

GREETHAM BOWLS CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. NAME

The name of the club shall be Greetham Bowls Club.

2. AFFILIATION

The club shall be affiliated to the Greetham Community Centre and Sports and Social Club to which the club shall pay an annual fee for the use of the outdoor activities and hire charge for the use of the indoor facilities.

3. OBJECTS

The objects of the club shall be:-

- a. To foster and promote the game of indoor and outdoor bowls.
- b. To adopt and enforce the laws of the English Bowls Federation and the English Bowls Association and to adapt same to meet demands of restricted indoor facilities.
- c. To organise and promote such competitions and matches that are considered necessary to ensure maximum use of the green and the two indoor rinks.
- d. To liaise with the Stamford and District Bowls League and any other organisation which the club may join on matters of mutual interest.
- e. To encourage and make provision for non-bowlers to take up the sport.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- a. All persons who are in agreement with the aims and objects of the club shall be eligible for membership.
- b. The Committee may expel from the club any member whose conduct may be such as to be injurious to the character of the club or in the interest of the members. Before expulsion the matter may be thoroughly investigated by the Committee. The offending member may then be given the opportunity to satisfactorily explain their conduct at a properly convened Committee meeting. Failing a satisfactory response, the offending member, by a majority decision may be asked to resign or be expelled.
- c. A member thus expelled shall forfeit all rights and privileges of membership, have no claims against the Club and shall not be entitled to have any part of the current year's subscription fee refunded to him or her.
- d. The Committee reserves the right to refuse membership at its discretion.
- e. Membership can be closed at the discretion of the Committee.

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

An annual subscription shall be paid by each member in accordance with the subscription agreed annually. Annual Subscription shall be due on 1st November in each year and shall be paid to the Treasurer no later than the 1st day of the following month. Failure to pay by this date will automatically forfeit membership.

6. CONTROLLING MANAGEMENT

- a. The affairs of the club shall be governed by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting
- b. The formation of the Committee shall comprise: President, Chairman, Vice – Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Friendlies Captain, Friendlies Vice Captain, Ladies Captain, Ladies Vice Captain, League A Team Captain, League B team Captain, Over 60s Captain, Press Liaison Officer and Green Chairman whose decision as to the suitability of the Bowling Green for play shall be final.
- c. The Committee may co-opt additional Committee members as the need arises
- d. Five Committee members shall constitute a quorum at Committee meetings.
- e. Rink fees shall be determined by the Committee at the first Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting.
- f. Committee meetings shall be called according to the need to discuss urgent business, but not less than four meetings per year.
- g. Every member of the Committee shall have one vote on each issue under discussion if a vote is required. In the event of an equal vote the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- h. The Secretary shall keep recorded minutes of Committee meetings.
- i. The Committee shall, at all times, exercise their managerial powers to uphold the best interests of the Club and conduct its affairs without personal gain or prejudice. In the event of the Committee wishing to obtain a loan to finance a desirable project, it shall first call an Extraordinary General Meeting of Club members and obtain approval by a minimum 75% majority of those who are present. The Committee shall have the power to adjudicate on all disputes within the club and all decisions shall be accepted as final and in precedent.
- j. The Committee shall have the authority to appoint Sub Committees and representatives and depute to them to whatever representation may be necessary for a satisfactory result.

7. GENERAL MEETINGS

- a. The Club shall run from the 1st October to 30th September.
- b. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the last day of October on a date appointed by the Committee.
- c. The notice of such meeting shall be posted on the noticeboard in the Pavilion. A notice of the agenda specifying the business to be transacted to be similarly publicised at least 14 days before the meeting.
- d. Notices of additional business or motions to be placed forward on the agenda must be received by the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
- e. Extraordinary General Meetings may be called at any time by notification to the Secretary at the request of the Committee or by one third of the membership giving at least 14 days clear notice. Notice of such a meeting will be published on the Club noticeboard and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting other than that specified.
- f. An acceptable quorum at all General meetings shall be 10 and to include at least 2 members of the elected Committee.

- g. Voting at General Meetings shall be by a show of hands or by any other method the Chairman may direct.
- h. Nominations for Officers of the Club may be proposed and seconded verbally at Annual General Meetings and appointments approved by a majority.
- i. No alterations to these rules may be passed unless at least two thirds majority of members present are in favour of the amendment. They may from time to time be revoked altered or added to by Notice of Amendment at any General Meeting.
- j. The Constitution and Rules embodied in this document supersedes any previous Standing Orders and Club Rules.

8. REGULATIONS

CONDUCT

- Smoking in the Hall when the mats are down, abusing the green or taking food and drink onto the playing area whether indoors or outdoors is strictly prohibited. Players are also requested not to run on the playing surfaces.

DRESS

- Members shall conform to the correct dress when competing against other clubs.
- Gentlemen – Grey trousers/dress shorts, Ladies – Grey Skirts /trousers/dress shorts. All white above the waist. Flat soled boots (no heels , crepe or pattern)

COMPLAINTS

- All complaints to be made in writing to the Secretary for consideration at the next Committee Meeting.

ARTICLES

- The Club and Committee will accept no responsibility for any items taken into or left on the premises occupied by the Club.

VISITORS

- All persons being members of visiting teams must accept that they are visiting the Club premises by invitation of the Committee and must abide by the rules of the Bowls Club and those of the Community Centre whilst on the premises. They shall, however, be permitted to enjoy the privileges of the Club and the Community Centre during the period of their visit.