SPALDING INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be called the SPALDING INDOOR BOWLS CLUB (hereinafter called 'The Club'). The purpose of the Club is to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of indoor bowls.

2. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in indoor bowls on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality. sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of indoor bowls, at a subscription as set at the Annual General Meeting. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating. Membership can be accepted at any time. The club 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 or removal may be made by members. No member previously involved in the decision to refuse or remove membership may be part of any Appeals Committee. All members who are registered to The Club shall have the right to vote.

3. The Club shall be affiliated to the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd, Lincolnshire Indoor Bowling Association and the Lincolnshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association.

4. The Officers of the Club shall be:-
   The Ladies' President, The Men's President, Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon External Fixture Secretary (County & National) Hon. League Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Club Captain, Hon. Competition Secretary, Junior Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Officer. The offices shall be held for one year, except for the Safeguarding Officer that will be a three-year appointment except in exceptional circumstances, with retiring officers eligible for-re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

5. The control of The Club shall be vested in the Management Committee.
   This shall comprise of the Officers of The Club along with the Bowls Co-ordinator, Publicity-Officer, Ladies' Captain and up to 5 Committee Members. This committee shall have the powers to co-opt or form sub-committees as necessary. The main responsibilities of the Management Committee will include club finance, policy, publicity, liaison (in conjunction with the Bowls Co-ordinator), disciplinary and fixtures. Meetings will be held monthly during the Winter season and as needed during the Summer season. Voting will be on a 'simple majority' basis.

All members of the Committee shall retire annually and may offer themselves for re-election. A total of 7 Officers and Committee shall constitute a quorum. Disciplinary matters to be dealt with as per separate instructions (Disciplinary Hearing Rules).

6. In respect of all Club matters referred to the Management Committee, a committee quorum, by way of vote if necessary, may exercise committee discretion to resolve such matters. In the event of a no result then the Chairman will have the casting vote.

7. All monies raised by The Club shall be controlled by the Management Committee.
Accumulated funds shall be deposited in a Bank or Building Society, on which either cheques can be drawn on any two of the signatures of the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, or an electronic payment made by solely by the Treasurer, for expenditure authorised by the Management Committee. All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

8. The relevant team captains shall be responsible for all club team selection and in-house competitions, this shall be overseen by the Club Captain.

9. The Club is committed to promoting a safe environment in which children and vulnerable adults can enjoy taking part in games 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. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Management Committee. This will be overseen by The Chairman, Junior Co-ordinator and Safeguarding Officer.

10. The date of the Annual General Meeting shall be fixed by the Committee each year, to receive the Annual Report and elect Officers and Committee Members for the following year.

11. A Special General Meeting may be convened at any time by the Secretary at the request of the Committee, or within 20 days of receipt of a requisition in writing signed by at least 35 members. This must specify the purpose of the meeting, and embodying any resolutions etc, which are to be discussed. Any registered member attending the meeting may vote. Outcomes of voting will be on a 'simple majority' basis.

12. Alteration of, or additions to the Constitution or Rules of the Club shall be made at the Annual General Meeting. Notices of any proposed alterations shall be given in writing to the Secretary of The Club at least 21 days prior to any such meeting, of which the Secretary will post within 14 days of the meeting.

13. A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership. In the event of the Club folding, the Officers of the Club at the time of such a situation (the Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer) shall arrange the discharging of all debts and liabilities of the Club, and the disposal of the Club's funds & assets as described below. At least two of the three Officers are required to approve any actions, specify the beneficiaries and, if necessary, appoint replacement Officers. After a period of three years, and provided that no re-forming of the Club has been agreed, the assets of the Club shall be liquidated. Upon dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets shall be given, or transferred, to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's Governing Body.

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CLUB RULES

1. All members shall always conduct themselves in a respectable and responsible manner.
2. Bowls shoes SHALL NOT be worn by members as they arrive at The Club prior to going on the green.
3. In all matches arranged by the Club, the dress shall be a bowls shirt, bowls manufacturer shoes and either tailored trousers/shorts/skirt or bowls manufactured trousers/shorts/skirt.
4. In all National Competitions or County Playoffs played at Spalding where an existing rink booking requires cancellation, it must be rearranged with the External Fixture Secretary prior to confirming the booking.
5. All green fees must be paid before the commencement of any game. All members playing in leagues and competitions shall pay an annual club membership fee. Members aged 18 and under shall pay and annual membership fee also. Payment of the membership fee signifies agreement to abide by the Constitution and all rules laid down for the naming of The Club.

CLUB STICKERS

All members of any club representative team, in all competitions & league games, shall use the approved club sticker unless an alternative is provided when colour clashes occur. The colour of the approved club stickers shall be determined by the elected Officers and Committee. Currently, the designated 'home' sticker is burgundy, and the designated 'away' sticker can be any other colour (except burgundy/red) or no stickers at all.