## MERSEA ISLAND BOWLING CLUB LTD

Yorick Road West Mersea Essex CO5 8AJ

#### **CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

## **Preamble**

- i. These, the Constitution and Rules of the Mersea Island Bowling Club Ltd hereinafter referred to as "the Club" as stated in the Memorandum of Association, are issued in accordance with Paragraph 3.
   (G) of the Memorandum of Association and Paragraph 25 of the Articles of Association and as revised at the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 8 December 2016. It being further noted that the Constitution and Rules hereinafter referred to as "the Constitution" shall over-ride any previous Constitution and/or Rules of the Club.
- *ii.* Attention is drawn to Paragraph 2 of the aforementioned Articles of Association which reads as follows:

"In such of the Regulations contained in Table A in the First Schedule of The Companies Act 1929 (such Table being hereinafter called "Table") as are by these Articles adopted by the Club, the word "Club" shall be deemed to have been substituted for the word "Company," and all references to the Board of Directors or to the Directors shall be read and construed as references to the Committee and Members thereof."

- iii. However, nothing in the Constitution shall contradict that which may be contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Club and which take precedence at all times.
- *iv.* A copy of the Articles and Memorandum of Association is attached and where necessary shall form an integral part of the Constitution and Rules.

# 1. NAME

1.1. The name of the Club shall be **Mersea Island Bowling Club Ltd**, hereinafter referred to, as the Club. The Club shall incorporate two Sections, one for men and the other for ladies and any reference to the Club shall apply equally to both Sections.

# 2. COLOURS AND BADGE

2.1. The Club colours are light and dark blue with a badge a copy of which is attached.

# 3. OBJECTS

- 3.1 In addition to that contained in the Articles and Memorandum of Association the objects of the Club are:
  - o To promote foster and safeguard the amateur sport of bowls.
  - o To promote good fellowship among its Members and other bowlers through matches and social activities.
- 3.2 The Club is a non-profit making organisation; any income in excess of expenditure arising from the Club's activities is to be used for the improvement of Club facilities for the benefit of Members.

There will be no payment of dividend or any form of profit sharing, or any benefit in cash or in kind to Members or third parties.

3.3 The Club shall pursue a policy of no discrimination in whatever form.

# 4. **DEFINITIONS**

#### 4.1 Members

4.1.1 Those persons elected as Members of the Club in accordance with Paragraph 7 of the Constitution of the Club and hereinafter referred to as Members.

#### 4.2 Directors

4.2.1 Those persons elected to the Main Committee or otherwise appointed in accordance with Paragraph 9.1 of the Constitution of the Club but this will not include the Welfare Officer who will not be a director of the Club.

# 4.3 Main Committee/Main Committee Members

4.3.1 Those persons elected to the Main Committee in accordance with Paragraph 9.2 of the Constitution of the Club and hereinafter referred to the Main Committee.

#### 4.4 Sections

4.4.1 The Men's Section shall consist of all male Members of the Club and the Ladies' Section shall consist of all the female Members of the Club.

#### 5. AFFILIATION

5.1 Subject to the direction of the Main Committee, the Club shall be affiliated to Bowls England, Essex County Bowling Association, Colchester Borough Bowling Association, London & Southern Bowling Association, Essex County Ladies Bowling Association, and any such Association as required by the Main Committee from time to time.

# 6. OWNERSHIP

6.1 All assets are owned by the Club and not individual Members. Only Full and Life Members shall be shareholders in the Club.

# 7. MEMBERSHIP

# 7.1 Membership of the Club

- 7.1.1 Membership shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, age and other beliefs. However, limitation of Membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 7.1.2 The Club may have different classes of Membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club shall keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating but as necessary to maintain the facilities of the Club.
- 7.1.3 The Club Main Committee may refuse Membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to the Members but in the event of removal the procedure shall be as set out in Clause 17 below.

7.1.4 Full Membership shall apply to those Members who have been elected in accordance with and paid the full subscription in accordance with Paragraph 7.2 below.

