the Members voting at that meeting.

ARTICLE 18 NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETINGS:

Members shall be given Fourteen days' notice of all General Meetings. Notice during the bowling season of such meetings shall be posted on the notice board in the Clubhouse and given in writing outwith the bowling season.

ARTICLE 19 QUORUM:

At all General Meetings of the Club twenty Members shall form a quorum. If no quorum is present fifteen minutes after the time fixed for the meeting it shall stand adjourned until a date not less than fourteen days later. If at an adjourned meeting a quorum is still not present, the meeting shall proceed to deal with the relevant business.

At all Management Committee meetings, five Members shall form a quorum.

At all Bowling Committee meetings, three Members shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE 20 RELATED ACTIVITIES:

The Club may organise appropriate bowling related activities and hold a licence for the sale and distribution of alcoholic liquor in strict accordance with the Licensing Laws *extant* and on conditions determined by the Management Committee.

ARTICLE 21 NON-MEMBERS:

Members of the Club shall be entitled to sign in visitors who are non-members. For this purpose each member can sign in a maximum of 10 persons.

ARTICLE 22 DISSOLUTION:

The Club shall be dissolved following a resolution to that effect approved by a majority of not less than two thirds of the eligible voting Members present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose. The assets of the Club shall be distributed to eligible voting members who have a minimum of thirty-six months eligible voting membership of the club in such fashion as such meeting shall determine.

THIS IS THE CONSTITUTION AS AMENDED BY THE AGM ON 13TH MARCH 2017