

CONSTITUTION OF WARILLA BOWLING CLUB

- **Amended 11 September 2011**
- ***Deleting clause 6(c) and inserting 6(c), (c1) and (c2)***
- ***Inserting at the beginning of clauses 6(d), (e), (f) and (h) the words: "Subject to clause 6(c1),"***
- ***Deleting from clause 6(b), (d), 10, 11(b) and 12 the words Annual General Meeting and inserting the words: ("Biennial General Meeting")***
- **Amended 8 September 2019**
- **Amended 14 January 2020**

WARILLA BOWLS & RECREATION CLUB LTD

MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. The club will be known as Warilla Bowling Club. (Hereinafter called the "WBC"), (formerly known as the Warilla Men's Bowling Club).
2. **Objects:**
 - a. To play and promote the game of bowls.
 - b. To engender by association, a communal feeling amongst bowlers and to preserve and promote the best traditions of the game.
 - c. To conform at all times with the requirements of the laws of the game as adopted by Bowls Australia, Bowls New South Wales, the Illawarra District Bowls Association and the Constitution of the Warilla Bowls & Recreation Club Limited (the Registered Club).

2A. Status:

The WBC is established as and shall function as a sub club of the Registered Club and subject to the control and direction of the Board of the Registered Club.

3. Membership:

- a. **The membership of the WBC shall comprise:**
 1. All male bowling members – including male junior members, of the Registered Club who shall, without further consent, be deemed to be members of the WBC.
 2. Any other bowling member of the Registered Club determined as eligible for membership of the WBC by the Board of the Registered Club.
- b. The membership of the WBC shall be divided into the following categories:
 1. Bowling Members
 2. Bowling Members – Junior
 3. Bowling Members – Pensioner
 4. Social Bowling Members

4. Fees:

Shall be set by the Registered Club and payable to the Registered Club.

5. **Financial Year:**

- a. The WBC financial year shall coincide with that of the Registered Club.
- b. All fees are due and payable in advance by June 30 each year.

6. **Management Committee/Office Bearers:**

- a) The Management Committee shall consist of the Officers set out hereunder:
 - 1. President
 - 2. Two Vice Presidents
 - 3. Three Members of Match Committee
 - 4. Chairman of Selectors
- b) At every second Annual General Meeting of the WBC after the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2011 ("Biennial General Meeting"), all Office Bearers shall retire from office, but may seek to be re-elected if so eligible. Subsequent to the Biennial General Meeting, the newly elected members will take their place on the Management Committee. (Refer to Regulation 6(d) – re: Election of Chairman).
- c) Subject to Rule 6 (c1) all members of the WBC, with the exception of Social Bowling Members and Junior members shall be entitled to:
 - i. attend and vote at general meetings and annual general meetings of the Club; and
 - ii. vote in the election of the Management Committee
- (c1) Only Home Club Members of the WBC shall be entitled to stand for and be elected or appointed to the Management Committee.
- (c2) For the purposes of this clause 6, a "**Home Club Member**" shall be any member of the WBC who has nominated or declared the WBC as their "home club" for the purposes of their membership with the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association.
- d) Subject to clause 6(c1) and notwithstanding any other provision hereof, a member of the WBC who is elected to the position of Chairman or Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Registered Club, shall be deemed to be automatically elected to the equivalent elected position on the Management Committee of the WBC. (ie: President/Vice President) and no election shall be held in respect of that/those positions on the Management Committee PROVIDED THAT the provisions of this clause shall not apply to any person who stands for election to the Board of the Registered Club and notifies the Secretary/General Manager IN WRITING at least FOURTEEN (14) DAYS prior to the Biennial General Meeting of the WBC that the provisions of this clause shall be not applied to that person. Any member who so notifies, shall remain eligible to stand for election to any position on the Management Committee of the WBC in respect of which an election is held.
- e) Subject to clause 6(c1), if the Chairperson of the Registered Club be a male he shall be automatically elected to the office of President of the WBC.
- f) Subject to clause 6(c1), if the Chairperson of the Registered Club is not a member of the WBC, the Deputy Chairperson who collected the highest number of votes for the position of Deputy Chairperson shall be automatically elected to the position of the WBC President.

- g) If the position of WBC President cannot be filled by either clause (e) or (f) above, then it shall be filled by the normal course on election of Office Bearers.
- h) Subject to clause 6(c1), the office of Vice President of the WBC shall be filled automatically by the Deputy Chairperson of the Registered Club, should they be a member of the WBC.
- i) If there is insufficient number of Deputy Chairpersons in the Registered Club who are also members of the WBC, then the vacant position is to be filled by the normal course in the election of Office Bearers.