# 7.2 Members and Election to Membership

- 7.2.1 Membership shall be open to all.
- 7.2.2 Applications for Membership must be made on the appropriate form.
- 7.2.3 Every member shall furnish the Company Secretary with up-to-date contact details that shall be recorded in the Register of Members. Provision of such information shall be deemed consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Act, and appropriate sharing of that information. Any notice sent to such address, either by post or electronically, shall be deemed to have been duly delivered.
- 7.2.4 The application for Membership shall be considered by the Main Committee who shall vote on whether to admit the applicant to Membership. A straight majority shall be sufficient to admit a Member.
- 7.2.5 Once elected the Member shall pay the current Membership fee together with any entrance fee if applicable or as may be decided by the Main Committee. If either fee remains unpaid within 30 days from when the Member was advised in writing of his or her successful application for Membership then the Membership shall become void and that person shall have to submit a new application in accordance with the procedure above.
- 7.2.6 Membership shall permit the Member to participate in all the activities of the Club subject only to specific conditions or limitations that may apply from time to time. Except as stated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, Membership shall not convey any proprietary rights with regard to Club property, such property to remain in the ownership of the Club as a whole at all times.
- 7.2.7 Full and Life Membership but not Junior Membership shall allow the Member one vote at any Annual or Special General Meeting.

# 7.3 Social Membership

- 7.3.1 Any Member who has ceased playing outdoor bowls, partners of Full or Life Members and others demonstrating a desire to support the Club and members may apply to become a Social Member. Such application shall be considered by the Main Committee and shall be approved by a straight majority. The Main Committee shall always ensure that the number of members actively participating in the sport of bowls are in the majority and may from time to time set a limit on the numbers in Social membership. Social Members will not have a vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.
- 7.3.2 One President shall be elected at the Club AGM and act as President for the whole club for the forthcoming year. They shall be part of the Section Committee appropriate to their gender." and renumber subsequent paragraphs. Such election to first occur at the AGM in 2017

# 7.4 Honorary Membership

7.4.1 The Main Committee shall have the authority to admit other persons to Honorary Membership if they consider that by so doing it would benefit the Club and Members generally. Honorary Members will not have a vote at any Annual or Special Meeting.

# 7.5 Junior Membership

7.5.1 Junior Membership shall be available for all young persons under the age of 18 subject to the procedure as set out in 7.2 above and provided that they provide the Club Secretary with written

permission from one parent/guardian to join in the activities of the Club except those prohibited by law. Junior Members are not permitted to vote at any Annual or Special General Meeting. On attaining the age of 18 Junior Members shall be considered as Adult Members and be required to pay the full Membership fee at the next date after their birthday that annual Membership fees are payable. All other conditions for and of Membership shall apply as for Members as stated above.

# 7.6 Life Membership

7.6.1 The Main Committee may recommend to the Members at an Annual General Meeting that certain Members, whose conduct over several years has benefited the Club and the Members generally, be granted Life Membership. Acceptance shall be by straight majority of those present at the meeting. Life Members will retain the right to vote at any Annual or Special General Meeting.

## 7.7 General

- 7.7.1 Membership shall continue by the payment of an annual subscription in an amount to be recommended by the Main Committee and approved by the Members at an Annual or Special Meeting. The approval of the annual subscription is to be by a straight majority of those Members present at the meeting and eligible to vote. Failure to pay the annual subscription within 30 days of the due date shall mean forfeiture of Membership. Any Member who loses his or her Membership by the application of this rule must reapply for Membership following the same procedure as a new Member including the payment of an entrance fee if applicable. In exceptional circumstances the Club President acting with one other Officer of the Club may extend the period of 30 days provided he advises Main Committee Members at the next Main Committee Meeting following the extension being given.
- 7.7.2 Members wishing to change their class of Membership, except Junior Members attaining the age of 18, may write to the Club Secretary with their request. The Club Secretary acting with one other Officer of the Club shall have the power to change a Member's class of Membership in these circumstances but shall inform the Directors in writing of his decision.
- 7.7.3 Life Members and Honorary Members shall be exempt from the payment of an annual subscription.
- 7.7.4 All classes of Membership other than Junior Members may be elected to serve as Committee Members see under.
- 7.7.5 The Club Secretary shall post a list of all Members and their class of Membership annually on the Notice Board.
- 7.7.6 The Club Financial Year shall commence on the  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  November. All subscriptions shall become payable on the following  $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  May.
- 7.7.7 In exceptional circumstances and subject to the agreement of any two Members of the Main Committee players may be appointed temporary Members of the Club for a period not exceeding 24 hours provided they are Members of a Club affiliated to a County or National Bowling Association. Temporary Members so elected shall not have the right to vote at any General or Special Meeting of the Club.

