



West Moors Memorial Bowling Club

Club Constitution

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Sportsmanship

In the absence of any specific rule, let Sportsmanship prevail and allow common sense to find a way to complete a satisfactory solution to any problem.

Remember the Bowling Facilities are ours. Please look after them responsibly.

1 Title and Objectives

- a) The Club shall be named "West Moors Memorial Bowling Club", commonly known as "West Moors Bowls Club" and from hereinafter referred to as 'the Club'.
- b) The Club shall be affiliated to Bowls England (BE) and to Bowls Dorset (BD) and any other such local Associations as are desirable.
- c) The Club shall also be affiliated to English Short Mat Bowling Association (ESMBA) and the game of Short Mat Bowls is played in accordance with the rules of the Association.
- d) The Club shall adopt and uphold the current Bowls England Rules & Regulations.
- e) The Club is registered as a "Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) with the Inland Revenue and complies with the Government's qualifying conditions.

The Club aims to:

- 1) Promote, foster and encourage the game of bowls (both Lawn and Short Mat) in West Moors.
- 2) To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in bowling.
- 3) To provide and maintain facilities for the sport and the members.
- 4) To provide social activities and other events in the interest of lawn bowls and the Club's members in a way that is fair to all.
- 5) To promote sportsmanship, Fair Play and respect among members, ensuring a duty of care to all members.

2 Sport Equity

- a) Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.
- b) The Club complies with the Equality Act of 2010 and the characteristics protected by it and encourages our members to do so. We seek to include everyone regardless of whether they have a protected characteristic or not. We shall adhere our Club's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy.
- c) Our aim is to provide an environment where everyone feels welcome and represented, included in decision making, able to participate, valued - safe and free from discrimination, bullying, harassment and vilification.
- d) All Club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- e) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures (see 17).
- f) The club shall adhere to the Safeguarding Policy of Bowls England and will ensure that all the contents are communicated to members and clearly displayed within the club premises for Members and Visitors. Our Safeguarding Officer's contact details will also be clearly visible, and he/she must have DBS clearance.

3 Membership & Eligibility

- a) Membership of the Club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in bowling regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- b) The membership shall consist of the following categories (the majority of whom must reside in West Moors, or the immediate vicinity):
 - 1) Full members (Lawn and Short Mat).
 - 2) Outdoor only members.
 - 3) Short mat only members.
 - 4) Social Members, who shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership except that they shall not be able to join the playing sections or play on the green unless they are proficient bowlers and pay the appropriate green fee. The same applies for joining short mat sessions. Sessions are restricted to 4 per season.
 - 5) Junior Members – Under 18 years of age.
 - 6) Under 25 years of age in Full Time education.
 - 7) Honorary Life Members who shall be elected at an AGM of the Club on the recommendation of the Management Committee (henceforth - MC). Honorary membership will normally be conferred upon members who have rendered long and valuable service to the Club. They will be entitled to all the benefits enjoyed by Playing Members, free from payment of an annual subscription.
 - 8) Other categories of restricted membership to cover, for example persons with a disability and other special cases can be made by the MC. These categories of membership can be of a temporary nature to comply with the circumstances at the time and can be revised as necessary.

- c) Anyone seeking to become a member shall complete an appropriate application form and be subject to the regulations of the Club's constitution and codes of practice. New members will be required to pay a joining fee (as determined by the MC) together with the due amount of Annual Subscription.
- d) Contact details to be provided should include: Name, Home Address, Home, Telephone Number, Mobile Telephone Number, E-mail address, an ICE (In Case of Emergency) contact and proof of identity.
- e) Any personal data provided by members is for club use ONLY and will not be passed to any other organisation, except as required for affiliation to Bowling Associations.
- f) Individuals paying Full, Outdoors and Short Mat Membership are eligible to partake in the business of the club, vote at AGM's and be eligible for selection to the appropriate team. They may only vote for officers within their playing section.
- g) The MC may refuse membership or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
- h) New members who have no previous bowling experience shall be expected to undertake a coaching course at the Club prior to their membership being confirmed by the Membership Secretary.
- i) ALL members are expected to assist in duties within the club, whether on the Green or in the Clubhouse. The only exception to this rule shall be any playing member whose medical condition or employment prohibits them from so doing.
- j) To avoid excessive demand on facilities of the club, the membership can be restricted at the discretion of the Management on a non-discriminatory basis. In the event of membership restriction, new membership applications should be added in sequence to waiting list(s).

