STUDLEY ENTACO BOWLS CLUB
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STUDLEY
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CONSTITUTION

Amended April 2026 change section 16 grievances to code of conduct

1. TITLE

The Club shall be known as STUDLEY ENTACO BOWLS CLUB." (Hereinafter called the 'Club')"

2. AFFILIATIONS

The Club to be affiliated to Bowls England, W.C.B.A., S.W.B.A., W.W.B.A. and S.W.L.B.A. comply with the rules and constitutions of these associations.

3. OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the club shall be:-

(i) To play the game of level green bowls in accordance with the National Governing Body. (Bowls England)
(ii) To promote, safeguard and foster community participation in the level green game of bowls in Studley and its environs.
(iii) To hold annual Club Championships in Singles and Pairs competitions.
(iv) To provide a programme of interclub friendly games throughout the season, April to September.
(v) To provide facilities of a sufficiency to achieve certification for the staging of County Competitions
(vi) To provide facilities and safe access for disabled bowlers.
(vii) To provide free coaching and instruction to all in the art of bowling.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Membership shall only be open to paid up members.

4.2 The following classes of membership are available: -

Playing Member

A person paying a full annual subscription fee.
This allows unlimited use of the green, when available, for all flat green bowling including fixtures, roll-ups, competitions, and practice sessions.
Playing Members shall be bound by all Club rules.
Playing Members shall have full voting rights and can stand for all elected positions.

Junior Member

A person, aged under 18, or in full time education, paying a reduced annual subscription fee.
This allows unlimited use of the green, when available, for all flat green bowling including fixtures, roll-ups, competitions, and practice sessions.
Junior Members shall be bound by all Club rules.
Junior members shall have no voting rights and cannot stand for any elected positions.

Non-Playing Member

A past 'Playing Member' of the Club, paying a reduced annual subscription fee.
Use of the green is not permitted.
Non-Playing members shall be bound by all club rules.
Non-Playing Members shall have full voting rights and can stand for any elected positions.

Life Member

Persons for Life Membership shall be nominated by the club Committee and approved by a majority vote at the AGM.
Life membership shall be awarded in recognition of the exceptional contributions of an individual to the Club. Accordingly, a life member will have consistently contributed to the Club over an extended period and will have demonstrated a significant and sustained commitment toward the enhancement and reputation of the Club.
Life members shall pay no annual subscription fee.
Life members shall be bound by all club rules.
Life members shall have full voting rights.

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4.3 Each application for membership shall be considered by the Committee and be accompanied by: -
- an application form duly completed with the first year's subscriptions. ·

4.4 Membership of the Club shall be given to any person in the area who is prepared to accept and support the objectives of the club.

4.5 Membership shall not be restricted on any of the protected Characteristics contained in the Equality Act 2010. Members, prospective members, visitors, or guests may not be discriminated against on the basis of a protected characteristic, whether directly or indirectly.
The Protected Characteristics listed in the Act are: -
· Age
· Disability
· Gender Reassignment
· Marriage and Civil Partnership
· Pregnancy and Maternity (including breastfeeding)
· Race (including ethnic origin, national origin, colour, nationality)
· Religion or Belief
· Sex
· Sexual Orientation

4.6 Each application shall be considered on its own merits. There shall be no age limit applied to membership, but juniors (i.e. under 18) must be accompanied by an adult member of the club and meet the requirements in section 19.

4.7 The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by a majority vote.

5. ADMINISTRATION '
5.1 The affairs of the bowling club shall be administered by a Committee appointed at the Annual General Meeting. (AGM)

6. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS
6.1 Members annual subscriptions shall be set at the AGM. and shall be payable on the Thursday or Friday evenings prior to the President v Captain's match that commences the season. A person not paying within one month of this date will not be eligible for selection to play and will cease to be a member of the club and thus forfeit all privileges.

6.2 Any person unable to meet the subscription should inform the Secretary or a Committee member at the earliest opportunity. The committee will consider the position and take the necessary action.

6.3 Any person wishing to rejoin the club after a lapsed membership (i.e. has played during the season and not paid their subscriptions for that year by the end of the season), shall be required to pay an additional fee of £l0.

6.4 The Club shall pay annual subscriptions to Bowls England, W.C.B.A.; S.W.B.A., W.W.B.A. and S.W.L.B.A. in accordance with their constitutions.

7- COMMITTEE.
7.1 The Committee shall be elected at the AGM.

7.2 The President shall be elected at an AGM for a period of three years and remain in that position until resigning or is voted out at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM): a new President shall be elected at that meeting.

