

HELLINGLY BOWLS CLUB

Rules for Full Membership

As approved at the Annual General Meeting on 4th October 2021.

1.1 The Club shall be known as Hellingly Bowls Club, Hellingly Recreation Ground, Horsebridge BN27 4DL.

1.2 The Club is affiliated to Bowls England and Sussex County Bowls.

2. The Committee of the Club shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Captain and Vice Captain of the Men's Section, Captain and Vice Captain of the Ladies' Section, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Match Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Green Keeper, Membership Officer and up to five members of the Club to serve on the Club Committee.

3. The Chairman or in their absence the Vice Chairman, or in their absence either of the Captains or Vice Captains, shall preside at the meetings of the Committee. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

4. The annual subscription shall be such sum as is agreed at the Annual General Meeting. The subscription becomes due on the 31st January in each year, after which date only those who have paid this sum shall have the privilege of using the greens and equipment.

5. Membership shall be open to all persons resident in the Parish of Hellingly and such other persons as the Committee shall think fit. The Committee shall have the power to accept or reject any application for membership. Persons making application who are, or intend to be members of any other club, may have the

choice of playing matches and club tournaments for one club only.

6. Visitors accompanied by a Member are allowed to play at a fee of such a sum as the Committee may from time to time decide. The Member being responsible for seeing that the Visitors Book is signed and placing the money in the box provided in the Pavilion.

7. The Committee shall meet as often as required and shall be responsible for the management of the Club, with the power to co-opt and to fill any vacancy which may occur during the year and to appoint such sub committees as may be necessary.

8. No person shall be allowed on the greens unless wearing the regulation bowling shoes. Dress for all matches shall be either greys or whites as designated with white tops or Club tops above the waist. Ladies will be allowed to wear regulation tailored grey trousers for mixed matches, but for Ladies Matches white skirts or trousers may be worn.

9. Any person alleged to have been guilty of conduct derogatory to the welfare of the Club shall be requested to attend a meeting of the Committee to explain why his or her membership should not be withdrawn. Any further matter requiring guidance shall follow Bowls England Regulation 9(Misconduct).

10.1 The AGM of the Club shall be held as soon after the close of the season as circumstances permit. Seven days notice of such meeting shall be given.

10.2 Should a member be proposed, seconded and approved at an AGM for outstanding service to the Club, they should be offered Life Membership. Such a title should be recognised by the Club for the lifetime of that person and should grant them

free full membership of the Club. It is anticipated that there can be up to six such actively involved members at any one time.

10.3 Any proposal for inclusion in the AGM Agenda must be notified to the Hon. Secretary at least two weeks before the AGM. This is to allow time for all members to be informed of the proposal.

11. A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be held when considered necessary by the Committee or on requisition signed by ten members. Seven days notice of such meeting shall be given to all members. The notice is to state the nature of the business to be transacted.

12. Any Member wilfully causing damage to the property of the Club, shall be liable for the extent of said damage.

13. All Member's property left in the pavilion or changing rooms is entirely at the owner's risk.

14. Any complaint or matter for consideration by the Committee shall be submitted to the Hon. Secretary in writing at least seven days prior to the next meeting.

15.1 The selection of players for matches and competitions shall be left to the Selection Committee consisting of the four Captains and Vice Captains. In Club competitions the member whose name appears first is responsible for arranging a suitable date with an opponent and appointing a marker.

15.2 For a member to participate in Club Competition Finals, they must have completed at least six matches representing the Club during that season.

16. No alteration or addition to these Rules shall be made except at an AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Seven days notice stating any such alteration shall be given by the Hon. Secretary to all members.

17. Hellingly Bowls Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in games of bowls. It will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following and promoting the Joint Child Protection Policy and Procedures of the National Governing Bodies.

18. In the event of further clarification on a matter being required, the Bowls England Model Constitution, latest edition (currently April 2017) should be followed.