

North Brighton Club Inc.

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Article 1 – Constitution & By Laws

1. In the event of discrepancy between these By Laws and the “Club Constitution” the “Club Constitution” shall prevail.
2. The club and its members will comply with the Liquor license.
The North Brighton Club BYO liquor licence permits consumption of alcohol on the premises between the hours of 2PM and midnight Monday to Saturday only
It does not include Sundays.
3. Any change to these By Laws made by the Club Management Committee “**The Committee**” must be distributed to all financial members within 21 days of such change.

Article 2 – Membership & Finance

1. All nominated competition players are to be “Financial Members” of the club, before being permitted to participate in association competitions.
Unless written authority has been obtained and granted from the committee.
2. Annual membership fees are due on the 1st January every year and must be paid by the 14th January every year.
3. Any member facing financial hardship is encouraged to contact the committee to discuss a payment plan to cover up-coming subscriptions. Contact should be made before the subscriptions are due.

Any member who has entered into a payment plan agreement is deemed to be a fully paid up financial member of the North Brighton Club for any purposes required by these by-laws or the constitution.

4. Due to our Liquor License it is mandatory that all Members when attending the club are to sign in and out of the attendance register. Please ensure **ALL** details must be filled in.
 - i) Date
 - ii) Name
 - iii) Signature
 - iv) Time in
 - v) Time out.
5. During any practice, competitions and or coaching clinics held at the club, members, participants and members guests are required to sign their attendance in the visitors register / sign in book.

6. Individuals (non-members) may attend the club to practice or play with a member and are welcome to use the facilities, however that individual is restricted to attend only 3 visits per calendar year. The Member will incur disciplinary action if this rule is not observed. This may include suspension or even cancellation of membership. (Individuals attending official coaching clinics, approved in writing by the committee, are exempt from this rule.)
7. New membership applications may only be nominated and seconded by individuals who have been a full member of the club for a minimum period of 12 months.
8. All new members will be subject to a 12 month probationary period. During this period, the committee can cancel the membership if that member is found not to fit in with the clubs' core values and expectations.
9. By joining the club and signing the membership form or renewing membership. members agree to:
 - i) Abide by these By-Laws
 - ii) Agree to images and attendance of themselves being recorded by any security devices installed in and around the club.

Article 3 – Competitions

Section 1 – Association delegates.

1. The Committee shall review, approve and appoint club delegates for each of the relevant competition associations if required.

Section 2 – Selection, Captains & Attire.

1. The Committee shall review and may appoint a Chairman of Selectors to assist in the selection and coordination of all participating Nth Brighton sides in Association competitions.
If no Chairman of Selectors is appointed any issues involving team selection will be addressed and resolved by the President.
2. All sides nominating for Association competitions must include
 - i) Captain
 - ii) Competition and Grade.
 - iii) Captains and players names are to be submitted to the committee for approval, before the submission to the relevant association competition.
 - iv) The submission of the sides will be managed by the club secretary.
3. All members playing in competitions are required to wear proper attire during matches and must comply with dress regulations of the relevant associations.
4. The team captain must notify the committee of any disciplinary action, by any Association against a North Brighton club member, within 7 days of such notice.
5. All players are required to contribute to the cost of supper for home matches.

6. While representing the North Brighton Club in competition all members are required to act in a courteous, fair and sportsman like manner
7. On competition nights ensure the supper room is left clean and tidy.
8. The responsibility of opening /closing the club for pennant/competition matches lies with all playing members on the night, **NOT** just the captain. Players should pay particular attention to ensuring all electrical items are switched off (including the table iron, lights, air conditioning units and supper room appliances – kettle, pie warmer etc.)

Section 3 – Inhouse Competitions.

1. The committee will ask for submissions for volunteers (or will appoint a member or members) to organize and coordinate inhouse competitions for the relevant year.
2. At the completion of the yearly in-house competitions the coordinator shall supply the committee/secretary with all of the details of winners so that awards can be organized and honor boards updated.
3. In-house Competitions
 - i) Kevin Smythe Open Snooker
 - ii) Cliff Hatton Handicap Snooker
 - iii) Robby Foldvari Open Billiards
 - iv) Cole Sayers Handicap Billiards
 - v) Xmas Mini Snooker

Article 4 – Life Members

1. The title of Life Member of the club may be conferred upon such persons rendering outstanding services on behalf of the club.
Nominations for Life Membership can be made to the committee by any member of the club.

Article 5 Keys and Access

1. Keys may be provided to new members, immediately, if approved by the committee or after a three (3) month probation period.
2. Keys may not be lent out or shared by members, to other members, unless approved in writing by the committee.
3. Keys may never be loaned to non-members. Suspension or cancellation of membership will result.
4. When membership is terminated, either voluntary or enforced the key & access FOB must be immediately returned.

5. It must be noted that the committee requires that all members must be aware of their responsibility regarding the security of the club rooms and the building. It is imperative that members secure the building when leaving the clubrooms.
6. Key FOB's and access keys if lost must be reported to the secretary immediately and may be replaced at a cost of \$25.00 each.
7. Access FOB may be switched off if a member is un-financial.

Article 6 – Basic Club Rules.

1. When practicing snooker at the club use the snooker practice balls provided.
DO NOT use the **1G** snooker competition balls.
2. If you are the last out please turn lights, heating / air conditioning is off.
Please check men's and women's toilet lights as well.
3. Please respect the club and other members, clean up after yourself and empty the bins if you see they are full.
4. **NO FOOD** is allowed in the Snooker room.
5. After competition nights ensure that each entire set of the **1G** snooker balls are in the correct case and ensure they are put away properly.
6. When practicing at the club, the use of the override key for table lights is strictly forbidden and may result in cancellation of membership.
7. Playing on the tables without the table lights on is strictly forbidden and the committee will seek to terminate the membership of any member contravening this by-law.
8. It also should be noted that suitable footwear must be worn, while at the club, at all times.

Article 7 – AGM Voting.

All members attending the AGM by way of technology are to be introduced as they come 'online' so that it can be confirmed by the chair of the meeting that all members present in person and by way of technology can simultaneously interact.

1. Election of Executive and General committee members.

a. Nominations for a given committee position will be called for prior to the AGM. However, as per our constitution further nominations can be made on the night and as such will be called for during the AGM at the time the given position is to be voted upon.

- b. If there any objections to a nominee, they are to be raised prior to the vote for the position to which that person has been nominated.
- c. Nominees are entitled to make a short speech in support of their nomination.
- d. Once voting has completed for a given position, the result will be FINAL. No further objections will be considered on the night of the AGM or in the future.

2. Voting Procedure.

- a. As per the constitution, members may vote in person or by way of technology. No proxy votes are accepted.
- b. If a secret ballot is required as more than one person has nominated for a given position, a Returning Officer will be appointed to collect and tally the votes. For members attending by way of technology their voting preferences will be indicated to the returning officer and it will be his/her responsibility to keep those voting preferences confidential.
- c. Where several people are to be listed on a voting slip, they will be listed in alphabetical order.
- d. All voting slips are to be disposed of (ideally shredded) at the conclusion of the AGM. This will be the responsibility of the returning officer.

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