

RULES

Approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 17th Feb. 2012.
Amended and approved at the AGM held on 6th Dec.2013.
Amended and approved at the AGM held on 29th Nov.2015.
Amended and approved at the Virtual Zoom AGM held on 3rd December 2020.
Rule 9: Amended by Management committee on 9th December 2021

1. NAME

The name of the Club is St. Albans Townsend Bowls Club.

2. OBJECTS

To promote interest and participation in the game of bowls.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership (Full and Social) is open to anyone subject to Rule 9.

4. MANAGEMENT

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

Management and control are vested in a Management Committee composed of members who have two or more years membership elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee is empowered to perform its necessary duties until such time as the newly elected Committee first meets.

The Management Committee may co-opt any member on to the Committee for any purpose deemed necessary for the efficient operation of the Club. Co-opted members shall have full voting rights at meetings of the Committee.

The Management Committee shall receive all incomes from Club, authorise any expenditure and determine fees for the ensuing year.

The Management Committee shall determine where necessary, the interpretation of any rule, and any matter not covered by the rules shall be dealt with by the Committee whose decision shall be final.

The Management Committee shall be responsible for the management and use of the premises and property allotted to the Club by the Townsend Bowls and Tennis Club Ltd.

5. RULES

Rules for the effective running of the Club shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting and any subsequent change shall be agreed at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for this purpose.

6. RENT

The Club shall pay the St. Albans Townsend Bowls and Tennis Club Ltd. an annual rental, as decided by the Company in respect of each subscription year as defined by rule 7.

7. SUBSCRIPTION YEAR

The subscription year shall be defined as the period from 1st April to the following 31st March.

8. SUBSCRIPTIONS, ENTRY AND PLAYING FEES

Annual subscriptions (Full and Social) and fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting or an Intermediate Extraordinary General Meeting.

Full playing members of the St Albans Townsend Tennis Club may become members of the Bowls Club at the discretion of the Management Committee at a payment of three quarters of the annual subscription.

The Management Committee may determine a reduced subscription for a Junior Member under 18 years, a new Member who joined after 31st July and new bowlers in their first year.

Members shall pay the annual subscription before the opening of the new season unless appointed as a Life or Honorary Member.

9. APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

An application for membership shall be made in accordance with the form provided by the secretary. The Secretary shall circulate the application by e mail to the membership and otherwise bring to the attention of any member not with e mail. The Secretary's accompanying advice will advise that if no objections are received within seven days the application shall be successful. If the secretary receives an objection or reservation in writing or by e mail the secretary shall refer the application to the next committee meeting for a majority decision.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Any person who accepts membership in the manner described in these Rules will be deemed to have accepted the conditions and Rules of St Albans Townsend Bowls Club and shall be issued with a copy of these Rules.

11a. DISCIPLINARY CODE AND EXPULSION FROM MEMBERSHIP*

11b. GRIEVANCE CODE OF PRACTICE*

* Available from Secretary on request.

12. MEMBERSHIP LIST

The Secretary shall maintain a current list of all members, their addresses and contact details.

13. VOTING STATUS

All members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting except those under 18 years and social members.

14. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Secretary shall circulate by e mail, and otherwise to a member not with e mail, with 21 days notice, details and content of Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings.

Members who wish to have items placed on the agenda of such meetings must inform the Secretary in writing or by email of their wishes at least seven days before that meeting, and in the case of proposed resolutions for the Annual General Meeting which require prior notification to the membership by 1st November.

Twenty members may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club at any time by notifying the Secretary of the Management Committee of their intention to do so in writing or by email with twenty-one days notice.

A minimum of 15 members over the age of 18 is required to form a quorum at a General Meeting.

15. CONSTITUTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Bowls Club at their Annual General Meeting shall elect the Officers as follows:-

President (Chairman of the Committee)

Vice President

Secretary

Assistant Secretary

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Match Secretary

Match Secretary, Green Ranger and Delegates shall be elected and invited to attend the Committee meetings as required.

The immediate Past President may exercise the right to remain a member of the committee for that year.

Selection Committee panel to be elected at A.G.M. every 3 years.

All friendly matches will be run by Captain of the Day.

16. CONTROL OF GREEN AND HOURS OF PLAY:

The green will normally be open for play during daylight hours SUBJECT to green maintenance and pre-booking taking priority. For clarity see WEEKLY SCHEDULE on inside rear page and Register kept in clubhouse. The Green Contacts (Ian Forster or Jane Dixon) may prioritise green maintenance at their discretion and with explained reason.

All use of the green shall be defined by World Bowls.

17. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB:

If the Management Committee decides that it is necessary to dissolve the Club it shall call a meeting of all members of the Club, under the requirements of Rule 14, paragraph 1. If the proposal is confirmed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting, the Management Committee shall have the power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such a charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club or failing that shall be applied for some other charitable purpose.

18. CLUB COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES:

The Club shall promote competitions for its members, as it thinks fit. The trophies presented in respect of such competitions shall remain the property of the Club but may be retained by the winners for a period of not more than twelve months from the date of presentation. The recipients will be required to take reasonable precautions to protect the trophies against loss or damage by fire, theft or any other cause and keep same in good condition.

19. GOOD NEIGHBOUR POLICY:

Members must be aware of behaviour and actions that might cause offence to others.

20. NO SMOKING ON THE GREEN:

Smoking of tobacco and other substances on the green is not permitted.

21. AUDITORS:

The Club shall appoint Auditor(s) at the Annual General Meeting.