

THE BRIDGNORTH BYLET BOWLING CLUB

The Constitution and Rules of the Club as amended and approved at the Annual General Meeting held at the Club on Monday 10th February 2014.

1. Name of Club.

This Club shall be called '*The Bridgnorth Bylet Bowling Club*'.

2. Objects of the Club.

The objects of the Club shall be to encourage interest in and to provide facilities for playing the game of Bowls, and to provide social facilities for members of the Club and their friends.

3. Management of the Club.

a. Executive/Management Committee The affairs of the club shall be in the hands of a Committee of Management which shall consist of fifteen persons who shall be elected annually at each Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall hold office until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting. They shall be eligible for re-election from year to year. All members of the Club, except as hereinafter provided, shall be equally entitled to vote at elections of the Committee and to nominate candidates for election or to stand as candidates. The Committee shall have power on behalf of the Club to deal with all matters not expressly reserved by the rules to a General Meeting or a Special Committee. Five members shall form a quorum. An Assistant Secretary will be appointed, this post will be included in the fourteen persons and will not hold Club Officer status.

b. Officers of the Club. Of the fifteen persons so elected to the committee, the members shall each year designate persons to fill the following positions as Officers of the Club:-

***THE PRESIDENT
CHAIRMAN
TREASURER
SECRETARY
BAR SECRETARY***

in the event of one member occupying more than one officer's post extra members may be elected to bring the total committee body to fifteen persons, provided that one person shall not hold office as both Secretary and Treasurer. The fifteen persons elected shall include a Child Protection Officer who holds the relevant CRB checks.

c. Sub-Committee. The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees for such specific purposes as they deem necessary and may delegate to such Sub-Committees such powers and duties of the Committee as they deem necessary or expedient. Any Sub-Committee composed of less than four members or one connected with the purchase for the Club, of intoxicating liquor shall consist solely of elected members of the Committee. Other Sub-Committees may have added to their numbers members of the Club who are not elected members of the Committee, provided that at least two thirds of the members of

any Sub-Committee must be members elected to the Committee under Rule 3a above. In the case of a Sub-Committee having less than four members two shall form a quorum, in any other case three.

- d. ***Property of the Club*** The Committee shall apply all money and property of the club solely for the benefit of the Club or for such charitable or benevolent purposes as the Club in General Meeting shall direct.

4. **Annual General Meeting**

- a. There shall be a General Meeting of the Club at least once in every year and fifteen months must not elapse without a General Meeting. It shall be the duty of the Committee to ensure that an Annual General Meeting is properly called and not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given.
- b. The Committee shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting at any time on reasonable notice, and shall do so if requested by not less than five members of the Club who are entitled to vote at a General Meeting or one fifth of the total number of members so entitled, whichever is the less.

5. **Election of Members.**

There shall be three classes of members:-

- **SINGLE(BOWLING) MEMBER (one vote)**
- **JUNIOR (BOWLING) MEMBER** (for members who have not reached age 18 prior to 1st Jan. (not eligible to vote)
- **SOCIAL (NON-PLAYING) MEMBER** (for membership commenced before 23rd February 2009 there will be one vote per member once they have attained 5 years continual membership. Social members joining after this date are ineligible to vote)

In the event of the death of an Honorary member the surviving spouse will automatically retain Honorary status.

The full names and addresses of any person desirous of becoming a member of the Club, together with the names of his proposer and seconder, shall for at least seven days be posted in a prominent position on the Club notice board. The application for membership shall then stand referred to the elected Committee. A two thirds majority shall be required to secure election. Persons interested in the objects of the Club shall be eligible for membership as Social (non-playing) members. They shall not be permitted to play on any of the Greens, but shall be entitled to enjoy all other facilities of the Club.

Social members who qualify for a vote(see classes of members) shall be entitled to vote at General Meetings of the Club, and to submit any propositions deemed fit. They shall not be entitled to nominate candidates, or to stand for election to the Committee. They shall, however, receive notice of all such Meetings and be entitled to attend and by leave of the Chairman to speak.

Ladies shall have equal rights in the Club providing they pay equal subscription.

6. **Annual Subscription**

The annual subscription of Single (bowling) members shall be £32.50; for Junior (bowling) members £1; and for Social (non-bowling) members £15.

All bowlers participating in League Matches will pay 80p per game above and beyond any league fees.

All subscriptions shall fall due on the 1st April each year and be payable at the commencement of the season and members not having paid their subscription by April 30th will have to reapply for membership.

7. Days for Play

The Committee shall fix the dates for the opening and closing of the green for play in each season and during the season so fixed, the Green shall be open for play every day in the week, provided that the Committee shall have power to prohibit play if it considers that the green is unfit for play

8. Key of Wicket

Every member will be given the combinational code to the lock on the Footbridge. Additionally, any member upon applying to the Treasurer or Secretary, and paying for the same, **may** be furnished with a set of keys to the Clubhouse. The last keyholder present will, be responsible for ensuring that the Clubhouse is properly locked and alarmed on leaving and that the footbridge is also locked.