## 8. DISABLED OR DISADVANTAGED PERSONS

- 8.1 The Club adopts a policy of helping disabled or disadvantaged persons who may wish to participate in the sport of bowls, and to this end will give instruction and assistance.
- 8.2 Club fully accepts its legal and moral obligation to exercise its duty of care to protect all children and vulnerable adults participating in it activities and to safeguard their welfare.

- 8.3 The Club is committed to do this by acknowledging that:
  - The welfare of the individual is paramount
  - Each individual irrespective of age, gender, religion, race or disability has the right to protection from abuse
  - Each individual has a right to be safe and to be treated with respect and dignity
- 8.4 The Club shall use its best endeavours to ensure that:
  - All allegations of abuse are taken seriously
  - The response to them is swift and appropriate
  - The effectiveness of this policy is reviewed annually
- 8.5 By the appointment of a Welfare Officer (see under) to whom Members can address concerns in the first instance and who will thereafter see that the appropriate action is taken.

## 9 MANAGEMENT

#### 9.1 Structure

9.1.1 The Club shall be managed by a Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Main Committee. The members of the Committee shall also constitute the Mersea Island Bowling Club Ltd Board of Directors. This is in accordance with Paragraph 2 of the Articles of Association whereby the Directors of Mersea Island Bowling Club Ltd shall be those Members elected to the Committee from time to time. The exception will be the Welfare Officer who shall not be a director of the Club.

## 9.2 Main Committee

- 9.2.1 The Main Committee shall be duly elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting or any Special Meeting by all Male and Female Members present at the Meeting and will be directly responsible for managing the Club.
- 9.2.2 The Main Committee may delegate to a separate Men's and Ladies' Section Committees control of bowling and social activities as they consider appropriate (see Section Committees below) but in no event shall membership of these Section Committees constitute membership of the Main Committee or incur any or part of the Main Committee's ultimate responsibilities directly or indirectly. The Main Committee shall be ultimately responsible for all matters delegated to the Men's and Ladies' Section Committees and will take precedence in all matters.
- 9.2.3 The Main Committee shall meet at least once per quarter with four Members forming a quorum and at other times as needed at the discretion of the Chairperson or Secretary. Representatives of the Men's and Ladies' Committees may attend these meetings and represent the interests of their Section but are not eligible to vote.
- 9.2.4 All Members of the Main Committee elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting or any Special Meeting shall take up their responsibilities immediately on election. The Secretary (or his or her delegate) in office immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting must receive all nominations for the named position of the Committee Members not later than fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting each year. The Main Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy howsoever occurring during the year.
- 9.2.5 The Main Committee shall consist of:
  - Chairperson
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - Green Manager
  - Maintenance Manager

