

# **IOW COMMUNITY BOWLS CLUB SECTION RULES.**

## **TITLE**

- 1. The Club shall be called the IOW Community Club ( Bowls Club)**

## **OBJECT**

- 2. The objects of the Club shall be to promote the game of flat green bowls for men and women of the I.O.W.**

## **AFFILIATION**

- 3. The Club shall be affiliated to the Bowls Isle of Wight. All men's games shall be played in accordance with the Bowls England Rules and all ladies games in accordance with the Bowls England Rules.**

## **COMMITTEE**

- 4. The Club shall be managed by a committee of 11 members, save as hereinafter stated and consist of the President, Vice President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Competition Secretary, two senior Captains, one lady representative(to be elected by the ladies section)and three other members.  
At the A.G.M. The Committee and captains will retire and shall be eligible for re-election. Nominations shall be posted at least seven clear days before the A.G.M. Nomination lists to be displayed from first week in September. Nomination lists to be displayed in the Bowls Pavilion and Club notice board.  
From within the committee a Chairperson shall be elected at the first meeting of the committee after the Annual General Meeting. Any member of less than two consecutive years playing shall not have the right to nominate or be elected as Officers of the Club or as members of the committee.**
- 5. The committee in addition to the powers herein specifically conferred on then shall have the control of the finances of the Club, including the fixing of the annual subscriptions, along with all the other charges and fees each year and all such administrative powers as may be necessary for properly carrying out the objects of the Club in accordance with these Rules and shall have the power to settle all questions arising and not provided in these Rules.**
- 6. The committee shall have the power to expel any member who shall offend against the Rules of the Club, or whose conduct shall be in the opinion of the committee render the said person unfit for membership. Before any member is expelled the Honorary Secretary shall give the said person seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the committee and shall inform the said person of the complaints made against the said person. No member shall be expelled without first having the opportunity of appearing before the committee and answering the complaints made the said person, not unless a majority of the committee then present not in favour of expulsion.**

7. **The Committee shall elect such sub – committee as they deem necessary for the proper running of the Club.**
8. **Cheques shall be signed by any two of the following officers:-  
Chairman.                      Honorary Secretary.                      Honorary Treasurer.**
9. **The Secretary of the club shall receive an Honorarium, this to be decided At each and every Annual General Meeting.**
10. **Apologies for absence, (not attending committee meetings) should be made to a committee member, in order that the apology be recorded at the meeting.**
11. **Any committee member missing two consecutive committee meetings shall be asked to submit the reason for non attendance in writing to the Honorary Secretary. The committee shall determine what action is to be taken, if it is deemed to be not acceptable.**
12. **Any casual vacancy on the committee shall be filled up by the committee.**
13. **The Bowls Section Committee shall be empowered to decide towards the subsidising of the cost of expenses, dependent on Section funds, of any Bowls Section member who represents the Club in any national bowls competitions as a result of reaching the County finals.**
14. **The minutes of all committee meetings shall be displayed in the Bowls Pavilion and the Club notice board for the benefit of members.**
15. **Ex –officio members of the Outdoor Bowls Section Committee will be ,  
The Child and Vulnerable Adults Protection Officer and Welfare Officer.**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

16. **All applicants for membership to the section must be members of the IOW Community Club.**
17. **Every application for membership must be proposed by one member and seconded by another. All applications shall be made by completion of an application form which shall be signed by the applicant and the two proposers. Completed forms shall be returned to the Honorary Secretary. The application shall be posted on the Club notice board for a period of not less than seven days and any member may object to the application for membership in writing to the Honorary Secretary.  
The application and any objection shall be considered by the committee or sub –committee as authorised by the committee and their decision shall be final. Any person not elected shall not be eligible to re-apply for membership within a period of twelve months.**
18. **In a matter of emergency the President and Honorary Secretary shall be empowered to approve an application.**

19. **On election the new member shall be informed, in writing by the Honorary Secretary and requested to pay the annual subscription. Membership commences on receipt of these fees, which must be received by the Honorary Secretary within 14 days from the date of the letter of acceptance. If payment is not made within this period the membership shall be declared void unless sufficient cause shall be shown to the satisfaction of the committee.**
20. **No member shall be allowed to play in any County or Club Competitions (including league matches) until club subscription and competition fees have been paid.**