4 Subscriptions

- a) All members shall pay an Annual subscription of such amount as shall be determined by the MC, appropriate to their membership status. At the discretion of the MC a subscription amount may be calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- b) Annual Subscriptions shall run from 1st January to 31st December. Payment for any such year shall be due on 1st January, or in the case of a member joining after that date, immediately on admission.
- c) All members will be given notice of the amount and due date of subscriptions at the Club AGM, and any individual whose subscription has not been paid by 31st January will be deemed to have ceased to be a member.
- d) The Committee may, at its absolute discretion, reinstate such member upon payment of arrears. The Committee may cancel, without notice being given, the membership of any member whose annual subscription and other annual fees are more than one month in arrears. No member whose annual payment is in arrears may use the Club premises or vote at any meeting.
- e) A member resigning their membership partway through the season may be entitled to a proportionate refund on compassionate grounds at the sole discretion of the MC.

5 Management Committee

The MC and the relevant Section Committees will administer the Club. Where necessary for management purposes, the Section Committees will report to the MC.

- a) Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the period of election, retiring at the end of the that period. All Officers of the Club shall be eligible for re-election to the same office or another office at the end of their current period of election.
- b) Nominations for Club Officers shall be made on a form to be posted on the Club noticeboard and must be supported by a Proposer and a Seconder, who shall be Playing Members. This form shall be available from 1st September until 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. No Nominations received after this time will be accepted, unless supported by two-thirds of those voting at the Annual General Meeting.

The MC is responsible for all the business activities of the Club and will consist of the following Officers:

- 1) Chairperson (Normally the Club President)
- 2) Vice-President
- 3) Secretary (called the Club Secretary)
- 4) Treasurer
- 5) Membership Secretary
- 6) Green Manager
- 7) Health and Safety Officer

To be elected at the respective Section AGM

- 8) One delegate from the Men's Playing Section
- 9) One delegate from the Ladies' Playing Section
- 10) One delegate from the Short Mat Section
- 11) Also on the committee but not elected, will be two trustees (see **16**)

- c) Only these positions have the right to vote at a MC meeting.
- d) If the post of any officer should fall vacant after such an election, the MC shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting and to co-opt members as necessary. The co-opted member shall have the same rights as all full MC officers.
- e) Committee meetings will be convened by the Club Secretary and held no less than 10 times per year.
- f) For business to be agreed, 50% of attendance is needed to form a quorum.
- g) The Chairperson will in case of equality have a second and casting vote.
- h) The MC can introduce new or amend existing Byelaws for regulating the conduct and internal management of the Club so far as it is not already covered by the Constitution.
- i) Give rulings which shall be final unless set aside at the next Club AGM on all questions arising on the interpretation or application of the Constitution.
- j) The MC will have the powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisors to the MC as necessary to fulfil its business.
- k) The MC will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Club Rules/Regulations/Constitution. The MC will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings. **(See 17b)**.
- l) The MC will be responsible for negotiating and signing the Tenancy Agreement with West Moors Memorial Hall. All Signatories will be indemnified by the Club.

6 Annual General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Club is the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs. The Club Secretary will display notice of the AGM in the clubhouse by September 1st. Any proposals must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary 28 days before the AGM.

The meeting must be held on either evenings or at weekends in November each year after Section AGM's. All categories of members are eligible to attend and take part in the Club AGM but only Playing Members (those with Full, Outdoor and Short Mat Membership) and Hon. Life Members are entitled to vote and become members of the MC - one third of the members eligible to attend shall form a quorum.

The essential business of the meeting shall be:

- a) President's opening address
- b) Approving the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
- c) Receiving reports from the Club's Secretary.
- d) Receiving a statement of accounts from the Treasurer and those responsible for their certification.
- e) Approval of the accounts.
- f) Considering and voting on any proposed changes to the Constitution.
- g) Electing a President, Vice-President, other members of the MC and appointment of other officers of the Club listed below;
 - Facilities Manager
 - Catering Manager
 - Bar Manager
 - Match Secretary

Other positions to be appointed

- I. Safeguarding Officer
- II. Member's Liaison
- III. Welfare Officer
- IV. Publicity Officer
- V. First Aid Officer
- VI. Social Secretary

- h) Any other business, proposals or matters for discussion.

