



Upper Donside Bowling Club

Constitution and Rules

1. The club shall be called the Upper Donside Bowling Club.
2. The club shall consist of ordinary and honorary members, both ladies and gentlemen being eligible for membership, junior members under supervision.
3. The committee shall have power to nominate and elect honorary life members. An honorary member so admitted shall have the privilege of playing on the green.
4. Non-members may be admitted to play on the green on payment of inclusive fee, (which will be fixed by the committee of each current season), including bowls and slips.
5. The yearly subscription as fixed by the annual meeting shall become due on the 1st June each year. Any member failing to pay on or before the date shall cease to take part in the club matches or competitions until the subscription is paid. Friendly matches are not subject to this rule and playing numbers are to be at the discretion of the committee.
6. Management of the club shall be vested in a committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and a minimum of six other members, who shall be elected annually. Of those elected a full majority shall be resident within the area of Upper Donside. The initial term of duty would normally be two years, however, any individual wishing to continue can do so after this period, with the agreement of the members.
7. At meetings of the committee, five shall be a quorum. In the event of any vacancy occurring in the committee during the year, the other office bearers shall fill up the vacancy pro tem.
8. The President shall have power to instruct the Secretary to call a meeting of the committee and shall do so at the request of any two members of the committee of management.
9. The President shall have power to call meetings of the club and shall be bound to call a special meeting when required to do so, by a requisition signed by at least seven members and stating the business for which the meeting is to be called, such meetings to be held within one week of the date on which requisition is lodged.
10. The annual general meeting of the club shall be held during the month of October, on a day to be fixed by the committee, for the purpose of electing office bearers and for the transaction of any business of the club.
 - a. The Secretary shall give at least seven days notice of such a meeting to the members.
 - b. Members desiring to move any special motion must give notice in writing to the Secretary not later than the first day of October and the Secretary shall embody such a motion in the notice calling the meeting.



11. At any general meeting ten shall form a quorum and all meetings of the club or of the committee shall have a delimitative, and in the case of equivalently, a casting vote.
12. The subscription for each year shall be determined at the annual general meeting, when the Treasurer shall submit a statement of his/her accounts for the preceding year, duly audited by one member elected at the annual general meeting.
13. The Secretary shall act as the accredited official of the club and conduct the correspondence, he or she shall give notice of all meetings of the club and of the committee of management and record their proceedings in the minute book.
14. The green keeper or the appointed deputy shall have power to regulate or stop play when the weather or the condition of the green shall seem to warrant such action.
15. The committee of management for the time being, shall frame such bylaws as they may consider necessary for the better carrying out of the rules of the club, and proper working of the green.
16. If applicable, the skips shall be elected each year at the annual general meeting, and the committee shall select from the skips so elected the number required for each match. If a skip is unable to play in a match for which he/she is drawn, he/she must, if possible, find a substitute from the elected skips, failing which from the ordinary members club.
17. The property and assets of the club at present belonging to it or hereafter to be acquired, shall be vested in the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and their successors in the said offices, as trustees, to be held in trust for the individual members.
18. The green is to be open every weekday during the season unless when closed by the green keeper or the appointed deputy.
19. The rules of the club competitions shall be displayed in the clubhouse, and that the decision of the competitions committee on matters in dispute be held as final.
20. The foregoing rules may be altered at the annual general meeting of the club.
21. The rules of the game shall be according to the Scottish Bowling Association's, "Law of the Game".
22. The property effects and funds of the club, whensoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the club, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to the members of the club.
23. If upon the winding up or dissolution of the club, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any movable property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation having objects similar to the objects of the club, such organisations to be determined by the members of the club, by resolution passed at a general meeting at or before the time of the dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provision, then to some charitable object.