

Whitehouse & Grange Bowling Club

CONSTITUTION & RULES

PART I-TITLE

1. The name of the Club shall be “Whitehouse and Grange Bowling Club”
2. The Club is non-profit making organisation. 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 the members (*defined in Rule 3*) on winding -up or dissolution of the Club

PART II- MEMBERSHIP

CHAPTER I- Membership Categories

3. The membership of the Club shall consist of:
 - (a) Ordinary Members aged 16 and over; and
 - (b) Honorary Members appointed under Rule 7.
4. The number of Ordinary Members allowed shall be determined by the Club at a Annual General meeting. The Management Committee will have the power to temporarily increase this limit to progress Junior and Associate Members to Ordinary Members.
5. The Club shall also admit the following categories of members subject to conditions decided by the Management Committee:
 - a. JUNIOR MEMBER who shall be under eighteen of age on 1st April in any season;
 - b. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS who shall be under 25years of age on 1st April in any season and attending a recognised course of full-time education;
 - c. NON-PLAYING MEMBERS who shall be over eighteen years of age.
6. Members admitted under Section 5 shall not be entitled to serve on the Management Committee nor attend General Meetings or vote. Members admitted under Section 5(c) shall be entitled to use the facilities of the Club except the Green.
7. The Club at an Annual General Meeting shall on recommendation from the Management Committee, have power to appoint an Honorary President, Honorary Vice-Presidents and Honorary Members in recognition of distinguished and outstanding service to the Club or the game of Bowls. Such members will not be bound by Part III of these Rules.
8. Only members as defined by section 3 and 5(a) and (b) may represent the Club in external competitions

Chapter II – Application for membership

9. Application for admission must be made to the Secretary on the official form.
10. The Secretary shall note the date the application was received, and shall display the application on the Club notice board for at least 14 (fourteen) days. Any Member may object to the application by notifying the Club Secretary in writing within this fourteen day period. The applicant shall be entitled to use the Club facilities during this period.

11. If no objections have been received, the Secretary has the power to admit the applicant.
12. Where the number of applicants exceeds the number of vacancies, the applications shall be considered in date order. Notwithstanding this, former Members, Associate Members or Associate Lady Members shall take precedence over new applicants, as will spouse or partner of a serving Member who shall take precedence over a new applicant, but not over a former member applying for re-admission.

CHAPTER III -Resignations

13. Any Member intending to withdraw from the Club must notify the Secretary in writing prior to the Annual General Meeting

PART III –SUBSCRIPTIONS

14. Entry Money payable on admission to the Club, and the Annual Subscription payable by all categories, shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.
15. Entry Money is due on accepting Membership of the Club. Former Members shall only be liable for any addition to the entry Money since they left the Club.
16. The Annual Subscription falls due at the Annual General Meeting and all the Members on the roll at that time shall be liable for payment. All subscriptions must be paid by 1st May.
17. The Management Committee has the power to alter the first Annual Subscription of a member admitted after 1st May.
18. Any member in arrears shall not be entitled to exercise any right or privilege of membership, including the use of the Club's facilities nor to represent the Club in matches
19. The Management Committee may hold the Member to have forfeited Membership if the subscription is unpaid on 1st July. A copy of this rule will be sent to all Members in arrears on 1st June.

PART IV- MANAGEMENT

20. The Office-Bearers of the Club consist of Immediate Past President, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Custodian.
21. The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Management Committee consisting of the Office-Bearers and 6 Members of the Committee.
22. The Members of the Committee shall serve for a period of three years. Retiring Members shall be eligible for re-election.
23. The Office- Bearers apart from the Immediate Past President and Members of the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
24. The duties of the Management Committee may be delegated to a Sub- Committee provide that it is not inconsistent with anything in these Rules or detrimental to the affairs of the Club.
25. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club, whom failing the Vice- President. Where neither is present the Members shall appoint one of their own number to preside.

26. Each Member shall have one vote. The Chair shall have a deliberative vote and a casting vote. Five shall be a quorum.

PART V GENERAL MEETING

27. The Annual General meeting shall be held in March.
28. All Notices of Motions must be given to the Club Secretary in writing on or before 1st February, and be include in the Notice calling the Meeting.
29. A Special Meeting of the Club may be called at any time at the request of the President, or the Vice-President in the President's absence or by a requisition to the Club Secretary signed by at least fifteen Members specifying the nature of the business.
30. Notice shall be given to the Members at least fourteen days prior to any General Meeting specifying the nature of the business.
31. Each member shall have one vote, and the Chair shall have a casting vote. Thirty shall form a quorum.

PART VI -CONDUCT

32. All Members shall be bound by the Rules and Constitution and the Byelaws of the Club. Any Member acting in contravention of these Rules and persisting in doing so after a written warning by the Management Committee, or acting in a way prejudicial to the interests of the Club, of which the Management Committee shall be the sole judge shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by a majority of The Management Committee present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose.

PART VII -TRUSTEES

33. The Trustees of The Club shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Club Treasurer and Custodier, ex officio.
34. The titles to all properties acquired, or which may be acquired, shall be held or taken in their names, and that of their respective successors in office as Trustees for the Club.
35. The Trustees may be empowered to procure loan or loans for the purpose of the Club on such security and obligation as the Club may determine at a General Meeting, and any obligations made on behalf of the Club by the Trustees shall be binding on the Club.

PART VIII -VISITORS

36. Members shall be allowed the privilege of occasionally bringing a limited number of guests to the Green on such conditions as the Management Committee may decide.

PART VIII –VISITORS

37. No Member of the Management Committee or person employed by the Club shall have any personal interest in the sale of alcoholic liquor on the Club Premises or in the profits arising from such sales.
38. Alcoholic liquor shall be sold and supplied in accordance with the Licensing (Scotland) Acts as amended, and shall not be sold outwith the hours authorised in the Act
39. No person under the age of eighteen shall be sold or supplied with alcoholic liquor
40. A visitor shall not be supplied with alcoholic liquor in the Club premises unless on the invitation and in the company of a Member
41. On admission of a visitor to the Club premises, or immediately after being supplied with alcoholic liquor , the member shall enter his or her name, the name and address of eth visitor and the date of the visit in a book kept for the purpose
42. For the duration of their visit Members of visiting teams and accompanying officials and spectators shall be regarded as temporary Members of the Club and shall be entitled to make use of the Clubhouse facilities including the Bar.
43. Alcohol shall not be supplied on the premises if the register of Ordinary Members falls below 25 in number.

PART IX -BYE LAWS

44. The Management Committee shall have the power to make Bye- laws not inconsistent with these rules.

PART X – CONSITUTION RULES

45. These Rules shall not be altered except by a resolution carried by two-thirds of the Members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or a Special Meeting called for that purpose.