

# **NEW HERRINGTON BOWLING CLUB**

## **Rules & Constitution**

- 1 TITLE: The Club shall be called "New Herrington Bowling Club"
- 2 CONSTITUTION: The executive committee shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Captain. There will be a minimum of one other member and a maximum of three other members bringing the total committee to five or seven.
- 3 OBJECTS: The objects of the Club shall be to promote, foster and safeguard the amateur game of bowls in every legitimate way and to encourage the growth of the game, within our local community, by holding various in-house competitions and participating in competitive leagues as organised by Sunderland & District Bowling Association, Bowls Durham, or Bowls England
- 4 ADMINISTRATION: The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by the Executive Committee together with any non executive committee members. The committee shall meet as often as the business of the Club demands, and shall have full power to decide on any matter affecting the Club that may arise.
- 5 AUDIT: The accounts shall be audited yearly by two members of the Club
- 6 AGMs: The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in September for the purpose of receiving the report of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Club Captain. All members will be invited to attend and will have the right to vote on any motion.
- 7 MEMBERSHIP: The "Membership Year" shall commence on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Membership is open to everyone, of any age/gender/ethnicity/ability. Any new application to join should be proposed by a member. The club committee reserve the right to refuse or terminate membership.  
The membership fee must be paid in advance of the season or at time of application..
- 8 GDPR: All members must provide, via the "Application Form", full name, address and telephone numbers. Email addresses as well if possible. These contact details will be held by the Club Secretary and will not be shared with any other body outside the bowls fraternity. Members contact details may be shared with other members for the purpose of arranging matches.  
All in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation.
- 9 SUBSCRIPTIONS: The Annual Subscription fees and all Competition fees to be decided at the Annual General Meeting. The annual membership fees shall be paid to the Treasurer by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 10 GREEN FEES: Green fees, where applicable, are payable before play commences.
- 11 COMPETITION RULES: The Club and its members will at all times comply with any competition rules as laid down by Sunderland & District Bowling Association, Bowls Durham, or Bowls England

- 12 SELECTION: Membership of the Club does not entitle any player to assume selection to play in any league competition. The Club Captain will select teams and skips; his decision in this matter is final. All members are entitled to play in the in-house competitions.
- 13 DRESS CODE: ROLL UPS & IN-HOUSE COMPETITIONS: Dress code for in-house competitions and roll ups is relaxed, bowling shoes or flat soled shoes must be worn.  
LEAGUE GAMES: Dress for all team players shall be black trousers (or shorts) with no stripes or checks. Denims and cargo trousers are not permitted. Club colours above the waist, all team players must be dressed the same. One club shirt will be issued to any member selected to represent the club, free of charge.  
Correct bowling shoes must be worn on the green at all times.  
SMOKING & DRINKING of alcohol are NOT allowed on the green, but are allowed on the path.
- 14 STICKERS: At the discretion of the Club Captain, players may be required to use bowls stickers supplied by the Club to distinguish the bowls for the marker or spectators
- 15 TRIAL ENDS: Trial ends do not constitute part of the game, whether it be league or in-house
- 16 TROPHIES: Any winner of any of the Club in-house competitions will be given the opportunity to receive the relevant trophy at the Club's Presentation Dinner. Trophies must be returned at the A.G.M. or prior.
- 17 SECOND CLUB: Members of the Club are permitted to be members of a second Club, but they MUST inform the Club Captain of such membership. No member is allowed to play for more than one Club in any competition.
- 18 SAFEGUARDING: In line with Bowls England Safeguarding policy, NHBC will adopt and be guided by Bowls England National Governing Body and Bowls Development Agency.
- 19 DISCIPLINE: Any disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with Bowls England regulation 9
- 20 DISSOLUTION: If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club is passed by a simple majority of Club representatives present, such resolution shall be considered at a Special General Meeting held no later than 28 days thereafter. The resolution must be passed by two thirds majority of the Clubs membership present and voting. The Executive shall then or at any future date specified in the resolution wind up the affairs of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be charged towards approved charities as selected by votes of the membership. Any assets received through grants shall be returned to the grant making body under their terms and conditions.
- 21 DOCUMENT This document should be made available to all club members or anybody requesting it for Club business. This document is dated 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and supersedes anything prior.

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