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RULES
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1. GENERAL

The Club shall be called the Halewood Bowling Club with its headquarters at the Clubhouse, 42 Church Road, Halewood, Liverpool, L26 6LB.

The object of the Club shall be to further the game of bowls in and around the Halewood area, under the laws of the British Crown Green Bowling Association and where applicable of any League, Association or Competition to which the club may be affiliated.

The Club shall be open for membership to each of three sections

- a. Male bowling members.
- b. Male and female social members.
- c. Female bowling members.

The rules and constitution of the club will be in the control of the male bowling members alone. Therefore, Rules 2 to 8 only apply to the male bowling members.

2. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Club shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and Bowls Secretary who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The officers shall be eligible for re-election.

3. GOVERNMENT OF THE CLUB

The Club shall be governed by the Officers and a Management Committee of 6 members who shall be elected to serve for a period of three years. The Officers and two of the elected members shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election. A quorum shall consist of 7 members.

Only members who have been fully paid members for at least two years shall be eligible to sit on the committee or to hold office.

The committee shall be empowered to fill casual vacancies by the persons receiving the highest number of votes at the AGM, such persons shall retire at the following AGM. The Management Committee shall have the power to raise loans as required.

A social member should be co-opted onto the committee to represent the views of the social members.

Any Committee member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings, without apology, will automatically relinquish his position.

4. NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the Management Committee including Officers, must be proposed and seconded. Such nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary 14 days before the AGM. Should there be insufficient nominations at that date, further nominations will be taken at the AGM.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club shall meet twice yearly in general meetings. The half-yearly meeting, to be held in October, will receive reports on the events of the season, decide on Club commitments for the following season and deal

with any other business.

The AGM will be held in February. 14 days notice of the meeting will be given by means of a notice on the club notice board. The statement of accounts and Balance Sheet will be made available for collection from the club 14 days prior to the meeting. The meeting will elect Officers, Committee, Team Captains and Auditors. It will consider the financial affairs of the Club, decide the subscription for the year, amend rules and deal with any other business,

No business other than stated on the agenda will be dealt with unless 7 clear days notice in writing shall be given to the Secretary.

6. **VOTING**

At a General Meeting only fully paid, male, adult members shall be entitled to vote and all such members shall have equal voting rights.

7. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

A Special General Meeting may be called at any time by the Management Committee. Any member, by notice in writing to the Secretary, containing the signatures of 8 fully paid members shall be entitled to request the Secretary to call a special meeting specifying the business of the meeting.

Such meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 21 days of a legitimate request. 7 days notice shall be given of such meeting, by means of a notice posted on the Club notice board. Any expenditure or scheme, which is the subject of the notice, shall be suspended pending the decision of the meeting. No business other than that specified shall be dealt with.

8. **AMENDMENT TO RULES**

Amendments to rules shall be made only at the AGM or at a Special Meeting. All amendments or additions to Club Rules shall be made on a proposal, duly seconded, in writing and in the Secretary's hands 14 days prior to the meeting.

9. **NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Applications for male bowling and all social Memberships shall initially be by letter to the Secretary.

Nominations for membership, duly signed by a proposer and seconder, who must be fully paid members of the Club, shall be delivered to the Secretary, together with the entrance fee of one year's subscription.

A copy of such nomination shall be placed by the Secretary on the Notice Board 7 days prior to the application being considered by the Management Committee. The entrance fee of one year's subscription shall be forfeit by the applicant, if he/she is accepted, but does not take up the membership.

On acceptance the application form will be countersigned by four members of the committee.

In the case of applicants for FULL membership, all signatories must also be "recognised" bowlers.

No applicant for membership shall be admitted to any of the privileges of membership until 2 days have elapsed between his nomination and his admission.

The proposer of a new member shall be responsible for the payment of the new member's entrance fee and maybe required to appear before the Management Committee to vouch for his nominee.

Applications for female bowling Membership shall initially be by letter to the Secretary of the Ladies section.

The ladies section will progress applications as above, proposing and seconding by their own members. The application forms will be countersigned by four members of the ladies committee.

10. **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION AND ENTRANCE FEE**

The Annual Subscription and entrance fees payable will be determined at the AGM.

The subscription year shall be from March 1st until the last day of February. All annual subscriptions shall become due on March 1st and must be paid by March 14th, failing which membership shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Paid up members will be issued with a membership card which must be produced when required. A person who has been a member of the Club but whose membership has lapsed, may be re-admitted to membership by the Management Committee, and such re-admission shall be conditional on the payment of the current year's subscription and the lapsed subscriptions.

