

BECCLES TOWN BOWLS CLUB
Conservative Club, London Road, Beccles Suffolk.

CONSTITUTION

- 1 The Club, which is a constituent part of the Beccles Conservative Club Ltd., shall be called The Beccles Town Bowls Club ; in these rules referred to as "The Club".
- 2 The object of The Club shall be the encouragement of bowling for the members of the Beccles Conservative Club Ltd.

The Club is a members club. New members of The Club will become members of the Beccles Conservative Club Ltd. All members of The Club must be available, so far as is practicable, to play bowls for the benefit and promotion of The Club's activities.

- 4a There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Club, the date of which shall be published at least 21 days in advance. Resolutions for consideration at the Annual General Meeting apart from the election or re-election of Club Officers shall be given to the Club Secretary in writing, and signed by the Proposer and a Seconder, not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting and included on the agenda for the meeting which shall be published at least 10 days before the date of the meeting.
- b There shall be a Spring Meeting of The Club prior to the start of the bowling season, to discuss arrangements for the forthcoming season.
- 5 The Club shall be controlled by a Management Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 6 The Management Committee, which shall have the power to act in any matter affecting the Club not otherwise covered by these rules, shall consist of Chairman; Vice-Chairman; Treasurer; Club Secretary, who may also be EBA and EBF Match Secretaries; Club Captain who may also be a Team Captain and four other members two of whom shall be ladies. Five Members shall form a quorum. The names of the Members of the Management Committee shall be displayed on Club notice boards.
When any club member(s) occupy more than one position on the committee, the number of committee members will be increased pro rata, thus ensuring that the number of committee members is not reduced. The additional members to be elected at the Annual General Meeting but if this is not possible the Committee have the power to co-opt such members as they think fit.
- 7 The Management Committee shall meet prior to the Annual General and Spring Meetings and at least once during the playing season.
- 8 Sub-Committees may be appointed by the Management Committee to deal with such matters affecting The Club as the Management Committee may determine.
- 9 The financial year of The Club shall end on September 30th and the audited accounts shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting. Auditor too shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 10 The maintenance fee charged by The Beccles Conservative Club Ltd. for bowling is not a matter under the control of The Club. The Fee shall be raised by way of match fees paid by members for all games played (cups & league) home and away. The management committee to set the appropriate fee prior to spring meeting. Club Treasurer shall be

responsible for collating the fees and remitting the agreed maintenance fee to the Beccles Conservative Club Ltd. before 30th September each year.

- 11 (a) The Club subscription shall be determined by the Management Committee and agreed at the AGM each year. The Club subscription is due on or before the Spring meeting each year.
(b) Failure to pay either the Beccles Conservative Club Ltd.'s fee for bowling as prescribed in Rule 10 and/or the Club subscription as prescribed in Rule 11 shall terminate membership of the Club on and from 30th April in each year and, consequently, exclusion from all the facilities of The Club and all Club bowling activities including competitions, league games, representative games, friendly games and competitions.
(c) The Treasurer shall provide the members of the Management Committee, on 30th April in each year, with the names of the members whose membership may become terminated on the following 30th April in accordance with Rule 11A. Club and Team Captains will ensure that, unless the Treasurer advises that the fee and/or subscription has been paid, the exclusion provisions of Rule 11A are complied with.
- 12 A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time, either by virtue of a resolution of the Management Committee, or by virtue of an application to the Secretary signed by not less than 10 members stating the business to be discussed. The Secretary will publish, at least 7 days in advance, the date of such a Special General Meeting and the business to be discussed. Only items as stated on Agenda will be discussed, no other business to be included.
- 13 The rules of the Club shall be passed and authorised by members at the A.G.M. or "Special General Meeting". Such changes to the rules shall not be effective unless agreed by two thirds of the members voting. Notice of proposed changes to the rules must be given to the Bowls Club Secretary in writing, signed by a Proposer and a Seconder in accordance with Rule 4A in the case of an A.G.M. or in accordance with Rule 12 in the case of a "Special General Meeting".
- 14 The Club Secretary shall be responsible to the Management Committee for the administration of The Club's general affairs, for calling meetings as and when required, for keeping the Minutes of all Club and Management Committee meetings and for such other duties as the Management Committee may direct. The EBA Secretary and the EBF Secretary shall be responsible to the Management Committee for the administration of all matters relating solely to the respective Codes.
- 15 The Club shall affiliate to such National, County or local Associations and/or Leagues, in either Code, as the Annual General Meeting shall decide. Delegates to such Associations and Leagues shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 16 The Club Captain and respective team Captains plus the Chairman shall select the "A" and "B" Sections in the two Leagues.
The EBA and EBF shall be selected by the Team Captains.
Club representative teams both EBA and EBF shall be selected by the Club and Team Captains plus the Chairman.
- 17 Clause deleted
- 18 Dress of all games arranged by or for The Club shall be grey and white unless otherwise specified.

- 19 Club notices affixed to Club Notice Boards in either Bowls Club Pavilion or in Conservative Club premises shall be deemed to be a Notice given to all Members of the Bowls Club
- 20 (a) Any member of the Beccles Conservative Club may become an Associate Member of the Bowls Club. Associate Members will not normally be able to play in club competitions, League and County events except in the event that a Team Captain is unable to field a full team. In this event the Team Captain may call on the services of an Associate Member after all Full Members had been given a chance to play and if he/she is registered to play in the league in question. Associate Members may only be used in this way in their first year of Associate Membership.
- (b) Associate Members can be invited to play in friendly matches. They have use of the Green when not required by full members. The Management Committee will set the annual fee and in addition Associate Members must pay a fee every time they use the Green. This fee will be set by the Management Committee. Associate Members are eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Bowls Club but without voting rights. They are not eligible to hold any post therein.
- (c) Children and grandchildren under the age of eighteen, of members of the Conservative Club may become Junior Members of the Bowls Club. Junior Members will be eligible to play in club competitions, League and County events.
- (d) Junior Members may only use the Green when supervised by a Full Member of the Bowls Club. The Management Committee will set the annual fee and in addition Junior Members must pay a fee to the Conservative Club every time they use the Green. This fee will be set by the Directors of the Club. Junior Members are not eligible to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Bowls Club They are not eligible to hold any post within the Club.
- (e) Honorary Life Members: Members of the Beccles Conservative Bowls who have retired from competitive bowling and made a significant contribution to the Bowls Club may be nominated as an Honorary Life Members of the Bowls Club. Honorary Life Members will not be able to play in Club Competitions, League and County events. Honorary Life Members can be invited to play in friendly matches. They have use of the the Annual General Meeting of the Bowls Club but without voting rights. They are not eligible to hold any post therein.