

MUSWELL HILL BOWLING CLUB RULES (“the Rules”)

1. Name

The Club shall be called “MUSWELL HILL BOWLING CLUB” (referred to in these rules as “the Club”).

2. Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited

The Club is operated by and in accordance with the requirements of the Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited (“the Company”) registered under 00154781 whose registered address is Kings Avenue Muswell Hill London N10 1PB

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3. Objectives

The objectives of the Club are to foster and promote the sport of flat green bowls at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation, competition, social interaction, and to provide a community facility for the residents of Muswell Hill and the surrounding area.

4. The Club Committee

(i) The management of the Club is vested by the Company in a Club Committee (“the Committee”) which may consist of a President, a Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, separate Playing Captains for both men and women (if appointed), a Match Secretary, and the Directors and Secretary of the Company (if different).

(ii) a minimum of 3 or 50% of the Committee, whichever is higher will form a quorum for all Committee meetings.

(iii) Unless otherwise agreed the Chairperson of the Committee (“the Chair”) will be the Company Secretary.

(iii). Each member of the Committee shall retire at the Annual General Meeting of the Club but shall be eligible for re-election.

(iv) Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Decisions will be made on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the event of an equal vote, the Chair for that meeting shall be entitled to a second and casting vote.

5. Powers of the Committee

(i) The Committee shall have full power to regulate all play on the green, the opening and closing of the green, manage the Clubhouse and changing rooms and other buildings owned by the Company, fill any vacancy occurring on the Committee, co-opt any member on to the Committee and carry out the objectives of the Club in accordance with the Rules.

(ii) The Committee shall meet as required during the season. The Secretary shall arrange for an agenda to be received by each member before any meeting. Emergency meetings of the Committee may be convened at any time by the Chair who presided at the last meeting, the Company Chair or

the Secretary, or any two members of the Committee, but such meetings shall not amend or rescind any decision made at ordinary meetings of the Committee.

(iii) The Committee shall have power to make bye-laws consistent with the Rules and for the general benefit of the members. The Committee shall post on the Noticeboard in the Clubhouse any bye-law made by them and shall report the same at the next AGM.

6. Club Membership

(i) The Committee will operate three categories of Membership namely Playing, Junior and Social on such terms and conditions as it deems appropriate subject to the following:

A. A Playing Member has full right to play for the Club and to participate in the management of the Club including the right to vote at Club meetings and a Playing member who meets the conditions set out in the Articles of the Company shall be a shareholder of the Company.

B. A Junior Member must be under 21 on 1 May (the start of each bowling season). Junior Members are entitled to bowl in roll ups, club and external competitions. Junior Members have no interest in the assets of the Club, nor any right to participate in its management.

C. A Social Member shall have no interest in the assets of the Club, nor any right to participate in its management, nor any right to play.

NB Jun 2025: the Junior and Social categories have been expanded to allow Junior Members up to 25yo and to allow Off-peak (ex Social) Members to play on weekday mornings and get coaching. These changes and some other rule updates will be put to the AGM later in the year.

(i) The number of Playing Members (as defined above) shall not exceed 100

(ii) All members shall be appointed by the Committee under any procedure that it agrees to be appropriate but in default of agreement by a majority vote of the Committee.

(iii) Members joining after 31st July, or Members unable to afford their annual subscriptions may be admitted at the discretion of the Committee.

(iv) Life and Honorary membership may be granted at the discretion of the Committee.

7. Playing Committees

The Committee may appoint handicap and selection committees as appropriate for the purpose of running internal competitions and selecting teams and players for external competitions.

8. Annual General Meeting

(i) The Annual General Meeting ("the AGM") of the Club shall be held on or before the 30 November, on a date fixed by the Committee, when officers and delegates to affiliated organisations shall be elected.

(ii) The Secretary shall give not less than twenty-one days' notice of this meeting by letter email or other electronic means as they in their discretion consider suitable accompanied by an Agenda.

(iii) Candidates for election as Officers or to the Committee, who have expressed their willingness to serve, must be proposed and seconded and their names given or sent to the Secretary at or in

advance of the AGM. If the number of candidates proposed and seconded exceeds the number to be elected, voting shall be by show of hands or ballot at the Annual General Meeting.

(iv) The quorum for the AGM shall be 10 or 50% of the Playing Members, whichever is lowest.

9. Special Meetings

- (i) A Special Meeting of the Club may be convened at any time by the Committee. The Committee shall call such Special Meeting whenever a requisition, signed by not less than ten members and specifying the resolution(s) to be submitted, shall be delivered to the Secretary, who shall give not less than seven days' notice by letter or email of such meeting. The meeting shall be held on a date not more than twenty-one days from receipt of the requisition. 10 or 50% of the Playing Members, whichever is lowest, shall form a quorum (subject to Rule 9(ii) below).
- (ii) The Club may, at any Special Meeting called for the purpose, expel any member who has been guilty of conduct which, in the opinion of at least three-quarters of the members present shall justify such expulsion. 10 or 50% of the Playing Members, whichever is lowest, shall form a quorum.

10. Casting Vote at General Meetings

At all meetings of the Club, the Chair shall have a further or casting vote.

11. Subscriptions

Subscriptions and Club competition fees are due on 1st May of each year. The annual subscription for each category of membership shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the Muswell Hill Bowling Club Limited. Members failing to pay their subscription before 31st July shall cease to be members of the Club.

12. EBA

All games shall be played under the Laws of the Game as adopted from time to time by the English Bowling Association.

13. Fitness of the Rinks

The decision of the Greenkeeper, or, in their absence, any member of the Committee, that any rinks are unfit for play, shall be final. No matches other than those appearing on the official fixture list shall be played without the sanction of the Committee.

12. Members' Property

Members' property left on the Club premises is left at their own risk.

14. Alterations to the Rules

- (i) Alterations to the Rules shall be made only at the AGM or at a Special Meeting convened in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9. Any member proposing any alteration in the Rules must give notice in writing to the Secretary, specifying such alterations, not later than the 1 October, if such proposition is to be considered at the AGM.

- (ii) The Committee may propose alterations to the Rules at the AGM or any Special Meeting that they convene on their own requisition.

15. Safe and Equitable Environment

The Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and Adults at Risk can enjoy taking part in games of bowls. It will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following and promoting the Child and Adults at Risk Safeguarding Policies and Procedures of the National Governing Bodies.

16. Equality Policy Statement

The Club is committed to ensuring that equality is incorporated across all aspects of its activities.

The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of the sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status. The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy the sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

Approved by the Club 051020