11. **LIFE MEMBERS**

The Management Committee shall have the power to elect Life Members of the Club. Such Life Members shall only be made in recognition of loyal membership and meritorious service to the club.

12. **AGE QUALIFICATION**

No person will be admitted to the Ordinary Membership of the Club unless he has attained the age of 18 years. Persons between the ages of 12 and 17 years may be admitted as Junior Members but shall have no voting rights and they shall not be entitled to purchase intoxicating liquor nor permitted to introduce friends to the Club during Junior Membership. The lower age limit is allowed providing it is within the rules of the appropriate league.

13. **INVITATION TO FRIENDS**

A member shall have the privilege of introducing a visitor to the Club but will be responsible for the friend's good conduct.

A visitor's book will be available and all members introducing visitors to the premises must sign it giving the name and address of such visitors. A fee for visitors will be paid.

Members of bona-fide visiting Social or Sports Clubs shall be admitted to the Clubs premises and intoxicating liquors may be sold to them by or on behalf of the Club, for consumption on the premises during the period of their visit.

A member may bring their partner to the club. A partner does not have to sign the visitor's book or sign a fee. Member's sons and daughters have to sign the visitor's book, but do not have to pay a fee.

14. **BANKING**

The Club shall operate a Banking Account and the cheques, Bills of exchange and promissory notes drawn on the account must be signed by any two of the following: - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer.

15. **COMPETITIONS**

The Club shall promote the following competitions between Members each year: -

The Brighthouse Rose Bowl
The Walmsley Cup
The Presidents Main
The Fitzgerald Pairs Cup
The Neilson Cup – Scratch

16. **AUDITORS**

Two auditors will be appointed at the AGM to examine the books and accounts and report thereon to the members. They shall be entitled to attend Committee Meetings and may request to see the books at any time.

17. **TRUSTEES**

The Club shall appoint four Trustees. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of any of the four Trustees of the Club, the Management Committee shall appoint a new Trustee to fill the vacancy and shall report such appointment to the members at the next AGM following such appointment.

The appointment shall be confirmed by all members present and entitled to vote at such meetings. Any Trustee may be removed from office by a resolution passed by a majority of the members present and voting thereon at an Annual or Special Meeting.

18. **CLUB PROPERTY**

On no account shall any woods, jacks or other Club Property be taken from the Club without the consent of an Officer of the Club.

19. **HOURS OF OPENING AND CLOSING**

The supply of intoxicating liquor shall be restricted to the hours laid down by the Committee and will be strictly within the limits permitted by the licensing authorities of the Borough of Knowsley. These hours will be displayed in the clubhouse.

20. **EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS**

The Committee shall have power to cancel the membership of any person who, in its opinion, has acted in such a manner as to bring discredit or cause embarrassment to the club.

21. **ARBITRATION**

Should any question or dispute arise which is not provided for in the foregoing rules, the same shall be referred to the Management Committee whose decision will be final.

22. **PENSIONER**

A person joining the Club after his 65th birthday shall pay full subscription for the first year and thereafter the proportion as decided at the AGM.

ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE RULES

1. **GATE**

The gate must be locked at all times.

2. **GREEN - FOOTWEAR**

Flat shoes must be worn at all times, on the green.

3. **GREEN - VISITORS ON GREEN**

Social Members playing on the green should sign the visitors' book and pay a 50p fee. Mark the receipt as 'green fee'.

Visitors having paid 50p for club admission should pay an additional 50p to play on the green.

In all cases, a full member should accompany social members or visitors on the green.

4. **BAD LANGUAGE**

Members and Guests are asked to refrain from using bad language.

5. **STANDING AT THE BAR**

Members and Guests are asked not to stand at the bar.

6. **CHILDREN (UNDER 16)**

All children under the age of 16, must vacate the club premises by 9 P.M. (The only exception is for children attending functions, when they must remain in the lounge)

7. **CHILDREN (UNDER 16) - POOL TABLE**

Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to use the pool table.

8. **CHILDREN (16 & 17)**

All children, aged 16 and 17 should be signed in as would any other visitor, but no fee will be charged.

9. **AGM NOMINATIONS**

Nominees must not enter their own name on election sheets. The proposer and seconder must make all entries.

10. **MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on the **last** Wednesday of February.

The Half Yearly will be held on the **first** Wednesday of October