

WALSDEN BOWLING CLUB

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Affiliated to GMCCGBA & YCCGBA

Members of – Todmorden & District League, Hebden League & Halifax Association

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Constitution

1. Name

The name of the Club is - Walsden Bowling Club – , hereafter to be referred to as "the club" and the club shall be affiliated to the Greater Manchester County & YCGCBA,

2. Aims and Objectives

To foster and promote the sport of Crown Green Bowls within the community and within the sport, providing opportunities for recreation, coaching and competition.

To manage the Walsden Bowling Club which shall be governed by its general club committee. The Club is a non profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the Clubs facilities.

To ensure that all members, playing and non-playing, abide by the laws of the BCGBA Code of Conduct which incorporates the Spirit and laws of the game.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the BCGBA Policy for Safeguarding for all Members and any future versions of the Policy.

To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing the BCGBA Equity Policy and any future versions of the Policy.

To encourage all members to participate fully in the activities of the club.

3. Membership

(a) Membership of Walsden Bowling Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of crown green bowls regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

(b) The Bowling Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

(c) Application for membership of Walsden Bowling Club shall be by completion of a membership application form and by payment of the relevant subscription/joining fees as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the club.

(d) No person shall be eligible to take part in the business of the club or eligible for selection for any bowling team unless the appropriate subscription has been paid by the specified date or membership has been agreed by the Committee.

(e) The club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or bowling into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Committee who shall appoint an Appeals panel to hear the appeal.

(f) All bowling members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any Codes of Conduct that the club has adopted. The Constitution shall identify those members eligible to vote at any General Meetings.

4. Classes of Membership

There shall be the following of classes of membership available. These are:

- Bowling Members 18 and over male and female
- Bowling Members OAP male and female.
- Junior Member under 18 male and female

A list of members in each category shall be maintained by the Treasurer or other Officers of the club. All bowling junior members will be required to complete a parental consent form.

5. Officers

The Officers of the Bowling Club shall be as follows:

Executive Officers

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Welfare Officer

6. Election of Officers

All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the club from, and by, the members of the club.

All Officers shall be elected for a period of one year but shall be eligible for re-election to the same office or to another office the following year.

7. Management Committee

The affairs of Walsden Bowling Club shall be conducted by the elected members of Walsden Bowling Club. Only these elected members of the Committee shall be entitled to vote at Committee meetings.

The Committee will be convened by the Secretary and shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee meetings shall be 4 in addition to the Bowling Club Officers

The duties of the Committee shall be:

- a) To control the affairs of Walsden Bowling club on behalf of the members.
- b) To keep accurate accounts of the finances of Walsden Bowling club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by members and should have an independent examination before every Annual General Meeting. The club shall maintain a bank current account and the following Officers shall be authorised to sign Walsden Bowling Club cheques: any two from the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
- c) To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee feel is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Committee and shall serve until the end of the next Annual General Meeting.
- d) To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

The Bowling Committee shall have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and to co-opt advisers who may be non club members invited to advise on specialist subjects.

An elected Committee member ceases to be such if he or she ceases to be a member of the club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the member concerned has been given the chance of putting their case to the Committee. Appeal against removal may be made to the Appeals Committee. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps. When needed the Committee has the power to:

- (a) acquire and provide grounds, equipment, coaching, training and playing facilities, clubhouse, transport, medical and related facilities
- (b) provide coaching, training, medical treatment, and related social and other facilities.
- (c) take out any insurance for club, employees, contractors, players, guests and third parties.
- (d) raise funds by appeals and subscriptions.
- (e) open bank accounts
- (f) co-operate with or affiliate firstly to any bodies regulating or organising the sport of crown green bowls and secondly any club or body involved with crown green bowls and thirdly with government and related agencies.
- (g) do all other things reasonably necessary to advance the aims and objectives of Walsden Bowling Club.

NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the aims and objectives in a manner consistent with the Rules and the general law.

8. General Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of Walsden Bowling Club shall be held not later than the end of April each year. 21 clear days written notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to members by posting the notice on the club notice board. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any other business to be moved at Walsden Bowling Club Annual General Meeting at least 14 days before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to members not less than 7 days before the meeting.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

- a) Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting
- b) Receive the accounts for the year from the Treasurer.
- c) Receive the annual report of the Walsden Bowling Club from the Secretary
- d) Elect the Officers of the Club (ie Chair, Treasurer, Secretary etc.)
- e) Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from members 7 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

Nominations of candidates for election of Offices shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date.

Nominations for the Walsden Bowling Committee can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by another Full Member.

Special General Meetings may be convened by the Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than 13 members of the club. At least 21 days notice of the meeting shall be given.

At all General Meetings, the Chair will be taken by the Chair or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by Full Members attending the meeting. Decisions made at a General Meeting shall be by a simple majority vote from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chair of the meeting shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10 members and any other categories of membership entitled to vote (as outlined by the membership section of this Constitution) and Officers of the Club including the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Each Full Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings.

9. Alterations to the Constitution

Any proposed alterations to Walsden Bowling Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting, convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-thirds of those Full Voting Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

10. Finance

All club monies shall be banked in an account in the name of Walsden Bowling Club.

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of Walsden Bowling Club and for providing a report on the financial position as required by the Committee.

The financial year will end on 31st December.

The Treasurer will present a statement of annual accounts at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two Officers.

11. Property and Funds

(i) The property and funds of Walsden Bowling Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits shall be reinvested in the club.

(ii) The club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the club:

- (a) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment
- (b) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests
- (c) remunerate members, principally in relation to bowls coaching services provided (but not for playing).

12. Dissolution

- a) If at any General Meeting of the club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- b) If at that Special Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds (three quarters) of the Full Voting Membership present at the meeting, the Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realize the assets of the club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the club.
- c) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the club's affairs.
- d) After settling all liabilities of the club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following listed below:
- e) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
- f) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered Community Amateur Sports Club and/or
- g) to the club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

13. Declaration

Walsden Bowling Club, hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of all members.

A Foster

SIGNED (Chairman Walsden Bowling club)

NAME Mr A Foster

DATE 1/10/25

K Rudman

SIGNED (Secretary WBC)

NAME Mr K Rudman

DATE 1/10/25

S. Uttley

SIGNED (Treasurer WBC)

NAME Mrs S M UTTLEY

DATE 1/10/25

