

# TURRAMURRA

# MEN'S BOWLING CLUB

# CONSTITUTION

*7<sup>th</sup> December, 2019*

## **1. NAME OF CLUB AND COLOURS:**

- (a) The Club will be known as Turramurra Men's Bowling Club (hereinafter called the "Men's Club").
- (b) The colours of the Club shall be BLUE and GOLD.

## **2. OBJECTS:**

- (a) To play and promote the game of bowls.
- (b) 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 from time to time by The Royal New South Wales Bowling Association and the Constitution of the Turramurra Bowling Club Limited (hereinafter called the "Registered Club").
- (d) To implement any directions of the Board of the Registered Club (hereinafter called the "Board").
- (e) The Club shall be non-political and non-sectarian.
- (f) The Club shall be a non-profit organisation in so far as members are concerned, and no profits shall be distributed to members, except for reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses or reasonable payment for services rendered.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP:**

Under the direction of RNSWBA (also known as Bowls NSW), an open gender policy applies, i.e. any natural person being a financial member of the Registered Club shall be eligible to be members of the Men's Club. The membership of the Men's Club shall be divided into the following categories:

- (i) Bowling members;
- (ii) Life members;
- (iii) Junior members;
- (iv) Multi members;
- (v) Non Bowling (Restricted) members;
- (vi) Honorary members.

**4. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/OFFICE BEARERS:**

- (a) The Management Committee of the Men's Club shall consist of the Office Bearers as set out below:
  - I. President
  - II. Vice President
  - III. Secretary
  - IV. Bowls Administrator
  - V. Chairperson of Selectors
  - VI. Assistant Bowls Administrator
  - VII. Delegate
- (b) At every Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club, the Office Bearers shall retire from office but, if nominated, shall be eligible for re-election.
- (c) All members of the Men's Club (excluding junior members) shall be entitled to stand for office and to vote at any meeting of the Men's Club.

**5. SELECTORS:**

In addition to the Chairperson of Selectors, four (4) selectors, being members of the Men's Club, shall be elected in the same manner and at the same time as the Office Bearers.

**6. ELECTIONS:**

The election of Office Bearers and Selectors shall be in the same manner as provided in relevant parts of the Constitution and By-laws of the Registered Club except as provided in Clauses 7(b) (i) to (vi) of this Constitution.

**7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, GENERAL MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Men's Club shall be held within four (4) weeks prior to or following the Annual General Meeting of the Registered Club.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting, any other General Meeting and meetings of the Management Committee shall be convened and held in accordance with the Constitution of the Registered Club relating to Annual General Meetings, General Meetings, or meetings of the Board respectively subject however to clause 4(c) hereof and except that:
  - (i) references to "Secretary" shall be references to the "Men's Club Secretary".
  - (ii) references to the "Board" shall be read as reference to the "Management Committee".
  - (iii) references to "Chairperson", "Senior Deputy Chairperson" or "Deputy Chairperson" shall be read as references to "President", "Senior Vice President" or "Vice President".
  - (iv) references to "Directors" shall be read as references to "Office Bearers".
  - (iv) the quorum of the Management Committee shall be 50% +1.
  - (v) the quorum for an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting shall be 10% of the members.

**8. VACANCIES:**

The Management Committee may at any time appoint a member referred to in clause 4(c) of this Constitution to fill a vacancy in respect of the Management Committee, Selectors &/or Sub-committees and the member so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting. Additional help may be co-opted if necessary.

**9. REMOVAL OF OFFICE BEARERS/SELECTORS:**

The Club may by resolution of members entitled to vote at a General Meeting, carried by a two thirds majority, remove any Committee Member or all Committee Members before the expiration of their period of office and appoint another Committee Member or Committee Members as the case may be in their place. The person or persons so appointed shall hold office during such term only as the Committee Member or Committee Members would have held office if they had not been so removed.

**10. DUTIES OF OFFICE BEARERS/SELECTORS:**

Duties of all Office Bearers/Selectors shall be set out in the By-Laws and Regulations.

**11. FINANCE:**

(a) The funds of the Men's Club are at all times regarded as the property of the Registered Club.

**12. FINANCIAL YEAR:**

The Men's Club financial year shall coincide with the financial year of the Registered Club.

**13. SUB-COMMITTEES:**

- (a) At its first meeting after election the Management Committee shall elect the Match Committee.
- (b) Other sub-committees may be appointed as required.
- (c) The President may preside at any sub-committee meeting.
- (d) Duties of all sub-committees shall be set out in the By-Laws and Regulations.

**14. REPORTS:**

The Bowls Administrator, Chairperson of Selectors, Delegate and Chairperson of Sub-Committees shall each present a concise report to each meeting of the Management Committee.

**15. COMPLAINTS:**

- (a) Any member with a grievance must state same in writing to the Secretary and have it discussed at the next Committee Meeting, and shall not discuss such grievance on the green.
- (b) Complaints concerning the organisation or running of any bowls competition shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Match Committee.

## **16. BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS:**

- (a) The Management Committee shall have the power to make, alter or repeal any such By-Laws and Regulations as are necessary to manage the affairs of the Men's Club.
- (b) The By-Laws and Regulations shall be an attachment to, but not part of, this Constitution.
- (c) Any additions or amendments to the By-Laws and Regulations made at any time shall come into force and be duly operative upon the posting of an appropriate notice on the Club Notice Board.
- (d) The manner of dress for play shall comply strictly with the requirements of the Royal New South Wales Bowling Association (also known as Bowls NSW).

## **17. ALTERATIONS:**

- (a) No alteration shall be made to this constitution except by special resolution passed by a majority of not less than three-fourths of such members of the Men's Club as being entitled to vote as may be present at the Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Men's Club of which not less than 21 days notice specifying the intention to propose such resolution as a special resolution has been duly given.
- (b) No alteration or amendment shall be submitted to a Meeting of the Men's Club pursuant to any part of this Constitution unless it has been approved by the Board of the Registered Club, provided that:
  - (i) A resolution pursuant to an amendment to a notice of motion which has been approved by the Board to alter or amend this constitution shall not take effect until it has been submitted to and approved by the Board following the meeting at which it was carried.