

Thirsk Athletic Bowls Club

Club Constitution and Rules Updated 10 January 2025

1. The name of the club is Thirsk Athletic Bowls Club.
2. The object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of Bowls.
3. (i) Membership of the club shall be open to all members of the community, without discrimination. The club may refuse 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.

(ii) If any member shall offend against the rules of the club or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the committee render him or her unfit for membership of the club, the secretary shall give him or her seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the committee and shall inform the member of the complaints against that member. No member shall be expelled without first having the opportunity of appearing before the committee and answering the complaints made against him or her. In the event of an appeal to club members, a majority vote of club members present at the appeal meeting shall decide the matter.
4. The management of the club shall be entrusted to a committee consisting of the chairman, secretary, treasurer and such other officers as the club from time to time determine together with three other members of the club elected annually at the annual general meeting. The committee shall meet at least three times in each calendar year and otherwise as the committee shall determine and at all meetings of the committee four shall constitute a forum.
5. The committee shall have power at any time and from time to time to fill any casual vacancy among the officers and committee. Any officer or member of the committee so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting but shall then be eligible for re-election.
6. Every member of the club shall pay an annual subscription which shall be due on the 30th day of May in each year. The amount of such subscription shall be determined annually by the committee.
7. The income and property of the club shall be applied solely towards promoting the club's objects as set forth in this constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, to members of the club.

8. Full financial accounts of the club, independently reviewed, shall be delivered to every member with the notice of convening of the Annual General Meeting.
9. If any member shall fail to pay his/her subscription within TWO days after it has become due, the treasurer shall send that member a notice in writing to the member's address, as recorded in the book of the club, calling upon the member to pay the same within SEVEN days. If the member shall fail to so pay the subscription the committee shall be entitled to terminate membership without further notice.
10. An annual general meeting of the club shall be held in each year, in addition to any other meetings in that year, and fifteen months shall not elapse without a general meeting. At the Annual General Meeting the following business shall be conducted:-
 - (i) The consideration of the minutes of the previous annual general meeting.
 - (ii) The presentation and (if accepted) the passing of the annual accounts for the previous financial year ended on the 30th day of September prior to the meeting.
 - (iii) The election of officers and committee.
 - (iv) Such other business as shall have been communicated to the secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by the said secretary to the members.
11. An extraordinary general meeting may be convened at any time and shall be convened within twenty one days on the requisition of one fifth of the members of the club for the time being or thirty members whichever is less. Such requisition must state the purpose for which such meeting is required.
12. The secretary shall at least fourteen days before the general meeting send to every member a notice of the meeting stating the time, when and where it will be held and the business to be conducted.
13. The business at a general meeting shall be limited to that provided by the rules and those further matters set out in the notice convening the meeting. The quorum at any general meeting shall be or one fifth of the members of the club for the time being.
14. At all meetings of the club each full member shall have one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
15. The chairman of the club shall preside at all meetings of the club but if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the meeting or has signified his inability to be present at the meeting, the members present shall choose one of their number to be the chairman for the meeting.

16. Disciplinary Procedures (BE Regulation 9)

Thirsk Bowls Club adopt and will follow all policies and guidelines approved by Bowls England which includes but is not limited to Safeguarding, Inclusion and UK Anti Doping and will follow all procedures set out in Bowls England Regulation 9, 9A and 9B. Thirsk Bowls Club will abide with all sanctions, recommendations and/or decisions from the Case Management Panel or National Disciplinary Committee.

17. Dissolution Clause

Should the club at any time decide to discontinue, any funds held to be used as follows:-

- (i) Any unspent grant made to the club by a grant making body, to be repaid to that body if this was a condition of the original grant.
- (ii) Any remaining funds or assets shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the club but shall be given to or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:
 - A. A registered charitable organisation(s)
 - B. Another club which is registered CASC
 - C. The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

18. No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made except by a resolution carried by majority of at least two-thirds of the members present at a general meeting, the notice of which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

19. Declaration

It is hereby certified that this document represents a true and most up to date version of the Constitution of

THIRSK ATHLETIC BOWLS CLUB.

Signatures

ChairmanS Davison..... Date17.11.23.....

SecretaryS Woollams..... Date17.11.23.....

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