

# **PINNER BOWLING CLUB**

Pinner Memorial Park, West End Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 1AE

## **CONSTITUTION – 2009.2**

Including amendments and addenda up to and including 1st February 2015.

### **1 DEFINITIONS**

'The Club' is **PINNER BOWLING CLUB**.

'Member' of the Club is a Playing Member, Social Member or Honorary Life Member elected in accordance with Item 7.

'Honorary Member' means a member of a visiting match team or a competitor in a tournament at the Club who shall be an Honorary Member for the day in accordance with Item 13.

'Temporary Member' means a member admitted in accordance with Item 13, who shall have no voting rights.

*Where the content so requires, words denoting the singular number shall include the plural number and words denoting the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender.*

### **2 AIM OF THE CLUB**

The aim of the Club is to encourage and foster the game of bowls under the World Bowls Board, World Indoor Bowls Council and Women's International Bowling Board rules.  
It is a non-profit-making Club.

### **3 MANAGEMENT**

The Club shall be managed by a committee consisting of the Officers and 4 playing members, all of which shall retire annually, 6 to form a quorum. The selection of such Officers and playing members shall be at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and all shall be eligible for re-election, except the President may not be re-elected to extend his period in excess of 2 years.

The Officers shall be President, Vice President, Captain, Vice-Captain, Treasurer, General Secretary, Social Secretary and Match Secretary.

Nominations for these positions must be in the hands of the General Secretary before 1st January, prior to the Annual General Meeting. If more than one player is nominated for a particular office, or if more than 4 playing members are nominated for the committee (other than the said Officers), the voting will be by ballot at the Annual General Meeting. The names of nominees for the committee for whom a vote may be cast must be indicated on each ballot paper, otherwise it shall be deemed to be null and void.

Two scrutinisers will be appointed by the Chairman to count the votes. The immediate Past President may serve as an additional member of the committee with voting powers for a period of one year.

The committee may appoint sub-committees for special duties and members not on the committee may be appointed to such sub-committees.

The committee shall have the power, if necessary, to change the rules to accord with Local Authority By-laws. All matters before the committee shall be decided by a show of hands.  
Where the votes are equal the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

## **4 SELECTION COMMITTEE**

The Selection Committee shall be appointed annually by the Captain and shall consist of the **Captain, Vice-Captain and 3 playing members.**

## **5 GENERAL MEETINGS**

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in February each year.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be confirmation of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any subsequent Special General Meetings, the consideration of Officers' reports, including the presentation of the audited accounts to 30th September, the election of Officers and committee members for the following year, the appointment of one honorary qualified Auditor/Accountant, or two lay members, and any items of which notice has been given and details included on the agenda.

Any member wishing to propose a resolution at the Annual General Meeting must send a copy of the resolution to the General Secretary before 1st January so that provision may be made on the agenda. The General Secretary shall send to every member at least 14 days' notice of any General Meeting, together with a copy of the agenda.

At any General Meeting the quorum shall be 25 members entitled to vote on a resolution. Any 3 members present at the meeting entitled to vote may demand a written ballot, in which case 2 scrutiners will be appointed to count the votes.

Every member shall be entitled to be present at any General Meeting, but a Social Member or Temporary Member (Item 13) shall not be entitled to vote. In the event of votes being equal, the Chairman has the casting vote.

The committee may call a Special General Meeting at their discretion, or shall within one month of receipt by the General Secretary of a request, signed by not less than 25 playing members (including Honorary Life Members), stating the business it is proposed to transact.

## **6 SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription, due on 1st April each year, shall be such sum as may be decided at the Annual General Meeting, and any member failing to pay his subscription by 1st April shall cease to be a member forthwith.

An entrance fee, also determined at the Annual General Meeting, shall be payable by new members. A previous playing member whose membership has lapsed and who has been re-elected, shall not be required to pay a further entrance fee.

For a new member after the end of June, the committee may, at its discretion, decide on a reduced subscription for that part of the year remaining. Likewise, a refund may be made to a member upon application who becomes unable to use the Club for a substantial part of the year due to a reason acceptable to the committee, and in the event of a member's decease, may make a refund to the next of kin.

The payment of the subscription shall be an acknowledgement that the member is bound by the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

## **7 ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Applicants for membership must be proposed and seconded by 2 playing members of the Club on the form provided for that purpose, election being vested in the committee, whose decision shall be by a simple majority and shall be final. The committee shall have the power to limit the number of playing members or social members if it considers it necessary.

The conferring of Honorary Life Membership shall be strictly limited at the recommendation of the Committee.

