

Hucknall Titchfield Park Bowling Club

Constitution

The Club Shall be known as the Hucknall Titchfield Park Bowling Club.

Membership Is open to Ladies and Gentlemen of any age. The membership year runs from AGM to AGM. Categories for membership are Full Membership, Honorary Life Membership, Junior Membership and Associate Membership (see Footnote).

The club adopts and follows all policies and guidelines approved by Bowls England (Regulations 2.5.2 September 2022) and UK Anti-Doping. We follow all procedures set out in Bowls England Regulation 9 and abides with all sanctions, recommendations and/or decisions from the Case Management Panel or National Disciplinary Panel.

Objective: To provide both competitive and friendly bowling for members.

Club Committee: President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Committee administers the club in accordance with the wishes of its members as expressed in meetings or by electronic ballot.

The Club Committee is supported and advised by members volunteering to undertake Support Roles necessary for the efficient management of the club (Appendix A).

Finances The club's financial year will run from 1st October to 30th September. A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM. Cheques drawn against club funds must hold the signatures of the Treasurer and one other club member nominated and agreed at the AGM. All funds drawn against club accounts must have the approval of the Club Committee. The annual account will be audited by a volunteer member.

Meetings: An Annual General Meeting (AGM) and a Pre-season Meeting are to be held each year. Associate Members may attend, but the quorum for the AGM will be 25% of Full Members and Life Members. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) can be called by the Club Committee or 10% of Full Members submitting a written request to the Secretary. The Club Committee will meet at least four times a year with the quorum of three for business to be agreed.

Voting on nominations for Club Committee posts, team Captains, changes to the Constitution and external affiliations and leagues, can be facilitated in advance of an AGM using Email or other electronic ballot methods available at the time.

General Meetings Are to be chaired by the President.

Footnote

Full Membership provides access to all the club's playing and social activities.

Honorary Life Membership may be bestowed on long serving members with exceptional service.

Junior Membership is available up to the age of 18 years.

Associate Membership is open for partners and spouses of Full Members and is non-playing and non-voting.

Applications for membership are at the discretion of the Club Committee.

Motions Carried by a General Meeting will, where appropriate, become part of the Constitution. Motions must be received by the Secretary not less than 14 days prior to the AGM.

New members Will be accepted at any time with the agreement of the Committee.

Honorary Life Members Long serving members may be elected as Honorary Life Members at any General Meeting.

Members Are expected to observe the rules of the game, conduct themselves in the appropriate manner whilst playing bowls and adhere to the Leagues and Club dress code. HTPBC has a registered club shirt for both men and ladies which must be worn whenever a member is representing the club in league or cup matches.

Membership fees The fee for Full Membership has two components, club membership and a green fee. The club membership must be paid at or prior to the AGM. The green fee must be paid at or prior to the pre-season meeting. The fees for all categories of membership are to be reviewed at the AGM.

Selection: Members will be selected for league and cup matches subject to their known availability and fixtures. The Selection Team is guided by the club's Selection Policy which is available to all members. Members choosing to also play league and cup matches for other clubs will limit their opportunities for selection for HTPBC.

Any member failing to turn up for a match will be reported to the Club Committee which may then impose a one week ban on selection. Any complaint against the Selection Team must be made in writing and addressed to the whole Team and not individual members.

Dissolution Dissolution of the club can only be agreed at an AGM or EGM which will require the attendance of 50% of Full Members and Life Members. A majority from those members present and able to vote is required for the decision. In the event of dissolution, all debts will be cleared with any club funds. Any remaining funds, including from the sale of club assets, will be given to a local charity or charities as club members decide.

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