7. Composition of Permanent Committees:

- a) The Selection/Committee shall consist of the Bowls Coordinator and four additional Selectors – elected at the same time as the Office Bearers.
- b) The Match Committee shall consist of the Bowls Secretary & Assistant Bowls Secretary plus the Bowls Coordinator as Chairman.
- c) The Greens Committee shall consist of Bowls Coordinator (Chairman), Head Greenkeeper and one member of the Match Committee.
- d) The Chairman of the Umpires Panel will be elected by the members making up the Umpires Panel.
- e) All members of the Permanent Committees shall be members of the WBC – other than junior members. All junior members who are qualified umpires are eligible for the panel but may not stand for the Chairmanship.

8. Elections:

The election of Office Bearers and those members making up the required numbers in the Permanent Committees shall be in accordance with the Articles of Association/Rules of the Registered Club relating to election of the Board subject to clauses 6(c)-6(i) hereof.

9. Annual General Meeting, General Meetings and Committee Meetings:

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the WBC shall be held immediately following the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the Registered Club.
- b) The Annual General Meeting, any other General Meetings and Meetings of the Management Committee shall be convened and held in accordance with the Articles of Association/Rules of the Registered Club relating to Annual General Meetings/General Meeting/Special General Meetings or Meetings of the Board respectively, subject however to clause 6(c) hereof and except that:
 - 1. Reference to the "Board" shall read as reference to the "Management Committee". Reference to the "Chairman" or "Deputy Chairman" shall read as reference to the "President" or "Vice President". Reference to "Directors" shall read as reference to "Office Bearers".
 - 2. The quorum of the Management Committee shall be 50% + 1.

3. The quorum for an Annual General Meeting or a General Meeting shall be 30 members.

10. Casual Vacancies:

The Management Committee may at any time appoint a member referred to in clause 6(c) hereof to fill a vacancy (casual) in respect of the Management Committee; Selection Committee or Match Committee and the member/s so appointed shall hold office until the next Biennial General Meeting.

11. Sub Committees:

- a) The Management Committee shall elect a Tournament Committee which shall comprise of the Chairman of the Selectors and Co-Selectors, the President of the WBC (ex officio), members of the Match Committee and General Manager. Additionally, the Management Committee may invite any individual along the terms of 6(c) above who it is felt can offer meaningful dialogue.
- b) This Committee is not subject to the election process as, after each Biennial General Meeting, those elected to these positions automatically qualify to be installed.
- c) The Management Committee may elect other sub committees and/or assistants for specific purposes as deemed needed at the time.

12. Delegates:

At the first meeting of the Management Committee, after the Biennial General Meeting, two delegates shall be elected to the Illawarra District Bowling Association and any other body to which the WBC is entitled to representation and shall present a concise report on meetings attended to each Management Committee meeting. At least one such delegate is required to be found from the Management Committee.

13. Dress:

The manner of dress for play shall comply strictly with the requirements of the IDBA or as directed by the Management Committee.

14. Management Committee Meetings:

To allow a full report to be tendered to the Board of the Registered Club, it will be necessary that the WBC hold their normal monthly meetings prior to those of the Registered Club. Any member of the WBC Management Committee who fails on three consecutive occasions to attend properly constituted meetings will be required to vacate any and all positions held, UNLESS valid reasons are forthcoming – such as extended leave of absence, sickness in hospital or at home etc., notification of which has been received officially by the General Manager or an Executive Officer.

15. Regulations and By Laws:

The Management Committee shall have the power to make, alter or repeal any such Regulation or By

Law as are necessary to effectively manage the affairs of the WBC.

15A. Discipline:

The Management Committee shall have power to suspend or exclude from membership of the WBC any member who is guilty of any breach of these Rules, any misconduct or action contrary to any By-laws made under these Rules provided that no such action shall be taken unless the member concerned shall have received not less than seven (7) days' notice of the meeting at which his/her conduct is in question and shall have the opportunity of providing either personally or in writing an explanation or defence thereto.

The Management Committee shall provide a report to the Board of the Registered Club ("the Board") of the circumstances relating to any disciplinary action taken by the Management Committee under the provisions of this Rule and if necessary shall include a recommendation as to such action (if any) as the Management Committee thinks proper to be taken by the Board.

16. Interpretation and Alterations:

No alteration shall be made to the Constitution except by resolution passed by a majority of not less than 75% of the members of the WBC for the time being entitled to vote as may be present at the Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the club of which resolution not less than twenty one days notice specifying the intention to propose such resolution has been duly given. The final interpretation of the Constitution, Regulations and/or By Laws rests with the Board of the Registered Club.