

CONSTITUTION OF THE IRCHESTER BOWLING CLUB

Name

- 1 The Club shall be called IRCHESTER BOWLING CLUB
- 2 The object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of Bowling and to provide and maintain a clubhouse and all other necessary facilities for the use of club members.

Constitution

- 3 The club is a non-profit making club where any surplus income or gains are to be invested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

The club shall consist of a specified number of members, set by the A.G.M on recommendations of the elected committee, plus honorary members at the discretion of the committee and the General Meeting.

Membership is limited by available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis.

General Meetings

- 4 a) A General Meeting shall take place during the month of November in each year and in any event a period of fifteen months shall not elapse with a General Meeting being called.

All members to be given 21 days notice.
- b) The General Committee may summon an Extraordinary General Meeting at anytime giving 14 days notice.
- c) An Extraordinary General Meeting can be called by over 25% of the members of the club.

Such a meeting shall give 14 days notice and shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called.

No other business shall be transacted at such a meeting.
- d) Attendance at the A.G.M or E.G.M is a prerequisite for voting.

Attendance to the A.G.M or E.G.M is encouraged. However should a member be unable to attend due to Holiday, illness or unavoidable absence, then the member may register with the secretary for a Postal or Email Vote.

Officers

- 5 a) The affairs of the club shall be conducted by the committee consisting of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Green Keeper, Fixture Secretary, Membership Secretary, Competition Secretary, Bar Manager Plus 5 Committee Members. A quorum to be formed by 7 members. The committee have the right to co-opt members onto the committee to fill available positions.
- b) The members of the committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All nominations for the committee shall be made in writing to the Hon. Secretary or their name placed on the board displayed in the clubhouse at least 14 days before the A.G.M
- c) Membership of the club shall imply an obligation to indemnify the office holders and the committee members of and from all liability undertaken by them on behalf of the club jointly with all other members.

Committee Powers

- 6 a) The committee shall have the power to employ anyone to work on behalf of the club, and dismiss those employed as it may deem necessary.
- b) The committee may from time to time repeal and amend regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as it shall think expedient for the management and well being of the club

Trustees

- 7 There shall be three Trustees elected at the A.G.M from within the membership to oversee the general wellbeing of the club. The period of office shall be for three years with effect from the A.G.M
- Trustees will not be eligible for immediate re-election.
- During the time of their trusteeship no member shall be eligible to serve on the General Committee.
- Should a vacancy occur for whatever reason within the period of Trusteeship an E.G.M shall be called within 14 days to fill the vacancy and then the period of Trusteeship shall be for three years following the next A.G.M
- Any change to the trusteeship requires notification to Irchester Parish Council within 14 days of the occurrence.

Borrowing Powers

- 8 If at any time the club in General Meeting shall pass a resolution authorised the committee to borrow money, the committee shall be empowered to borrow for the purpose of the club, such amount of money, either at one time or from time to time at such a rate of interest and in such form and manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution.

Members Not to make profit out of the club

- 9 No member shall receive profit or salary from the funds or transactions of the club. Ideally jobs around the club are completed by members voluntarily. However if the job requires a skilled professional tradesman the committee must obtain 3 quotes. A member may tender for the work, and if their quote is favourable, the committee may ask them to undertake the work. A spending cap of anything over £2,500 must be passed and approved by the members with the exception of extreme emergencies.

Dissolution of the club

- 10 Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or sports governing body for use by them in community related sports.

Supply of Liquor

- 11 Intoxicating liquor may be supplied to members and their guests for consumption on the club premises. Both members and their guests shall pay the appropriate charge as fixed by the committee. Intoxicating liquor for consumption off the club premises may be supplied only to members. They may be admitted to the registered premises of the club other members and their guests who are members of another bowling club, and their guests who are visiting the club premises to play a bowls match against members of the club. and subject to any conditions attached to the registration certificate for the club premises. Intoxicating liquor may be sold or supplied to them by or on behalf of the club for consumption on the club premises but not elsewhere.

Permitted Hours

- 12 The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be the general licensing hours for the Licensing District in which the club is situated as provided by the Licensing Act 2003
These may be varied from time to time, by the committee, in accordance with the Statutory provisions for the time being in force.
- 13 No member shall be entitled to gain commission, percentage or profit from the sale of alcohol.

Sub-Committee

- 14 The purchase of alcohol for supply by the club shall be controlled by a sub-committee of not less than 3 members being members of the general committee, appointed by the committee for that purpose.
In the event any member ceasing to be a member of the sub-committee the committee may appoint another member in their place.
The committee may also from time to time appoint from among its members such sub-committee as it may deem necessary or expedient.

Amendment of Constitution

- 15 This constitution may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Extra Ordinary General Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members voting on such a resolution. Further the committee shall be the sole authority for interpretation of this constitution and of the regulations made from time to time by the committee.

Membership of the club

- 16 Membership of the club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity nationality, sexual orientation, religious beliefs, or of age, sex or disability, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Bowling as a particular sport.
The club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute.
Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Clubs Trustees, and decided by the Trustees majority vote.
A further appeal may be made to Bowls England.

Short Mats

- 17 The club holds Short Mat sessions between October and April, run by the Short Mat Organiser.
Friendly matches against local clubs are arranged.
This facility is available for our full members, or associated members, who have been members of the club for at least ten years, but who no longer bowl outside. A fixed yearly membership is charged, with a further fixed charge payable at each session.
Short Mat members who are not full members do not have authorisation to use the outdoor green at any time.

Disciplinary and Appeal Procedures

- 18 The disciplinary and appeal procedures of the Irchester Bowling Club will comply with the Bowls England Regulation 9 DISCIPLINARY RULES IN RELATION TO MISCONDUCT AT CLUB LEVEL AND AT LICENSED TOURNAMENTS - MISCONDUCT in their booklet. Approved September 2019
A copy of this booklet will be held in the clubhouse.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

- 19 Irchester Bowling Club has adopted the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy from guidelines as laid down by Bowls England.

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