Voting members who are incapacitated and are unable to attend may be offered a proxy postal/email vote. Any requests for a proxy vote must be agreed by the MC and must be submitted to the Club Secretary at least 72 hours before the meeting.

7 Special General Meetings

The meeting must be held on either evenings or at weekends. The Club Secretary shall convene a Special General Meeting of members when:

- a) So directed by the MC.
- b) In an emergency, the Club President and the Club Secretary, consulting together, agree on its necessity.
- c) Demand is received by the Club Secretary, by a requisition in writing, signed by at least fifteen Playing Members stating the matter at issue.

The MC shall have the power to call an SGM by decision of a simple majority of the MC members and give at least ten days' notice to the membership.

On each occasion a notice of the meeting will be emailed to relevant members with email addresses, at least ten days before the meeting specifying a time and place and an indication of voting qualifications. Notices will also be available in the Clubhouse. Matters not relevant to the topic for which the meeting has been called will not be discussed.

8 All Section AGM's

The meeting must be held on either evenings or at weekends, prior to the Club AGM but no earlier than October 1st. (excluding Short Mat)

- a) A notice of the meeting shall be emailed by the relevant secretary or nominated member, to every member entitled to be present at least seven days before the meeting specifying a time and a place. For members not having email address, notices will be displayed on the main Clubhouse noticeboard.
- b) Nominations for Officers, who must be Playing Members, shall be made on a form to be posted on the Club noticeboard and must be supported by a Proposer and a Secunder, who shall be Playing Members of their section. This form shall be available from one month before the date of the Section's Annual General Meeting. Nominations received after seven days prior to the meeting will not be accepted, unless supported by two-thirds of those voting at the Meeting.
- c) A member intending to put forward a motion for resolution by vote at a section meeting shall give written notice of intention and furnish a text of the proposed motion. This must reach the nominated section secretary on or before the 30th September (15th February in the case of the Short Mat Section AGM).

The essential business of the meeting shall be:

1. Approving the minutes of the previous year's section AGM.
2. Receiving reports.
3. Electing section officers.
4. Considering and voting on any proposed motions.
5. Filling any committee vacancy, form any sub-committee and co-opt additional members to any committee or sub-committee that is within their responsibility.
6. Giving any immediate rulings or interpretations on playing matters. If, however, the Constitution and Byelaws of the Club are affected, the approval of the MC must subsequently be obtained.

Officers shall be elected at Section Meetings and shall hold office for the period of election, retiring at the end of that period. All Officers of the Section shall be eligible for re-election to the same office or another office at the end of their current period of election.

The Captain will, in case of equality, have a second and casting vote.

Members elected at any Section Meeting shall hold office from the moment they are elected.

- 9 Men's Section:** Men's Playing Section (hereafter called the Men's Section)
- a) To comprise all male Playing Members and to be responsible through a committee for all matters relating to the men's playing activities, including fixtures, matches, competitions and team selection.
 - b) The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Playing Section shall be held each year, before the Club AGM. Only male Playing Members are eligible to attend and vote at this AGM.
 - c) One third of the Playing Members entitled to be present shall form a quorum.
 - d) The Men's Section Committee will consist of the following members who will be elected annually at the Section AGM and will be responsible for transacting the business of the section:-
 - 1) Captain
 - 2) Vice-Captain
 - 3) 2nd Team Captain
 - 4) Secretary
 - 5) Competition Secretary
 - 6) One Delegate to the MC (usually the Captain)
 - e. Three committee members are needed to form a quorum
 - f. At the Men's Section AGM, the members will elect two of their members who, together with the Captain, Vice - Captain and 2nd Team Captain will form the Selection Committee, whose duty will be: - To publish, select as required, individuals or teams to play or recommended for selection to play in representative matches of affiliated associations which will in their opinion best serve the interests of the Section. It may also be necessary to appoint a Treasurer for administration of Match Fees and Travel Expenses.
 - g. Allocate handicaps to section members for Club handicap events.
 - h. Where there are mixed Mens' and Ladies' competitions the Mens' & Ladies' competition, Secretaries are jointly responsible for all arrangements.
 - i. The Men's Section will provide, as required, representatives to attend meetings of affiliated associations.
 - j. The Men's section will also hold a Spring Meeting before the Outdoor season starts for disseminating information.