#### **COLT MEMBERSHIP**

21. **Additional membership is available for the I.W.C.C. members aged 10 to 18 years to be eligible for election to the Bowls Section Colt membership. Membership of the Colts will only permit activities within the section and will have no rights to any parts of the club/grounds. The section shall be responsible for their well being. Membership application must be authorised by their parents/guardians. Applications for membership will apply as per Bowls Section Rules.**

#### **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

22. **All annual subscriptions (except as provided in rule 17) *shall be* payable at each Annual General meeting for the succeeding season and not later than the 31<sup>st</sup> October of each year, and if the subscription has not been paid within 30 days after the Annual General meeting, the defaulter shall (at the discretion of the committee) cease to be a member.**
23. **Bowls Section Colt members annual subscription fee will be set at 25% of the Bowls Section annual fee.  
Bowls Section Colt members annual green fee will be set at 25% of the annual green fee.**

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

24. **An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in October of every year to transact the following business:-**
  - a. **To receive, and if approved, adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year.**
  - b. **To consider and if approved the budget forecast for the forthcoming year.**
  - c. **To consider, and if approved, sanction any alteration of the Rules.**
  - d. **To appoint the officers and other members of the committee provided by these rules.**
  - e. **To elect team captains.**
  - f. **To deal with Any Other Business.**

25. **The Club's financial year shall run from the 1<sup>st</sup> October in each year until the 30<sup>th</sup> September in the following year.**
26. **A notice convening the Annual general Meeting shall be sent to members not less than fourteen days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.**

#### **EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

27. **A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the committee and shall be convened within thirty days from the receipt of a requisition in writing signed by not less than 10 of the members specifying the object of the meeting. A notice convening a Special Meeting shall be sent to members not less than fourteen days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.**

#### **AMENDMENT TO CLUB RULES**

28. **Any member may propose an amendment to the Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting. Any members so wishing shall, not less than twenty one days before the meeting give notice of the proposed amendment in writing to the Honorary Secretary, which proposal shall be seconded by a member. Alterations or additions to the rules shall be made only at the Annual General Meeting. An amendment to be defeated at an Annual General Meeting shall not be raised at the next two Annual General Meetings, except with the consent of the committee.**

#### **CASTING VOTE**

29. **At committee meetings the Chairperson shall have the power to vote and in the event of a tie when they are in the chair, shall have a second and casting vote. The president of the Club or nominated deputy shall preside as chairperson at the Annual General Meeting who shall have the power to vote and in the event of a tie when they are in the chair, shall have a second and casting vote.**

#### **QUORUM**

30. **At committee meetings, five shall form a quorum. At the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting 30 shall form a quorum.**

#### **TEAM SELECTION**

31. **Teams to represent the Club in all matches shall be selected by the respective team Captains. Team Captains to action the day to day running of their respective teams. Priority of team selection in the Bowls I.O.W. league games shall be determined by league status, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3. In the event of two teams playing in the same division, preference shall be A, B, C, D. afternoon league E.**

32. As games in the Bowls I.O.W. leagues progress any team captain short of players, may request players from the captain of any other team/s not in the same division.
33. Priority of team selection in the Bowls I.O.W. league games shall be determined by league status, Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 in the event of two teams playing in the same division, preference shall be A.B.C.D.
34. The President shall act as Captain in all friendly matches and in the event of absence shall be empowered to elect a deputy.
35. All members representing the Club must have Club stickers on the woods they are using for the match. Club colours shall be sky blue.