## **8 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Except for the purposes of subscriptions (Item 6), the Club's financial year-end shall be 30th September, and the audited accounts for submission to the Annual General Meeting shall be prepared to that date.

## **9 JUNIORS**

Junior members aged between 12 and 17 years shall be accepted at the committee's discretion and subject to any restrictions which may be deemed necessary to protect both the Club's and the child's interests and to comply with the current Child Protection Legislation.

## **10 CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION**

Pinner Bowling Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which its junior members 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.

## **11 SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION**

The committee shall have power to terminate or suspend the membership of any member or visitor it considers guilty of a breach of the Constitution or rules, misconduct or offensive behaviour, whether on the Club's premises or Club activities elsewhere.

## **12 INJURY, LOSS OF PROPERTY**

Members or visitors leaving vehicles, bowls, clothing or any other property whatsoever at the Club premises and the environment do so at their own risk and the Club shall not be responsible for any loss, damage or injury resulting from this or any other cause.

## **13 GUESTS, VISITORS AND TEMPORARY MEMBERS**

Guests may be introduced by members and the member introducing the guest must pay the appropriate fee the amount of which is decided by the committee.

Every member of a visiting team and every external player in a match or competition at the Club shall be an Honorary Member for the day or for the duration of the event.

Temporary Members may be admitted at the discretion of the committee for a period not exceeding 3 calendar months, the amount of the fee being at the discretion of the committee.

## **14 CLUB DRESS**

The Club dress shall be Club ties, white shirts and grey or white trousers, blue blazers for matches for the gentlemen; white shirts and grey or white regulation style skirts, or trousers, for the ladies, depending on the particular match taking place. At Roll-ups, Drives, In-house Leagues and internal Club Competitions (Venture Challenge Bowl etc.), except on Finals Days, Club ties shall be optional. Regulation bowling footwear is to be worn on the green at all times.

*Refer to paragraph 21 ADDENDA for approved changes to this clause.*

## **15 CANVASSING OF MEMBERS**

No person shall be allowed to canvass members on the green or Club premises for contributions or subscriptions for any object without the sanction of the committee.

## **16 ALTERATION OF THE CONSTITUTION**

The Constitution shall not be altered, except after due notice at a General Meeting and then only providing that two-thirds of those present and who are eligible to vote, are in favour.

## **17 DISSOLUTION**

The Club shall be dissolved on the passing of a resolution to that effect at a Special General Meeting, by at least two-thirds of those present who are eligible to vote. The committee shall then appoint the Trustees to wind up the affairs of the Club.

In no circumstances during the continuance of the Club nor at, or after its dissolution, shall any assets or surplus funds be distributed to any member or other person nor to any organisation, which is not itself constituted as either non profit-making or a charity.

## **18 TRUSTEES**

There shall not be more than 4, nor less than 3 members of the Club, who shall be nominated by the committee as Trustees and as Trustees will also be ex officio members of the committee. The property of the Club shall be invested in them to be dealt with by them, as the committee shall from time to time direct by resolution (of which an entry in the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence).

The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the committee who may, for any reason which may seem sufficient to those present and voting at any meeting of the committee, remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee. Whereby reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or if the committee deem it expedient to appoint a new or additional Trustee, the committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed.

For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the President is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of the current Trustees Act.

The Trustees shall be indemnified by the Club against any risk and expense whilst carrying out their duties.

## **19 INDEMNITY**

The committee and the Trustees shall, except in the case of wilful default or fraudulent acts or omission, be indemnified by and out of the funds of the Club against any loss, damage, expenses or liability incurred by reason of or in connection with, any legal proceedings instituted against them or any of them for any act done, omitted or suffered in relation to the performance of any of their duties in respect of the Club.

The committee shall effect any appropriate insurance cover in respect of the indemnity provision in this clause at the expense of the Club.

## **20 CONSTITUTION**

A copy of the Constitution shall be posted on the Notice Board and be available to any member, if requested.

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## **ADDENDA TO CONSTITUTION – 2009**

### **21 ADDENDA**

Addendum No.1 AGM59 (7)i). 14 CLUB DRESS.

For informal games such as roll-ups, in-house leagues and drives ladies may wear white cotton/linen trousers (not jeans) or grey polyester trousers.

Addendum No.2 AGM62 (7)i). 14 CLUB DRESS.

Members may wear white / grey tailored shorts at the Captain's discretion with respect to individual matches.

Addendum No.3 AGM62 (7)ii). 14 CLUB DRESS.

Members may wear white shirts displaying the club badge, club motif and members name all as worn on the club pullover.

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