- 10 Ladies' Section:** The Ladies Outdoor Playing Section (hereafter called the Ladies' Section)
- a) To comprise all female Playing Members and to be responsible, through a committee, for all matters relating to the ladies' playing activities, including fixtures, matches, competitions and team selection.
 - b) The Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Section shall be held each year, before the Club AGM. Only female Playing Members are eligible to attend and vote at this AGM.
 - c) One third of the Playing Members entitled to be present shall form a quorum.
 - d) The Ladies' Section Committee will consist of the following members who will be elected annually at the Section AGM and will be responsible for transacting the business of the section:-
 - 1) Captain
 - 2) Vice-Captain
 - 3) Relevant Affiliated Association Secretaries - New Forest/Dorset/B&D)
 - 4) Competition Secretary
 - 5) One delegate to the MC (usually the Captain)
 - e) Three committee members are needed to form a quorum
 - f) At the Ladies' Section AGM the members will elect two of their members who, together with the Captain, Vice-Captain and Affiliated Association Secretaries will form the Selection Committee, whose duty will be to select and publish names of individuals or teams to play in representative matches, which will in their opinion best serve the interests of the Section. They may also allocate handicaps to section members for Club handicap events.
 - g) Where there are mixed Ladies' and Men's competitions the Ladies' & Men's Competition Secretaries are jointly responsible for all arrangements.
 - h) It may also be necessary to appoint a Treasurer for administration of Match Fees and Travel Expenses.
 - i) The Ladies' Section will provide, as required, representatives to attend meetings of affiliated associations.
 - j) The Ladies' Section will also hold a Spring Meeting before the Outdoor season for disseminating information.

- 11 Short Mat Section:**
- a) To comprise all categories of members who have paid the registration fee as required and will be responsible for all matters relating to the short mat playing activities including roll-ups, fixtures, matches, competitions and team selection.

- b) Annual General Meeting of the Short Mat Section shall be held after 1st March each year. Only SM Playing Members are eligible to attend and vote at this AGM. One third of the Playing Members entitled to be present shall form a quorum.
- c) The Short Mat Section Committee will consist of the following members who will be elected annually at the Section AGM and will be responsible for transacting the business of the section:-
 - 1) Captain
 - 2) Secretary
 - 3) Competition Secretary
 - 4) Two Committee Members without portfolio
- d) One Delegate to the MC (usually the Captain).
- e) Three members are needed to form a quorum.
- f) The Short Mat Section will provide, as required, representatives to attend meetings of affiliated associations.

12 Finance

- a) No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying on of the club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole, or for worthy donations to registered charities or other CASCs as authorised by the MC.
- b) As part of the management function, the MC may authorise any reasonable expenditure on the normal requirements of the Club, but shall not incur expenditure exceeding £10,000 without the consent of an AGM or SGM.
- c) The Club Treasurer, responsible for the finances of the club, shall receive all monies and make all payments on behalf of the Club. Any cheques drawn against Club funds will be signed by the Club's authorised signatories in accordance with the bank mandate. All monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- d) The Club Treasurer shall keep such proper books of accounts as will enable him or her to present at every Annual General meeting of the club for the year ending 30th September (or at any time if required on reasonable notice to him/her by the MC) an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Club; including a separate analysis with regard to the purchase and supply of intoxicating liquor and shall present such report and statement accordingly.
- e) The club authorises the use of Internet Banking Services on this current account. It acknowledges that using Internet Banking Services means that a named individual, which should normally be the Club Treasurer, must operate such an account and will have access to and be able to make payments from this account. The Treasurer must delegate the authority to access and make payments on the account to at least 1 other current member of the MC.
- f) The financial year shall run from 1st October to 30th September.
- g) An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.