9. Using Club Property

Every member who used the Bowls, Jacks, or other property belonging to the Club, is expected to return the same, in a clean condition to the cupboard or place provided for them.

10. Maximum Number of Players on the Green.

The number of players on the green at any one time shall not exceed twenty four and whenever there are other members waiting to play, the players shall retire in the order in which they commenced, so as to allow every member an opportunity of playing. Parties may be decided by ballot, and the party balloting the highest number shall have the privilege of setting the mark.

11. Competitions for Prizes

The competitions for the Challenge Cup and for any other prize or prizes given at the commencement of the Bowling Season, shall take place as follows:

- The Secretary shall provide a list in the pavilion announcing the competition(s) and the list shall remain there from the start of the Season so as to give members who desire to compete an opportunity of recording their names thereon.
- Rules covering the competition shall be published with the entry lists. Competitors not having paid their subscriptions and entrance fees, will not be included in the draw.

12. Match Playing and the Green

Non-players (except Umpires, referees and the Officials) must keep off the Green in match playing granted by the committee. No racing or jumping, or any behaviour whatever detrimental to the Green or the comfort of the players will be allowed.

Suitable footwear and clothing must be worn. Only dogs under control will be permitted to be brought on the Bylet Island.

13. Admission to Non-Members

The following persons shall be permitted to play on the Green and to enjoy the facilities of the Club House, including the supply on payment of intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises:-

- i) Guests of members personally introduced by them and whose names are entered in the Visitors Book together with the name of the member introducing them
- ii) Members and Officials of visiting teams. There shall be no fee for the privilege which shall be extended to such persons on the day of the match only.
- iii) Persons temporarily resident in the Bridgnorth area who are members of the Bowling Club in their normal place of residence, upon production of a current membership card of their own club, approved by any two members of the committee. The names of such persons shall be entered in a special book kept for the purpose by the Secretary together with the names of the Committee members who approved the application.

14. Discontinuing Membership

Any member not wishing to continue to be a subscriber, must give notice of their intention in writing, to the Secretary, on or before 1st May or they will be considered a subscriber for the ensuing season. He/she shall at the same time, if applicable, give up the keys to the Clubhouse, the cost of which shall be returned to them. Any member ceasing to belong to the Club is not entitled to any claim upon or participation in, any of the effects or property of the Club.

15. Expulsion of Members

The Committee shall have power to expel any member who misconducts themselves on the Green or elsewhere commits any act which the Committee consider detrimental to the dignity or interest of the Club, and the Secretary shall give notice of such expulsion to such member accordingly. An appeal in writing may be made within seven days, in which case the Secretary shall summon a Special General Meeting within fourteen days from the receipt of such an appeal, and the decision of such meeting shall be final. Any member expelled from the Club shall not afterwards be allowed on the Green.

16. Alteration of Rules

Any member wishing to propose any alteration in, or addition to these rules must give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary on or before the 1st February and such notice shall accompany the circular convening the Annual General Meeting. A Special General Meeting may also be called any time upon 14 days' notice by the Committee to consider an alteration of the rules.

17. Accounts

The Treasurer shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a properly audited income and expenditure account made up to the preceding 31st December. A copy of this account shall be sent to every member with the Agenda for the Annual General Meeting or displayed on the notice board, and any member of the Club shall be entitled to inspect the books of accounts of the Club and the vouchers relating thereto for a period of fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

18. Secretary

The Secretary shall be responsible for giving proper notice of and for keeping proper minutes of all meetings of the Club and the Committee, for giving all notices required to be given to the Clerk to the Justices, the Police and the Local Authority under the Licensing Acts or any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof. The Secretary shall also be responsible for making application to the Justices for the Grant or renewal of a Registration certificate under those acts.

19. Bar Secretary

The Bar Secretary shall take stock at least once each month and shall immediately report any discrepancy to the Committee. He shall be responsible for keeping the Bar Account and shall keep proper minutes of meetings of the Bar Sub-Committee if one is appointed.

20. Hours of Opening

The Club premises including the Club House shall be open from 9am to 1am during the season as fixed by the Committee under Rule 7 and may be open at other times at the discretion of the Committee.

21. Permitted Hours.

The permitted hours for the supply and consumption of intoxicating liquor shall be as follows:-

Monday to Saturday	11am to	1.00am
Sunday	Noon to	1.00am

22. Supply of Intoxicating Liquor

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied by or on behalf of the Club for consumption off the premises except to a member in person.

23. Adoption of the British Crown Green Bowling Association Rules.

The B.C.G.B.A. rules shall be adopted by this Club.

24. Committee to settle disputes

Should any question or dispute arise, not provided for in the foregoing Rules, or as to the constructions thereof, the same shall be referred to the Committee, and their decision shall be final. The Committee shall have power to make Bye Laws, not inconsistent with these rules, as to the general management and conduct of the Club. A copy of any such Bye Laws shall be kept permanently posted in a conspicuous position in the Clubhouse.

25. Child Protection Policy

The Bridgnorth Bylet Bowling club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in the game of bowls. It will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following and promoting the joint Child Protection Policy and Procedures of the National Governing Bodies,

Signed Date.....
Chairman