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Worthing Indoor Bowls Club
By-Laws

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This Document supersedes all previous versions of WIBC By-Laws and Rules

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Definitions (reviewed March 2019)

- (a) The 'Company' means Worthing Indoor Bowling Greens Ltd
- (b) The 'Council' means the Council of Management of the Company.
- (c) 'Member' means a Member of the Company.
- (d) 'Playing Member' means a member of the Company who is also a Member of the Worthing Indoor Bowls Club
- (e) 'Social Member' means a Member of the Company not entitled to play bowls but entitled to enjoy all other privileges of Membership except voting rights at a General Meeting of the Company.
- (f) 'Group Membership' limits 10 visits per annum to use catering and bar facilities for groups associated to Club Members. All members must be signed into the Visitors Book by the Club Member.

1. Purpose

The purposes of the Club are to promote and provide facilities for the amateur sport of bowls in the Worthing and West Sussex area and community participation in the same.

2. Membership

- (a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- (b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. Such fees will be fixed by the Council annually at levels that will not pose significant obstacles to people participating.
- (c) The Council may refuse membership or remove it, for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal, removal or suspension may be made to the Council and pending the decision by the Council the applicant or member shall not enter the Company premises or take part in any of the activities of the Club without the specific approval of the Club Manager or Council.
- (d) There will normally be no lower age limit for candidates, although such application for membership below the age of 14 years may have special scrutiny by the Council or Safeguarding Officer in view of the Laws relating to minors.
- (e) Newly admitted members shall not be entitled to any of the privileges of Membership until the prescribed joining fee and subscription shall have been paid.

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(f) All subscriptions shall be due on 1 October in each year and Members failing to pay their subscriptions by the 15 October shall cease to be Members of the Company, but the Council may at their discretion reinstate a Member in default upon payment of the outstanding dues.

3. Property and Funds

(i) The property and funds of the Company cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefits of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules, and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Company.

(a) The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, pre and post-match refreshments and any other ordinary benefits of sports clubs.

(b) The Club may pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.

(II) The Company may:-

(a) Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.

(b) Employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Council without the person concerned being present.

(c) Indemnify the Council and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

(III) The Company will have due regard to all current legislation including disability discrimination and child protection.

4. Winding Up

(a) The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

(b) The Council of Management will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

(c) After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Council shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following :-

(i) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and / or

(ii) Another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and / or

(iii) The Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

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5. Opening of Club Premises

The Club premises shall normally be open daily from 8.00 am until 10.00 pm during the winter playing season and from 8.00 am until 12.00 noon in the summer playing season or as defined on the notice boards. The club will normally be closed on UK Bank Holidays. The Club Manager shall have power to vary these hours.

6. Refreshments

The bar may be opened within such times as defined by the License, and these times shall be exhibited. Members aged 18 or over and authorised visitors may be served with intoxicating liquors. The prices of drinks and refreshments shall be permanently displayed. Persons under the age of 18 years shall not be allowed to purchase or consume alcohol, and proof of age may be requested when considered appropriate.

7. Visitors

(a) All persons being members of clubs affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Association and their guests, visiting the club premises for the purpose of a match, competition or tournament shall be entitled to enjoy the privileges of Membership of the Company for the day of their visit.

(b) A Member may introduce a friend for a day, but the same person (except in the case of the wife/husband/partner of a member who has paid additional subscription as required by the Council) may not be introduced more than THREE times in one season. The name and address of the visitor together with the name of the introducing member shall be entered in the Visitors Book.

(c) Animals shall not be admitted to any part of the Company's premises, except assistance dogs accompanied by their owners.

8. Dress & Conduct on the Green

(a) Players, Umpires and Markers shall wear smooth-soled, heel-less bowls footwear when playing on the green or acting as Umpires or Markers.

(b) Members must change into Bowls shoes on the premises and these shoes should not be worn in the Car Parks or outside.

(c) All players shall be dressed in grey **or black** trousers/ regulation skirts with predominantly white or club shirts above the waist. Whites and Club shirts to be worn for matches or other specified occasions. **Shorts may be worn if they meet EIBA specifications and/ or are manufactured by a recognised bowls-wear company**

(d) Dress code for after match with a meal is club shirt/white shirt & club tie, white or grey trousers/skirts. Blazer or white top may be worn. (Jeans, non-white sweaters or other casual wear is not allowed at match meals).

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(e) the only exceptions to the club dress code are sessions which specify different clothing – but in all cases the rules regarding footwear must prevail)

(f) Taking food or drink on to the green is strictly prohibited.

(g) Members must note that it is illegal to smoke anywhere on the premises. Anyone wishing to smoke must do so outside the back door, this includes e-cigarettes.

(h) Members must not use oil or glycerine-based products when bowling on the WIBC carpet.

(i) members are reminded of the need for caution when entering and leaving the green and the use of the handrails is recommended.

9. Kitchen, Bar & Heating

Members shall not enter the kitchen and bar except as authorised volunteer helpers

Unauthorised use of the Air Conditioning controls is prohibited.

10. Green Fees

Green Fees shall be such as the council of management prescribe and shall be collected by Green stewards on behalf of the Company

11. Complaints

Any complaint shall be made in writing to the Company Secretary. A suggestion book will be available to members

12. Priority

Where there is any conflict between any of the above Bye Laws (“Key Rules”) and any other rule or rules the Key Rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with statutory requirements for CASCs (Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002).