

CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The name of the Club shall be **KIRKBY MALZEARD BOWLS CLUB.**

2. Objectives

The Club is formed to permit, foster and encourage the game of bowls and afford Members interested in bowling, facilities for meeting one another.

RULES

1. Qualification for membership

Persons of any age who are in general sympathy with the aims and objectives of the Club.

2. Membership

- a) Full Bowling Members
- b) Honorary Members
- c) Junior Members (Those under 18)

3. Honorary Member

An Honorary Member shall be any Honorary (Life) Member of the Highside Playing Fields Association who is a Member of the Club.

4. Visitors

Any Member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the Club, provided that no person whose application for membership has been declined, or who has been expelled from the Club shall be introduced as a guest. The Member shall pay for each guest and shall be responsible for the conduct of the guest and the observance of the Club's rules.

5. Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable in accordance with the fees and timetable prescribed by the Highside Playing Fields Association and subject to any additional subscription levied by the Club and agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Honorary Members shall be exempt from the payment of subscriptions other than those additionally levied by the Club. If any Members subscription is in arrears at the end of June each year the Committee may remove the Members name from the list of members but may at their discretion reinstate the Member upon receipt of the arrears.

6. Application for Membership

- a) Application for membership must be made on the appropriate form provided by the Club giving all particulars required and must be signed by the candidate and returned to the Club for processing.
- b) On payment of the first annual subscription the candidate shall be a Member of the Club and entitled to all the privileges of membership applicable to the subscription. Having received a copy of the appropriate Rules the Member shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound by those Rules.

7. Resignation of Member

Members may resign their membership at any time by letter to the Secretary of the Club but shall be liable for their subscriptions for the year during which they resign.

8. Disciplinary Procedures Relating to Members

On receipt of a letter of complaint in respect a Member of the Club, the Committee will promptly inquire into the matter by interviewing the complainant(s) and the Member(s) concerned, providing that the complaint is received by the Secretary within seven days of the alleged incident taking place. The Committee will take the appropriate action felt necessary in relation to the seriousness of the offence.

Should the Committee feel that the offence is so serious as to warrant expulsion of the Member(s) they shall call upon the Member(s) to resign and if the Member(s) should not do so, they shall expel the Member(s). A member expelled shall forfeit all the privileges of membership and all rights against the Club. The Committees decision on all such matters is final. A member before the Committee can bring a friend to the meeting. So may the complainant.

GENERAL MEETINGS OF THE CLUB

Voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands or otherwise as the Chairman may direct. The Chairman's decision as to the result of the voting shall be regarded as final. At all General Meetings of the Club every full and Honorary Member shall be entitled to be present to give one vote (and no more) on every question. In case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

Minutes, The Secretary shall record the proceedings of General Meetings in a Minute Book.

9. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held once every year in either October or November for the election of Officers and Members to serve on the Committee and for such other business as may be appointed in accordance with the Rules. At least 14 days notice shall be posted on the Club Notice Boards and shall be deemed to be notice to all Members.

All Notices of Motion must be submitted to the Secretary in writing at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

10. Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Committee. Such a meeting must also be summoned upon immediately upon 7 full bowling members delivering to the Secretary a written request stating the nature of the business.

14 days notice shall be given, or less if the Committee deem the business to be urgent.

No other business than that specified in the Notice shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting.

11. Quorum

A quorum consists of 6 full voting members

12. Officers

The Club may elect a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Club Captain.

13. The Committee

The Committee shall exercise the powers given to it by these Rules and such other powers of management as the affairs of the Club may from time to time require.

The Committee shall consist of:

Chairman

Secretary
Treasurer
Club Captain
Captains of the Dalesman League side and the Harrogate Ladies League side
Two other Members

If a casual vacancy occurs then a Member may be co-opted to the Committee until the next AGM,

14. Meetings of the Committee

The Secretary, as is thought appropriate, shall call meetings of the Committee. The Chairman, or in absence, a Member of the Committee elected by the members present, shall preside at all meetings of the Committee and General Meetings of the Club

a) Quorum

Three Members of the Committee

b) Votes

Every Member of the Committee shall have one vote on every question and in case of equality the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

c) Minutes

The Secretary shall keep the minutes of each Committee Meeting.

15. Green Fees and Competition Fees

It is the responsibility of the Members at the AGM to adjust Green and Competition Fees unless this is delegated at the AGM to the Committee

16. Notices

All notices to be given to members of the Club shall be posted on Club notice boards (and if possible the board outside Kirkby Stores) for an appropriate period, after which it shall be deemed that due notice has been given.

17. Exclusion of Liability

Neither the Club or any Officers thereof shall be liable to any Member or Guest of any Member for any loss or damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises, nor to any injury sustained by any Member or guest whilst on or entering or leaving the Club's premises (premises here includes car parking areas, the bowling green and their approaches.)

18. Dissolution

If the Club is at any time unable to meet its liabilities, or if at any time the Club shall pass in General Meeting a resolution of its intention to dissolve (a resolution on any such proposal shall be declared carried only if voted for by not less than two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote) the Committee shall take immediate steps to convert into money all assets of the Club other than those deemed to be the property of Highside Playing Fields Association with power however to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular assets if the Club in General Meeting so authorise. Out of the proceeds of such conversion, the Committee shall discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club, including the expenses of such conversion and any balance remaining in their hands shall be disposed of by them as the Club in General Meeting shall resolve and thereupon the Club shall for all purposes be dissolved. A copy of the notice convening any General Meeting under this rule shall be sent by the Secretary to every Full Bowling Member, not less than 14 days before the date appointed for the meeting.

19. Amendment to Rules

Any or all of these Rules may from time to time be revoked, altered or added to by a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Members of the Club. A resolution on any such proposal shall be declared carried only if voted for by not less than two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote. Notice of any such amendment must be given in writing to the Secretary at least 14 days before the General Meeting.

DRESS CODE

1. Footwear

Brown, white or grey bowling shoes with completely smooth heel-less soles will be worn at all times on the green

2. Dress

The dress code for matches and all competitions will be white tops and medium grey trousers for men and white tops and medium grey regulation - bowling skirts or trousers for ladies.

MATCHES AND COMPETITION GAMES

Matches and Competition games will take precedence over any Social Bowling. Dates of matches will be posted on the notice board for Members information.