- o Bar Manager
- Catering Manager
- Social Committee Representative
- Section Representatives:
  - Men's delegate (non-voting)
  - Ladies delegate (non-voting)
- 9.2.6 In addition to the above the Main Committee shall appoint annually immediately following the Annual General Meeting a Welfare Officer who shall sit on the Main Committee with full voting rights but shall not be registered as a director of the Club.
- 9.2.7 The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings. If the Chairperson is absent from a meeting the attending Committee Members may elect a Chairperson for that meeting only. The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking of minutes covering all meetings. The Secretary shall designate a meeting as a Board Meeting where necessary and this will be clearly shown in the minutes of the Mersea Island Bowling Club Ltd.
- 9.2.8 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the management of all Club funds except as defined in Paragraph 11 (Finance). The Treasurer shall maintain detailed accounts covering all income and expenditure of Club funds. There will be an annual audit of these funds. An Account Examiner, an honorary position, shall be elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting.
- 9.2.9 A simple majority shall take all decisions that require a vote with the Chairperson having a casting vote in the event of a tied vote. Four Members shall constitute a quorum.
- 9.2.10 Committee Members shall not be permitted to vote on any matter in which they have a personal interest and must withdraw from that part of the meeting unless invited to stay by the Chairperson.
- 9.2.11 The failure to fill one or more of the nominated positions shall not prevent the operation of the Club. The Main Committee may co-opt Members on to any committee or sub-committee if necessary and if considered of benefit to the Membership as a whole.
- 9.2.12 A Member may hold one or more position but may only have one vote.
- 9.2.13 The Chairperson may arrange for other Sub-Committees to be formed to facilitate the running of the Club. Members of these Sub-Committees need not be elected Members of the Committee. All minutes of meetings of such Sub-Committees shall be made available to the Main Committee.
- 9.2.14 The above is subject always to that as laid down in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and in particular but not limited to Paragraph 24 of the Articles of Association.

# 9.3 Section Committees

- 9.3.1 As delegated by the Main Committee the bowling activities of the Club shall be managed by separate Men's and Ladies' Section Committees meeting monthly, or as agreed amongst themselves. These Section Committees shall be elected at Section Annual General or Special Meetings and may consist of:
  - President
  - Captain
  - o Vice-captain
  - Secretary
  - Delegate
  - Match Secretary
  - Additional committee Members to make total of 10.

- 9.3.2 One President shall be elected at the Club AGM and act as President for the whole club for the forthcoming year. They shall be part of the Section Committee appropriate to their gender.
- 9.3.3 The President shall preside over all meetings. If the President is absent from a meeting the attending Committee Members may elect a Chairperson for that meeting only. The Secretary shall be responsible for the taking of minutes covering all meetings.
- 9.3.4 A simple majority shall take all decisions that require a vote with the President (or Chairperson) having a casting vote in the event of a tied vote. Four Members shall constitute a quorum.
- 9.3.5 The failure to fill one or more of the nominated positions shall not prevent the operation of the Section Committee. The Section Committee may co-opt Members on to its Committee if necessary and if considered of benefit to the Section Membership as a whole.
- 9.3.6 A Section Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy howsoever occurring during the year.
- 9.3.7 A Member may hold one or more position but may only have one vote.
- 9.3.8 Each Section Committee may establish rules appropriate to their Section only but these must not conflict with this Constitution and in the event of any objection by a Member to the Main Committee may be rejected.
- 9.3.9 All Club Records may be inspected by any Main Committee Member.

# 10 LICENCE RULES AND CONDITIONS

- 10.1 The Rules pertaining to the supply of intoxicating liquor on these premises are as follows:
- 10.1.1 Intoxicating liquor may only be supplied to the following:
  - Members of the Club who have been accepted as Members for at least two days and whose nomination or application for Membership was made at least two days before admission.
  - A guest of a Member bona fide entertained by such Member at his/her own expense.
  - o A person whose admission to the Club premises is provided for by Rule 12 below.

#### 10.1.2 Visitors:

10.1.2.1 A Member may introduce visitors to the Club, house and green by the payment of the fee as may from time to time be fixed by the Directors. The names and address of every visitor together with the name of his home Club shall be entered in the Visitors' Book. Members and Officials of visiting bowls teams are allowed to purchase intoxicating liquors.

#### 10.1.3 Permitted Hours

10.1.3.1 The hours during which intoxicating liquor may be supplied shall be as stipulated in the Club Licence.

# 11 FINANCE

- 11.1 The funds of the Club shall be banked in the name of the Club and administered by the Main Committee and the specific responsibility of the Treasurer who shall maintain detailed accounts. Funds may be held with either one of the main Clearing Banks or a recognized Building Society only. Details of the Club funds shall be made available to the Main Committee. Any requirement to arrange overdraft, credit or finance facilities must be agreed in writing by at least 4 of the Club Directors not including the Treasurer.
- 11.2 The Treasurer and Company Secretary shall have the authority to sign on behalf of the Club and to operate online accounts on behalf of the Club.

