

Glen Eira-McKinnon Bowls Club Inc.

Regulations of the Club

March 2025

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1. Regulations Binding

- (a) These Regulations are made under Rule 37 of the Constitution. Without limiting the Board's power under the Constitution, these Regulations or otherwise, the Board may review, amend and enforce these Regulations as it deems necessary or appropriate.
- (b) These Regulations are binding on all members.

2. Interpretation

- (a) **Interpretation:** These Regulations shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the Constitution. Any word or phrase which is defined in the Constitution will have the corresponding meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise set out.
- (b) **Definitions:**
 - Address:** The address includes the member's street address as well as their electronic address which is to be used for the delivery of all notices.
 - Laws of the Game:** The rules of competitions of the Game of Bowls as approved from time to time by Bowls Victoria shall apply to all games conducted by the Club unless otherwise specifically provided.

3. Membership

- (a) **Membership Fees**

All membership fees must be paid in full, or a suitable payment arrangement must be made with the Club, no later than 23 days prior to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of each year. Only financial members as of this date will be eligible to nominate for a position and to vote at any General Meeting.
- (b) **Member's Address**

Each member shall communicate the member's address in writing to the Board so often as they may change it to enable it to be registered under Rule 7.1 of the constitution.
- (c) **Membership Application**

Further to Rule 5.3 of the Club Constitution the names of all membership applicants must be displayed at the Club premises for at least 7 days before the applications are considered by the Board.
- (d) **Interviews of Applicants**

Applicants for Affiliated Membership to the Club shall be interviewed by two representatives of the Board prior to the Board's consideration of the application.
- (e) **Membership Application Dispute**

Any member who opposes the admittance of membership of any person nominated

in accordance with the Rules shall notify the Secretary of the Club in writing, stating the reasons for opposition.

(f) Absence of Members

Any member contemplating absence for a period to be overseas or interstate, or through illness, may on application to the Board, be granted leave of absence for a period not exceeding two years subject to the payment of such amount as may be fixed by the Board. During leave of absence a Member shall not enjoy by right any of the privileges of membership.

(g) Liability of Members

If a member, by unlawful act or in consequence of any breach of the Rules or Regulations, involves the Club or any member in any liability for payment for any money, then such member shall be deemed to be indebted to the Club or the Director concerned for the amount so paid. The amount shall, as well as being a debt recoverable by law, be an amount payable by the member under these Regulations.

(h) Junior Membership

Any affiliated member less than 18 years of age will be classified as a Junior member. They shall not be eligible to hold office or vote at any meeting of the Club. On attaining the age of 18 years, Junior members shall be eligible to continue their membership as a full member with all rights.

(i) Social Membership

A person may apply for Social Membership of the Club and shall pay the appropriate membership subscription. Rights of a Social Member include practice, playing at the Club in social games, use of the bar and facilities. A Social Member shall not be affiliated through the Club with Bowls Victoria.

(j) Community Membership

A person may be granted Community Membership at no cost. Benefits include use of the bar and other Club facilities, but shall not include access to the bowling greens.

(k) Life Members

In accordance with Rule 5.4 a Member may be elected as a Life Member if:

- i. He or she has completed at least fifteen years as an active bowling member of the Club
- ii. He or she has been nominated in writing as a Life Member by no fewer than six Affiliated Members
- iii. No more than one Life Member shall be elected in any one year and there is no requirement to elect any in each year.

4. Date of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held on a date determined by the Board but no later than 31st May.

5. Financial Membership Requirement for AGM Voting and Candidacy

(a) To be eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or to stand for office, a member must be **financial** for the upcoming bowling season. This requires that the member's subscription fees be paid in full, or that a suitable payment arrangement be agreed upon with the Club, **no later than 23 days prior to the AGM.**

(b) Any member who has not met this requirement by the deadline shall be deemed **non-financial** and ineligible to vote at the AGM or to nominate for a Board or committee position.

6. Election of Directors

- (a)** For nominations to be circulated with Notice of the AGM the nominations shall close on a date to be determined by the Board, but no less than 23 days prior to the AGM.
- (b)** Further nominations shall be allowed at the AGM.

7. Finance

- (a)** Unless the Board authorises the incurring of expenditure by resolution, no Member may incur expenditure on behalf of the Club exceeding \$500.00. The resolution of the Board may define forms of expenditure which may be incurred on behalf of the Club either generally or in particular classes of matters or otherwise, and may fix maximum amounts of such expenditure in all or any cases as circumstances may require.
- (b)** Subject to Regulation 7(a) all accounts incurred by the Club shall either be passed by the Board before payment is made or ratified at the next meeting of the Board.

8. Greens Director

The Board shall appoint a Greens Director who shall have full control and supervision of the Lawn Bowls playing areas and power to prevent play at any time when it is considered the area may be damaged thereby.

9. Selection Committees

- (a)** There shall be one (1) Selection Committee of 5 to oversee the selection of all Saturday and Midweek pennant teams and would consist of:
 - i.** The Head Coach as being an automatic inclusion and in the case of no Head Coach that this position be Board Appointed.
 - ii.** 4 selectors elected by members at the AGM on the basis that any such applicants agree to abide by the Selection Policy.

If there are fewer than four (4) nominations for the committee, the Board shall appoint a member or members, with the member's consent, to fill any vacancy.

- (b)** The Selectors shall arrange practice games prior to the beginning of the pennant season, coaching sessions during the season and a pre-season meeting of all players prior to the start of each pennant season.

- 10.** The Club's Code of Conduct shall be considered as a regulation under Rule 60 of the Club Constitution.