#### **DRESS**

36. Regulation dress, as specified by the Club will be worn by all members when representing the Club in matches. Flat must be worn on the green at all times.
37. Club regulation dress.
- 37a. Regulation dress for Bowls I.O.W. league matches shall be;  
**MEN:**  
Sky Blue and White coloured top as registered with Bowls I.O.W.  
Grey or white trousers and socks as appropriate, white, brown or grey flat soled shoes.
- 37b. Regulation dress for Bowls I.O.W. league matches shall be;  
**LADIES:**  
Sky Blue and White coloured top as registered with Bowls I.O.W. White or Grey skirts. trousers or crops as appropriate, white or brown soled shoes.
- 37c. Dress – Club Touring/Friendly matches only.  
Regulation dress for Club Touring and Friendly matches shall be;  
**MEN:**  
Regulation white shirt above the waist, Club tie, Grey of White trousers and socks as appropriate, white, brown or grey flat soled shoes.
- 37d. Regulation dress for Club Touring and Friendly matches shall be;  
**LADIES:**  
Regulation white top, white or grey skirts, trousers or crops as appropriate, white or brown flat soled shoes.
38. Any proposed changes to Club dress.  
A referendum ( Subject of an issue of Club importance, to direct vote of all Club membership for approval or rejection) be held.

## **INTERNAL COMPETITIONS**

- 39. The Outdoor Bowls Section Committee shall be empowered to decide the dates for the Section internal finals each year.**
- 40. All entrants in the Outdoor Bowls Section internal mens and ladies single competitions must be affiliated and registered by the Section (Plessey Bowls Club)**
- 41. No extensions to the date/s of any internal competitions will be given.**
- 42. If the challenger/s have not given dates to the opposing player/s within a third of the allocated time, then the opponent/s may then give the challenger/s three dates.**
- 43. Current competition/s rules stand.**
- 44. The Outdoor Bowls Section Committee shall be empowered to settle all questions arising and not provided in any of the internal competition/s rules.**

## **TROPHIES**

- 45. Club trophies will be regarded as perpetual challenge trophies. All challenge trophies shall be presented to the winners at the club Annual Dinner Dance. The holders will be responsible for their safe custody and return, but not for insurance. All trophies shall be returned to the Competition Secretary without delay on receiving instructions to do so.**

## **LADIES SECTION**

- 46. The Ladies Section of the Club shall be entitled to hold their own General Meeting in each year and to form their Committee and be responsible for the internal running of their own particular section.**

## **SMOKING**

- 47. Smoking will NOT be allowed ON greens.**

## **ASSETS**

- 48. In the event of the Club being dissolved, its assets, after all outstanding debts have been discharged, shall become the property of the Isle of Wight Community Club.**

# **IOW COMMUNITY CLUB**

## **LADIES BOWLS SECTION – CONSTITUTION**

**I.O.W. Community Bowls Club Ladies Section and its colours will be Sky Blue and White.**

- OBJECTIVES**      To foster and promote the game of flat green bowls. The Ladies Section is to be part of the main I.O.W. Community Club Bowls Section, and to abide by the rules thereof.
- COMMITTEE**      The affairs of the Ladies Section shall be conducted by a committee comprising of the following officers. A, B, and C Team Captains, Secretary, Treasurer and two other members elected at the A.G.M. ( 7 members in all ). The quorum of the committee to be five. A chairperson shall be elected at the first meeting of the committee following the A.G.M. to preside at all meetings. The chairperson shall have the power to vote and in the event of a tie when they are in the chair, shall have a second and casting vote. The committee shall have the power to fill vacancies that may occur among officers and members of the committee. Any new committee member must be affiliated to us and have bowled only for Plessey Ladies for two complete consecutive seasons. Two Ladies Committee members (usually the captain and the secretary) shall be representatives on the main bowls section committee.
- ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**      As main bowls section rules.
- COMPETITIONS**      NO Ladies Section member shall be allowed to play in any County and club competitions or games until her subscription and competition fees have been paid.
- MEMBERSHIP**      As main bowls section rules.
- DRESS**      All members shall wear regulation dress for all matches against other Clubs. Flat shoes or slippers must be worn at all times.
- SELECTION**      Teams to represent the club in all matches shall be selected by all three team Captains in consultation with the skips.
- LEAGUE BOWLS**      The club will play League Bowls and abide by the rules of the Bowls I.O.W.
- ALTERATION OF RULES**      Alterations to this Constitution may only be made by a properly convened general meeting, called on the written request of six members. The request must state the object of such a meeting and be signed by all six members. Notices of motions to change the Constitution must be made in writing to the Secretary fourteen days prior to the Ladies Section A.G.M.