11.3 Expenditure by either Section of the Club and in excess of £500.00 for any purpose must be authorised by the Main Committee.

### 12 MATCHES

- 12.1 The Main Committee, the Men's and Ladies' Section Committees may arrange competitions, and leagues consisting of a series of matches. These matches or leagues may be confined to Members only or include Members from other Clubs and the rules for these competitions and leagues shall form an addendum to these Rules or may be published on the Club Notice Board separately with details of a particular match or league if more appropriate. Committees shall fix entry fees to competitions and leagues as applicable.
- 12.2 Committees as applicable may arrange matches with other Clubs or associations and enter competitions at local, county, national or association level subject to the appropriate rules that may apply from time to time.
- 12.3 Committees as applicable will facilitate Members entering competitions at local, county, association or national level subject to the appropriate rules that may apply from time to time.
- 12.4 A code of dress shall apply as follows:
  - Men As agreed by the Main Committee from time to time, details of which are to be posted on the Club Notice Board.
  - Ladies As agreed by the Main Committee from time to time, details of which are to be posted on the Club Notice Board.

# 13 SOCIAL EVENTS

13.1 The Main Committee, the Men's and Ladies' Section Committees as applicable may arrange social events from time to time for the benefit of Members and at its discretion limit admission to Members only or to specific numbers. Committees shall fix entry fees for social events if applicable.

# 14 SPONSORSHIP AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

14.1 A Member who has been given authority by the Main Committee may pursue any form of sponsorship and/or commercial opportunities that is of benefit to the Club or its Members. The Main Committee in writing prior to implementation must ratify any sponsorship or commercial opportunity. All funds raised through sponsorship or commercial activities must be used for the benefit of the Club.

# 15 PROPERTY AND FUNDS

- 15.1 The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of its Members other than as reasonably allowed by this rule.
- 15.2 The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, Club sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, reasonable away match expenses, post-match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of community amateur sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- 15.3 The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:
  - Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.
  - Employ Members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services on fair terms set by the Directors without the person concerned being present.

- o Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.
- Indemnify the Main Committee 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).
- Pay Honorariums as recommended by the Main Committee and approved by the Members at an Annual or Special General Meeting. Such approval being by a straight majority of Members present and entitled to vote.

Subject otherwise to that contained in the Articles and Memorandum of Association

# 16 GENERAL MEETINGS

- 16.1 The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting on the second Friday in December. A notice duly posted on the Club Notice Board at least fourteen days prior to the Meeting giving, date, place and time of Meeting shall serve as sufficient notice of the Meeting to all Members.
- 16.2 Any Member wishing to propose a resolution or an amendment to any rule of the Club shall obtain the support of a seconder and submit it to the Secretary not later than twenty-one days prior to the Meeting. The Main Committee shall have the right to propose resolutions or amendments to the Constitution and Rules without the need of a seconder. The Secretary shall post any such resolutions or amendments on the notice board adjacent to the Meeting notice. In any event the conditions contained in Paragraph 22 Amendments below shall apply.
- 16.3 At the Meeting Members shall be provided with:
  - o An Agenda
  - A copy of the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any subsequent Special General Meeting.
  - A copy of the audited Statement of Accounts
  - o A list of nominations for Named Positions of the Main Committee Members
  - A note of any resolution or proposition.
- A quorum of Members is required for any meeting to transact business and this shall be in accordance with Paragraph 11 of Articles of Association. For any resolution or proposition to be accepted not less than 60% of those Members present and eligible to vote must be in favour of the resolution or proposition otherwise it will be considered as defeated, this stipulation of 60% shall not apply to the election of Life Members where a straight majority for or against the election shall apply. If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting, or if during a meeting such a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place or to such time and place as the Main Committee may determine, and if at that time a quorum is not present within half an hour from the appointed time those members present shall be a quorum
- 16.5 An Extraordinary General Meeting can only be called:
  - By the Main Committee at any time,
  - o By the Secretary on receipt of a requisition signed by at least ten Members.
- 16.6 A notice must be placed on the Club Notice Board at least fourteen days prior to the Meeting giving the date, time and place of Meeting together with the reason why the Meeting is being called.
- 16.7 Only the specific business for which the Meeting is called may be discussed at any Extraordinary General Meeting. A quorum of Members is required and this shall be in accordance with Paragraph 11 of Articles of Association. A not less than 60% acceptance rule will apply to any proposition as stated above. Failure to reach a quorum shall be duly noted in the Minutes and the proposition will be considered as defeated.

