



JBC Sports Club - Constitution

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1. Name

- The name of the organization is **JBC Sports Club**.

2. Purpose

- The Club's purpose is to encourage and facilitate the development of, and participation in, the sport of target shooting.

3. Administration

- The Club and its property are administered and managed in accordance with this Constitution by the Management Committee, as defined in Section 7.

4. Powers

- Raise funds and receive contributions, provided no substantial permanent trading activities are undertaken, and all legal requirements are met.
- Acquire, lease, or exchange property necessary for the Club's objectives and maintain or equip it for use.
- Sales, lease, or disposal of Club property, subject to legal requirements.
- Borrow money and secure Club property as needed, subject to legal requirements.
- Employ staff (who are not Management Committee members) as necessary and provide for their pensions and benefits.
- Cooperate with other clubs, organizations, and authorities to further the Club's objectives.
- Support charitable trusts, associations, or institutions aligned with the Club's purpose.
- Take any lawful action necessary to achieve the Club's objectives.

5. Membership

- Membership is open to individuals who support the Club's purpose and pay the annual subscription as set by members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- The Management Committee may, for good reasons and by unanimous decision, terminate any individual membership. The individual has the right to be heard by the Committee, accompanied by a friend or representative, before a final decision is made.
- The Committee may create membership classes, define their rights and benefits, and set procedures for introducing new members. Any such changes must be ratified at the next AGM by amending the Club's byelaws as appropriate.

6. Honorary Officers

- At each AGM, members shall elect from among themselves the following Honorary Officers, who serve from the conclusion of the meeting:
- Chairperson
- Secretary

7. Management Committee

- The Committee consists of at least Two and no more than five members:
 - The Honorary Officers (Chair, Secretary)
 - additional members can be elected at the AGM
- All Committee members must be full, current Club members.
- The Committee may appoint two co-opted members.
- All Committee members retire at the end of the next AGM but may be re-elected or re-appointed.
- Committee proceedings are not invalidated by vacancies or appointment defects.
- No one under 18 or disqualified under Section 8 may serve.
- By becoming a committee member, you confirm your willingness to act in the Club's interests.

8. Termination of Committee Membership

- A Committee member ceases holding office if they:
 - Cease to be a full, current Club member
 - Become incapable of managing their affairs due to illness or injury
 - Are absent from all Committee meetings for six months without permission, and the Committee resolves to vacate their office
 - Resign with at least one month's notice (unless exceptional circumstances apply), provided at least One Committee member remain in office

9. Conflicts of Interest

- No Committee member may acquire an interest in Club property (except as a trustee) or receive remuneration from Club contracts, except as permitted below.
- A Committee member who is a professional (e.g., solicitor, accountant) may be paid for services provided to the Club, provided a majority of the Committee does not benefit and the member withdraws from related discussions.

10. Committee Meetings

- The Committee holds at least two ordinary meetings per year. Special meetings may be held by the Chair or any three Committee members with at least seven days' written notice (21 days if appointing a co-opted member).
- The Chair presides; if absent, the Committee selects a Chair for the meeting.
- A quorum is one-third of Committee members or Two members, whichever is greater.
- Minutes are kept of all meetings and subcommittees.
- The Committee may make or alter byelaws, subject to ratification at the next AGM.
- No byelaw may conflict with this Constitution.
- The Committee may appoint subcommittees of at least Two Committee members for specific tasks, with all proceedings reported to the Committee.
- The Committee ensures compliance with all legal requirements and relevant rules.

11. Finance

- Club funds are held in accounts operated by the Committee in the Club's name at a bank or building society of their choosing. Multiple accounts may be operated.
- All cheques require signatures from two Committee members.
- Club funds are used only to further the Club's purpose.

12. Property

- The Committee ensures that title to all land, investments, and assets is vested in at least three trustees appointed by the Committee.
- Trustees may be removed by the Committee and must act in accordance with their lawful directions.
- If no custodian trustee is appointed, investments may be held in the name of a clearing bank, trust corporation, or stockbroking company as nominee for the Committee.

13. Annual General Meeting (AGM)

- An AGM is held each year within two months of the Club's financial year-end or as soon as practicable.
- The Committee calls the AGM, giving at least 21 days' written notice to all members.
- All members may attend and vote.
- The Chair presides; if absent, attendees appoint a Chair.
- The Committee presents the annual report and accounts.
- Nominations for Committee election must be submitted in writing at least 14 days before the AGM, with nominees confirming willingness to stand. If nominees exceed vacancies, election is by ballot.

14. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)

- The Committee may call an EGM at any time.
- If at least 20% of members or 20 members (whichever is less) request an EGM in writing, stating the business to be considered, the Secretary must call the meeting with at least 21 days' notice. The notice must state the business to be discussed.

15. General Meeting Procedures

- The Secretary or a designated person keeps a full record of all general meeting proceedings.
- A quorum is 20% of full members or 20 members, whichever is less.
- If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes, the meeting is adjourned within 42 days. If a quorum is still not present at the adjourned meeting, the meeting proceeds after a further 30-minute delay.

16. Notices

- Notices to members may be served personally, by post, or electronically to the last known address. Notices sent by post are deemed received within 10 days.

17. Voting

- Each member has one vote on any resolution. Decisions are by majority vote of those present and entitled to vote. In the event of a tie, the Chair has a second, casting vote.

18. Amendments to the Constitution

- The Constitution may be amended by a resolution supported by at least two-thirds of members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of meeting must include the proposed amendment.

19. Dissolution

- If the Committee decides to dissolve the Club, it must call a meeting of all members with at least 21 days' notice, stating the terms of the resolution. If two-thirds of those present and voting support the proposal, the Committee may realize Club assets. Any remaining assets, after debts and liabilities, are transferred to an institution with similar objectives as determined by the members.

20. Interim Arrangements

- Until the first AGM, this Constitution applies as if references to the Management Committee are to the signatories below.
- This Constitution was adopted on the date above by the undersigned.

Signatures:

Chairman: *Keith Watson* (Keith Watson)

Secretary: *Jason Gelter* (Jason Gelter)