

HICKLING BOWLS CLUB RULES

1. The Club shall be called Hickling Bowls Club. The object of the Club being to promote and foster interest in the game of bowls.

Management

2. The management of the Club shall be conducted by the officers and Committee of the Club, which shall consist of: Chairman and Captain, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Team Captains, Head Greenkeeper, and Fixtures Secretary.

3. The liability of the officers of the Club, members of the Committee, and those acting with their authority to assist them, in respect of any damage or injury to any persons, their property, or any property of the Club, whether concerning members, visitors, guests or any other third parties, in so far as any claim for such is alleged to arise from their decisions or conduct in the organisation, management and running of any Club event shall be limited to a maximum of one pound. Same as provided above, every member of the Club is otherwise solely responsible for his/her own actions or omissions, and is recommended to ensure he/she is sufficiently covered by insurance for such eventualities.

4. New members shall be approved by the Committee. Any members having cause for complaint should consult: The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Secretary or Hon. Treasurer direct. Any such complaints to be treated in confidence. The Committee shall have the power to expel from the Club any member who, in its opinion shall be guilty of conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the Club.

Trustees

5. The property of the Club shall be vested in four Trustees, appointed from time to time as necessary by the Committee of the Club from among the members. A Trustee shall hold office during his/her lifetime, or until he/she resigns, by notice in writing given to the Committee or until a resolution removing him/her from office shall be passed at a meeting of the Committee by a majority comprising two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

6. All property of the Club, including premises, land and investments shall be held by the Trustees for the time being, in their own names so far as is necessary and practicable, on trust for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Committee shall nominate a new Trustee in his/her place and shall as soon as possible thereafter take all lawful and practicable steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the names of the Trustees as constituted after such a nomination. For the purpose of giving effect to any such nomination, the Honorary Secretary for the time being is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of section 36 of the Trustees Act 1925, and he/she shall duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee.

7. The Trustees shall in all respects act, in regard of any property of the Club held by them, in accordance with the directions of the Committee. Such directions shall be duly recorded in the minutes of the proceedings of the Committee.

8. The Trustees shall be effectually indemnified by the Committee out of the assets of the Club, from and against any liability, costs, expenses and payments whatsoever, which may be properly incurred or made by them in the exercise of their duties or in relation to any property of the Club vested in them or in relation to any legal proceedings, or which

otherwise relate directly or indirectly to the performance of the functions of a Trustee of the Club.

General Meetings

9. An Annual General Meeting will be arranged by the Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall give 14 days' notice of such a meeting by placing a notice on the Club notice board and on public notice boards in Hickling. The business of the meeting shall be to elect officers and the Committee, to pass the accounts, to set yearly subscriptions and match fees and any business the Committee shall order to be inserted in the agenda. The Committee shall also call a general meeting of the Club if requested to do so on the written request of six members.

10. New rules, or any alterations to be made and approved only at a general meeting.

General

11. All players shall wear flat bottom rubber sole shoes or slippers.

12. Any member may bring a visitor for play on the green during normal Club hours, on payment of a sum agreed by the Committee.

13. Members must play in at least four league matches during the season in order to be considered for selection in cup matches in that league.

14. Hickling Bowls Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy a game of bowls. It will seek to underpin and ensure this commitment by following and promoting the joint child protection policy and procedures of the national governing bodies (The EBF and EWBF).

15. Inclusion of two 'ordinary' playing members on the Committee who represent the members without holding any responsibility and no casting vote. (Inclusion of section 15 as per AGM on 6th December 2019).