



BRIMFIELD AND LITTLE HEREFORD BOWLING CLUB

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PRESIDENT: Mrs Helen Skinner

CHAIR: Mr Peter Bloomer

26th October 2024

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME

The organisation shall be called the Brimfield and Little Hereford Bowling Club

2. PURPOSE

The Club will be a not for profit voluntary organisation run by a Committee, as described in 4 below, for the benefit of the sport of flat green bowls in the community. Any money obtained by the Club shall be used only for the Club. Any bank accounts opened for the Club shall be in the name of the Club. Any cheques issued shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other nominated official. The Club shall be affiliated to Bowls England and Bowls Herefordshire and shall adopt and conform to current Bowls England Rules and Regulations and the current Laws of the Sport of Bowls.

3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Bowling Club are to provide adequate facilities for, and to promote participation in the amateur sport of outdoor flat green bowls, as played under the rules of Bowls England, for anyone interested in the sport regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

4. COMMITTEE

4a) The business of the Bowling Club shall be carried out by the Executive Committee which consists of: Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, Vice-Captain, Ladies Captain/Ladies County Representative, Men's County Representative, Fixtures Secretary, Welfare Officer plus the non-elected Groundsman.

4b) The Executive Committee shall have sole responsibility for making and determining the Rules of the Club. The Executive Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club according to the Rules and shall ensure that the property and funds of the Club will not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of Members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties and all surplus income or profits will be re-invested in the Club. The Executive Committee shall have powers to apply and act upon and enforce the Rules of the Club and shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Club including any not provided for by the Rules.

4c) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held once every month. The attendance of six Executive Officers shall comprise a quorum. In the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

4d) The Executive Committee may co-opt up to six additional members to work with the Executive at its discretion.

5. MEMBERSHIP

5a) Membership of the Bowling Club shall be open to application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Anyone interested in the sport of outdoor flat green

bowls, on applying for membership, shall be proposed and seconded by a member and shall submit a Membership Application Form along with the relevant subscription fee.

5b) In all cases the decision of the Executive Committee on applications for membership and decisions on whether or not they should be accepted shall be the sole responsibility of the Executive Committee. In the event that any new membership application is refused the Executive Committee shall not be under any obligation to assign any reason for refusal.

5c) There shall be the following categories of membership with power to vote at all relevant meetings of the Club as indicated hereunder:

- FULL MEMBERSHIP – being a person who, at the date of election to member, shall have attained the age of twenty five years plus;
- JUNIOR MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election to member, is under the age of twenty five years but attained the age of eighteen to twenty four;
- HONORARY LIFE MEMBER - being a person who has been nominated as a life member of the Bowling Club, whether as a bowler or non-bowler.
- SOCIAL MEMBER - being a person who is a non-bowling member at the date of election to member.

There shall be the following category of membership with no power to vote at all relevant meetings of the Club as indicated hereunder:

- YOUTH MEMBER - being a person who, at the date of election to member, is under the age of eighteen.

5d) The subscriptions of individual members due by the end of February of each year shall be recommended by the Executive Committee for approval at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) (See 7 below)

6. SUSPENSION AND DISCIPLINARY

6a) All Members of the bowling club, and their guests, including players from other clubs visiting or competing at the Club, are expected to comply with the current Members Code of Conduct to ensure an enjoyable, comfortable and safe environment for all present. It is the responsibility of all Members to ensure that visitors to the Club are aware of the rules of the Club. Should anyone be deemed to have breached the Code of Conduct, following receipt of a formal complaint, sanctions may apply immediately.

6b) Where and when required, the Executive Committee, or a Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Executive Committee, has the right to make decisions and enforce appropriate measures as per detailed in the Bowls England Regulation 9.

6c) A police matter will be dealt with immediately and not be the outcome of any disciplinary process.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7a) An Annual General Meetings shall be held annually in the month of October for the following purposes:

1. Election of Club President for a two year period of office.
2. Election of Officers and committee members – see in 4 above.
3. Presentation of Accounts
4. The Accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, and copies of the Balance Sheet made available to all Members.
5. Approval of the Annual Subscription.

7b) Retiring Officers and Executive Committee shall remain in office until the close of the meeting. Any person may attend the AGM but only Members may vote, propose and be elected to the Committee. Other matters may be discussed but not voted upon unless due notice of not less than 28 days has been given in writing to the Secretary.

8. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

8) Extraordinary General Meetings may be convened at the discretion of the Executive Committee or on the requisition of not less than one fifth of the total membership of the Club, such requisition to state the business proposed to be transacted.

8b) Any requisition by members of the Club for an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Club and an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called no more than 28 days nor less than 14 days after such requisition has been made.

9. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for making rules for the conduct of its own business and that of the General Meeting.

10. ALTERATIONS

No alterations shall be made to the Constitution except upon resolution of the Club at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed alterations must reach the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the date of the General Meeting.

11. DISSOLUTION

11a) If at any general meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Club Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution. The Club shall be dissolved on the passing of a resolution to that effect at a General Meeting of the Club after due notice by at least two thirds of those present and voting. Such a meeting shall appoint a Committee to wind up the affairs of the Club and shall give general directions as to the disposal of assets.

11b) If upon the dissolution of the Club, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members; but the net assets remaining shall be given to one or more of the following, having objectives similar to the objects of this Club:

- a) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity and /or
- b) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
- c) To Bowls England for use by them in related community sports, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its income and property amongst its members.

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