

MAIDENS BOWLING CLUB CONSTITUTION 2012

NAME OF CLUB

1. The Club shall be called "Maidens Bowling Club".

MEMBERSHIP

2. The membership shall consist of the following:
 - a) Gentlemen Members, 18 years of age and over
 - b) Lady Members, 18 years of age and over
 - c) Junior Members aged over 12 years and under 18 years
 - d) Honorary Life Members
 - e) Pre Junior Members in P4 - S1 (approx 8 - 12 years)
 - f) Non-playing members (who must have been Ordinary members for 3 years before applying for this category)
3. Only members in categories (a), (b) and (d) shall have voting rights.

ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP

3. Application for membership shall be made using the form provided by the Club. Every application shall be signed by the applicant and signed by two eligible members. Such application shall be submitted to the Secretary and be displayed on the Noticeboard for 14 days.
 4. Any objection to the applicant shall be made in writing to the Secretary. The Committee of Management shall have full power to accept or reject an application or an objection. In the event of rejection, no reason need be given but notice of such rejection shall be given also to the proposer.
 5. In the event of acceptance, the Secretary shall advise the applicant in writing that, subject to paying the full subscription, he or she has been admitted to membership of the Club.
 6. Junior Members may join at age 12 and may play in all competitions except that only members 16 years of age and over may enter the club championships. They are not eligible for election to the Committee and may not vote at General Meetings until admitted as full Members.
- Pre Junior Members will be allowed on the Green when full members are in attendance and have the use of a rink(s) at any time the Green is open if any are available. They will be allowed to play on a rink(s) by themselves or with full members if any rinks are available and have their own competition(s) organised by the Match Committee. They are not eligible for election to the Committee and may not vote at General Meetings until admitted as full members.

Persons wishing to become non-playing members of the Club must complete an application as per paragraph 3, stating clearly that they wish to become non-playing members. The total number of non-playing members in the Club at any time must not exceed 10% of the playing membership.

Members of other bowling clubs visiting the Club for the purpose of competition against the Club or neutral opponents together with any persons supporting such players shall be deemed to be temporary members of the Club for the duration of their stay.

MANAGEMENT

7. The business of the Club shall be conducted by an elected Committee of Management, hereafter referred to as the Committee. This Committee shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Past President, the Match Secretary, the Secretary, the Treasurer and nine other Members of the Club who are not Junior Members.
8. The President, Vice President, Match Secretary, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually at the AGM by ballot of members present after being nominated by two Members. The President shall be appointed for a maximum of two years.
9. At the AGM, three ordinary Committee Members shall retire and three Members of the Club shall be elected to fill the vacancies caused by this retirement. The Committee Members to retire each year shall be those who have been longest in office since the last election. Committee Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.
10. In the event of the death or resignation of any Member of the Committee during the year, the remaining Members may co-opt another Member of the Club to fill the vacancy until the AGM. At the AGM, the Club shall elect a Member to fill the vacancy, the appointment being for the unexpired period for which the resigning or deceased member would have held office. The co-opted member will be eligible for election.
11. The Committee shall have full power to transact and conduct all the affairs and business of the Club and to make and vary from time to time such by-laws and regulations as may not be inconsistent with the constitution, which by-laws and regulations shall be binding on every member of the Club.
12. The Committee shall meet at least once per month April to October and every second month outwith this period. The President or any three Members of the Committee shall have the power to instruct the Secretary to call a Special Committee Meeting at any time. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum at any Committee Meeting.
13. The President, or in his/her absence the Vice President, or in the absence of both, any Member of the Committee elected by the Meeting shall preside at all meetings of the Club or Committee.
14. Matters arising at all Meetings of the Club or Committee shall be decided by a simple majority of votes. The President, or Chairman of the Meeting in the absence of the President, shall have both a deliberative and casting vote.
15. The Secretary shall issue notices of all meetings connected with the Club and keep regular and exact Minutes thereof. In all notices of General Meetings, the Secretary shall state the purpose for which the meeting is called and intimate what changes, if any, are proposed to be made to the Rules.
16. The Secretary shall maintain a list of all Club Assets and produce this on request from any Member of the Committee.
17. All funds shall be lodged in the Bank in the name of the Club and the Bank Account shall be operated on by the President, the Secretary and the Treasurer, any two out of the three having to sign cheques for withdrawals.
18. Correct accounts and books shall be kept by the Treasurer showing the financial affairs of the Club and these accounts and books shall be open to inspection by any member of the Committee at any time. A full statement of Accounts made up to the 31st of December in each year shall be prepared by the Treasurer and submitted for