13 Bar Management and Regulations for the sale of intoxicating Liquor

- a) Subject to any prevailing legislation, the authorised permitted operating hours for the Bar shall be:
 - Monday to Saturday: 10.00am to 11.00pm.
 - Sundays, Christmas Day & Good Friday: 12.00 noon to 10.30pm.
- b) There shall be no sale or supply of alcoholic drinks to persons under the age of 18.
- c) The purchase for the Club and the supply by the Club of intoxicating liquor shall be in the absolute discretion of a committee entitled "The Bar Committee" and consisting of not less than two members, to include both the Bar Manager and the Club Treasurer (as elected at the AGM). Such a Bar Committee shall in no way be restricted in freedom of purchase.
- d) No person shall at any time be entitled to receive at the expense of the Club, any commission percentage or similar payment with reference to the purchase of intoxicating liquor by the Club nor shall any person directly or indirect derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of intoxicating liquor by or on behalf of the club to members or guests apart from any benefit which a person derives directly by reason of the supply giving rise or contributing to a general gain from the carrying on of the Club.

Licensing Act

It is intended that these rules shall conform with the requirements of the current licensing Regulations and in the event of any conflict between these rules and the said Regulations, the latter shall be deemed to take precedence.

Amendments to Section 13 Rules

No alteration or addition to these Licensing rules shall be made except by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members qualified to vote who are present at a General Meeting of the Club, the notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition. The Club Secretary shall as soon as possible, advise such alteration or addition to the Chief Officer of Police and to the Licensing Authority of Dorset County Council, the district in which the Club is situated.

14 Visitors

- a) All members of visiting teams and their guests shall be entitled to be admitted to the Club premises to use the facilities thereof and to be sold intoxicating liquor in accordance with current Licensing Regulations.
- b) Visitors must comply with all relevant rules and regulations as is required by all members.
- c) Visitors may be allowed to play Outdoor or Short Mat Bowls subject to rink availability and upon payment of the appropriate charge (as agreed by the MC and displayed on the Club notice board). This requirement may be waived by the Committee for events at their discretion.
- d) A visitor must be a competent and proficient bowler or supervised by a coach or nominated experienced player member.
- e) A visitor may not be allowed to play more than 4 sessions.
- f) Any member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the Club providing that no person who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest.

15 Premises

- a) The Club shall use the premises at the rear of the Memorial Hall as defined in the Tenancy Agreement with the Memorial Hall.
- b) The hiring of the Green and/or the Clubhouse will be at the discretion of the MC.
- c) No dogs will be allowed on the green. Dogs will be allowed in the grounds of the Club and in the clubhouse provided they are well behaved and on a leash.
- d) Lockers can be hired subject to current conditions and availability.
- e) Smoking and vaping is prohibited in the clubhouse and on the green. There is a designated place for such activity.

16 Trustees

- a) There shall not be more than two Trustees.
- b) The Trustees shall be appointed at an AGM or by a SGM
Trustees shall hold office until death or retirement or removal from office by a resolution, which for any reason may seem sufficient to a 75% majority of votes cast at an AGM or special meeting called for that purpose
- c) Where necessary a new Trustee may be selected by the MC and appointed pro-tem by the Club Secretary. Such an appointment must be ratified by the membership at the next AGM.
- d) The Trustees are responsible for all assets of the Club and have a responsibility to see that these are being used in a prudent manner.
The Trustees shall be indemnified against all risks and expenses out of the property and assets of the Club.
- e) The Trustees can attend any meeting of the Club and are entitled to receive copies of Notices of any meeting together with the minutes thereof.
- f) Should any of the foregoing be found to conflict with the provisions of the Trustees Act 1925; the provisions and requirements of the Act shall take precedence.

17 Conduct of Members

- a) All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and vulnerable adults will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the Bowls England's Safeguarding Children & Adults in Bowls policies. The Club's Safeguarding Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.
- b) Any member or person wishing to make a complaint of misconduct by a member must do so in writing to the Club President. If after preliminary investigation the President considers that a prima facie case of misconduct exists, the President will refer to Bowls England Disciplinary Regulation No. 9 in relation to misconduct at Club Level for procedural guidance.