7.3 The Committee shall consist of the President and members elected to fill the following posts.

Club Captain
Club Vice-Captain
Ladies Captain
Secretary
Match Secretary
Treasurer
Green Manager
Two to five General Committee Members

Further members may be co-opted and appointed at the discretion of the Committee.

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8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS
8.1 The President will take the chair or have the right to delegate this responsibility.

8.2 The Secretary shall be responsible for the arrangement of meetings and should inform all Committee members of the date, time and venue, giving reasonable notice. The Secretary shall take the minutes of the meeting.

8.3 A quorum shall be six members of the Committee. Emergency decisions may be taken after discussion and unanimous agreement between the Secretary, Captain and Treasurer and consultation with the President.
Matters of this nature must be debated by the full Committee at the earliest opportunity.

9 SELECTION COMMITTEE
9.I The Selection Committee shall consist of the Captain and the Vice Captain who shall:
Select teams for friendly club matches
Select teams for competitive club matches.
Nominate members for representative matches who in their opinion should represent the club.

9.2 Teams to be posted in the Pavilion not later than the Tuesday of the week in which the match is to be played.
If the Captain is unable to put up a completed team sheet, he/she will list all players that will be playing.

10. VOTING
Only paid-up Members and Life members are to have any say of what goes on in the club and are entitled to vote at the AGM and fill Committee posts.
Only Committee members shall be entitled to vote at Committee meetings. In the event of an equality of Committee votes the presiding chairperson shall have the casting vote. Junior members are not entitled to vote.

11. Annual General Meeting (AGM)
The club will hold an AGM after the end of each playing season, where officers for the following season shall be elected. Any member unable to attend the meeting but willing to be put forward for election to an office should inform the Secretary in writing, stating the office in which he/she is willing to stand if elected. In the event of an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) at least seven days' notice shall be given by the Secretary.

12. CLUB REPRESENTATIVES
The Club is to be represented at all Association AGM meetings by the Captain and Secretary or other nominees approved by the Committee.

13 FINANCIAL YEAR
The Financial year shall end on the 30th September each year.

14. AUDITOR
The AGM shall appoint one person who is not a Committee member to audit the annual accounts and balance sheet.

15. MATCH FEES
l5.1 A match fee for home and away matches shall be fixed annually before the start of each season, by the Committee, with information provided by the Treasurer.

15.2 Passengers sharing transport to away matches shall contribute towards the cost of fuel in accordance with a sum fixed by the Committee.

16. Code of Conduct
The Club adheres to the Bowls England Code of Conduct. Any breach of the Code will be dealt with in line with Bowls England procedures.

17. CLUB BOWLS
Bowls shall be kept in the store room and be made available to members when required throughout the season.

18. CHANGING AND STORE ROOMS
Each member shall be responsible for the tidiness and security of the changing room and store room and ensure all equipment is returned to its rightful place and kept secure at all times.

19. USE OF THE GREEN

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19.1 Approved non members shall be entitled to use the green and facilities providing they pay the appropriate green fee and where necessary are accompanied by a Club member.

19.2 Non—members showing an interest in bowling shall undertake a free training course with the club coach. They must however wear appropriate flat shoes.

20. DRESS ON THE GREEN

Dress code for Saturday and Sunday matches shall be all white attire (whites) and for mid-week matches white above the waist and greys below the waist (greys) unless otherwise as stated on the team sheet/fixture card. Club tops count as 'whites'. Rollup sessions may be greys or casual wear.

21. ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION

21.1 This constitution shall not be altered or rescinded except with the consent of two thirds of the members at an AGM or an EGM. The Committee however may introduce an emergency clause, this shall be raised at the next AGM. for approval.

21.2 Arrangement must be made with the Committee concerning any constitution change at least one month prior to an AGM or an EGM.

21.3 A separate set of Club Rules is available. Changes to these rules or new rules can be made, during the season, by the residing Committee. However final approval of any changes or new rules must be approved at the AGM.

21.4 All rules of the Bowling Club must be in compliance with the Constitution.

22. INDEMNITY CLAUSE

Each member of the Club shall (to the extent that such person is not entitled to recover under any policy of insurance) be entitled to be indemnified out of any and all funds available to the club which may lawfully be so applied, against all costs, expenses and liabilities whatsoever incurred by such person in the proper execution and discharge of duties undertaken on behalf of the club or arising there from, or incurred in good faith in the purported discharge of such duties.

23. NON-PROFIT MAKING

All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

23. DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in community-related sports.

PRESIDENT

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