16.8 Section Annual General or Special Meetings will be held at dates to be agreed by each Section Committee. In that they apply the same procedures and requirements as above shall apply to such meetings.

## 17 CONDUCT AND CONTROL OF MEMBERS

- 17.1 Every member, upon election and thereafter, is deemed to have notice of, and undertakes to comply with, the Rules and Regulations of the Club.
- 17.2 Complaints of any nature shall be addressed in writing to the Company Secretary.
- 17.3 All disciplinary matters will be dealt with in accordance with Bowls England Regulation 9 (Misconduct)
- 17.4 Should any member be expelled, the former member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded and must return any property belonging to the Club.

## 18 NOTICE BOARD

18.1 A Notice Board shall be placed in the Club House in such a position as all Members can see it.

# 19 DISSOLUTION

19.1 Members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than 80% of those present but in turn being not less than 50% of all Club Members eligible to vote, whether at the meeting or not, support such a proposal at a properly convened General Meeting. In such an event Rule 32 Winding Up, of the Articles of Association will apply.

# 20 INDEMNITY

- 20.1 Every Director, Main Committee or Sub-Committee Member shall be indemnified by the Club in respect of any claim made against him or her in respect of the pursuance of his or her duties, except in so far as such a claim may relate to the wilful and individual fraud or wrong-doing on the part of the Director, Officer or Main Committee or Sub-Committee Member who is sought to be made liable, but only to the extent of the Club assets.
- 20.2 In addition to that provided for in Clause 20.1 above the Main Committee may authorise the purchase of indemnity insurance for the members of the Main Committee or any other Officer of the Club as they deem necessary in relation to any such liability as is mentioned below.

# 20.3 The liabilities are:

- Any liability that by virtue of any rule of law would otherwise attach to a director of the Club in respect of any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust of which he or she may be guilty in relation to the Club.
- The liability to make a contribution to the Club's assets as specified in Section 214 if the Insolvency Act 1986 (wrongful trading).

#### 20.4 The excluded liabilities are:

- o Fines.
- Costs of unsuccessfully defending criminal prosecutions for offences arising out of the fraud, dishonesty or wilful or reckless misconduct of a member of the Main Committee or other Officer.
- o Liabilities to the Club that result from conduct that the member of the Main Committee or

- other Officer knew or must be assumed to have known was not in the best interest of the Club or about which the person concerned did not care whether it was in the best interests of the Club or not.
- Any liability to make a contribution where the basis of the Main Committee member's liability is
  his or her knowledge prior to the insolvent liquidation of the Club (or reckless failure to acquire
  that knowledge) that there was no reasonable prospect that the Club would avoid going into
  insolvent liquidation.

## 21 INTERPRETATION

- 21.1 Where a word, or series of words, have been given a meaning within this document that meaning shall apply throughout unless changed by specific description.
- 21.2 Where applicable within this document the male gender shall include the female gender and vice versa.
- 21.3 Within this document the singular where the context so admits shall include the plural.
- 21.4 All Members are deemed to have read these rules and to be bound by them. These Rules shall not be extended, amended or rescinded except at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting and see Paragraph 22 Amendments below. The Main Committee shall deal with any difference regarding interpretation of the Rules and/or any matter not provided for within them.

## 22 AMENDMENTS

- 22.1 These Rules may be amended at a General Meeting by 60% of the vote cast but not (if relevant) so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a Community Amateur Sports Club as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002 and not in any event to alter its purposes or winding up provisions.
- 22.2 The Club purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Main Committee unanimously agrees and the Members have also agreed the change at a General Meeting by 60% majority of votes cast.