- c) A member shall not knowingly remove, destroy or damage any property of the Club and shall make restitution for the same if called upon to do so by the Committee or by the Honorary Secretary upon the instructions of the Committee.
- d) No betting or gaming (i.e. the playing of a game of chance for money or moneys - worth) shall be permitted on the Club premises except for small amounts as may be authorised by the MC.
- e) No drunkenness, bad language or disorderly conduct shall be permitted on the Club premises. Any infringement of this rule will be dealt with by the MC. All members of the Club shall endeavour to prevent and terminate any such offence and should report the same forthwith to the Club Secretary for the information of the MC.
- f) Should any member be expelled, the former member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded and must return any property belonging to the Club.

18 On the Green

- a) Members wishing to reserve rinks for competition matches shall enter details on the Club's rink booking system. Reservations cannot be made for casual play. Priority for rinks reservations is: County, District, Club Competitions, Coaching.
- b) Members wishing to 'roll-up" may use any rinks not booked or in use.
- c) When all rinks are occupied, further members wishing to play shall be entitled to join on any rink of casual play - up to 8 players.
- d) The club reserves the right of use of protective mats and to close the green at any time if it is deemed to be unfit for play.
- e) Any player bowling in such a manner as to damage the green, will be asked to adjust their delivery. If there is no significant improvement, the player may be asked to refrain from bowling. The judges of the above are, in order;
 - 1) The Green Manager
 - 2) The Green Steward
 - 3) Captain of the Home Team
 - 4) The Organiser of the Competition
 - 5) Members present

It is the responsibility of ALL members to place ground protection mats on the green if any damage becomes evident as a result of their bowling.

- f) Members, guests or visitors shall comply with the following dress code, when playing on the green, or acting as umpire or marker:
 - I. All players and visitors must wear flat-soled footwear. For safety reasons, smooth-bottomed soles (with no grip or water dispersion) are strongly discouraged, particularly in wet conditions.
 - II. Newer shoes with fine, shallow tread or micro-grooves still qualify as "flat-soled" but are much safer, dispersing water and reducing slips. Shoes with a more defined tread eg trainers/walking shoes are not permitted on the green if the pattern on the sole is such that it will leave impressions on the green.

The club accepts no liability for slips or injuries resulting from inappropriate footwear. Participation under such conditions is at the individual's risk.

- III. For Club and Competitive Matches, members dress as advised by the appropriate organisation or organiser for the match.
- IV. For Casual Play (roll-ups) or practice, members or guests should wear smart casual clothing.
- V. A playing section has the authority to modify the dress code requirements in specific cases.

19 Miscellaneous

- a) Where in any rule a particular gender is used referring to a member, it shall be taken, where the context permits, to refer also to other genders.
- b) A copy of these Rules and of any Byelaws made by the MC shall be available for reference and posted in a prominent place in the Clubhouse.

20 Liabilities

Neither the club nor its landlords can accept any responsibility for the loss of or any damage to any article left on the club premises; nor for any injury sustained by any person whilst on or entering or leaving the Club premises.

21 Dissolution

If at any General Meeting a Resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present and such Resolution shall, at a Special General Meeting held not less than one month thereafter at which not less than one half of the members shall be present, be confirmed by a Resolution passed by a majority of two thirds of the members voting thereon, the Trustees shall thereupon, after such a period for reflection as shall be specified in the Resolution, proceed to deal with the property and all the assets of the club which remain after consideration of any legal claims from outside bodies and deduction of all expenses and liabilities as follows:- the property and assets shall be transferred

- 1) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity and/or
- 2) to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
- 3) to Bowls England for use by them in related community sports.

22 General Powers

The MC shall have the power, subject to any prevailing legislation, to deal with all matters relating to the Club not provided for in these rules.

23 Amendments to the Constitution

- a) The Constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or SGM.
- b) Proposed changes to the Constitution shall be sent to the Secretary 28 days prior to the AGM, who shall circulate the proposals to members at least 10 days before the AGM.

Declaration

West Moors Memorial Bowls Club hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution and Rules as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name: David Rose
Position President
Date November 22nd 2025

Name Mike Dorman
Position Secretary
Date November 22nd 2025