



# HAPPY VALLEY BOWLING CLUB INC.



## BY-LAW

### Membership Classes and Conditions

#### Preamble:

In accordance with its constitution, the Club offers voting memberships, life memberships and non-voting memberships. This by-law defines all classes of membership and their rights and entitlements; fees apply for all classes of membership and are determined by the Board annually.

#### Voting Memberships:

All classes of voting memberships are eligible to enter and play in Club championships.

##### **1. Full Members**

- 1.1 Members with full registration with the Club shall be eligible to play in all MBA, Bowls SA and Bowls Australia events for which they are qualified and open or invitation tournaments of other clubs.
- 1.2 Veteran members are classified as full members aged 80 or over as at April 1 in the year of registration.

##### **2. Life Members**

Life Members appointed under Rule 9 of the Club constitution and registered with the Club annually as fully registered members shall be eligible to play in all MBA, Bowls SA and Bowls Australia events for which they are qualified, and open or invitation tournaments of other clubs.

#### Non-voting memberships

##### **1. Junior and Student Members**

- 1.1 Junior Members are those persons under the age of eighteen (18) years as at April 1 in the year of registration.
- 1.2 Junior members must be accompanied by a responsible adult while on club premises.
- 1.3 Student Members must be full-time students under the age of 25 years as at April 1 in the year of registration.
- 1.4 Junior or Student Members are eligible to play in Club championships and all MBA, Bowls SA and Bowls Australia events, and open or invitation tournaments of other clubs for which they are qualified.



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### **2. Restricted Members**

- 2.1 A Restricted member is a pennant reserve player; however, they shall not be selected for pennant teams until all available Full Members, Life Members and Junior or Student members have been selected.
- 2.2 Restricted members are not eligible to play in Club Championships.
- 2.3 Restricted members can practise and play Social Winter Bowls.

### **3. Social Members**

- 3.1 Any person may become a social member of the Club on completion of the membership form and payment of the required fee, as determined by the Club Board annually.
- 3.2 Social members under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult while on club premises.
- 3.3 Social members are non-playing or practising members.

### **4. Affiliate Members**

- 4.1 Affiliate Members hold a secondary membership with the Club, concurrently with their primary membership of another club, in order to play in a specific pennant bowls competition that is not available at their primary club.
- 4.2 Affiliate Members are not eligible to play in Club championships and cannot represent the Happy Valley Bowling Club in any MBA event except as in 4.1, Bowls SA or Bowls Australia events.

### **5. Temporary Members and Guests**

- 5.1 A member of any other bowling club that is under the jurisdiction of the World Bowls Board, Bowls SA or any other State Authority as provided in the Constitution and By-laws of Bowls Australia who visits the Club on any date for the purpose of playing bowls, shall be a Temporary Member of the Club for that day. The name and bowling club of such Temporary Member must be recorded on score cards.
- 5.2 The President, or his or her designate, shall have the power to confer Temporary Membership on a visiting member of an overseas or interstate club, or any club affiliated with Bowls SA during the period of their visit, provided that such visitor is sponsored by a current member of the Club.



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- 5.3 The President, or his or her designate, has the power to confer Guest Membership for a specific day or event on any visiting person of importance, such as sponsors or politicians.
- 5.4 A pro-rata membership fee will be determined as applicable in each case for long term Temporary Members.
- 5.5 Temporary Members and Guests of the Club are not eligible to play in Club championships.

#### **New Full Member Subsidies (pennant players)**

A new Full Member is defined as a person who has not previously played pennant bowls at any level in Australia or overseas.

1. Once approved by the Board, new Full Members shall be granted Full Membership on payment of the "First Year Bowler" membership fee, as set by the Board each year.
2. The Club will provide a subsidy towards the cost of a new uniform top and bottom for each new Full Member on joining the Club.
3. In the event that the new Full Member does not continue his or her membership for a period of 12 months from the date of admission, the member will be required to repay to the Club the difference between the Full Membership fee and the First Year Bowler fee and to repay the uniform subsidy.
4. The Club will be entitled to refuse to sign off on any application for clearance in respect of that member until such time as the above amounts have been paid.

#### **Nomination of members**

A nomination of a person for membership of the Club:-

1. must be made by a member of the Club who has personal knowledge of the nominee;
2. must be made by a member of the Club in writing on the Membership form.

#### **Pro-rata subsidies for part year memberships**

Members who are elected to membership after the first day of January in any year shall pay such proportion of the annual subscription as shall be determined by the Board of Management.



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### Forfeiture of membership for non-payment of fees

As per Rule 11 of the Club Constitution, any member whose annual subscription is outstanding for more than four (4) months after the due date shall cease to be a member of the Club, provided always that the Board of Management may reinstate such a person's membership on such terms as the Board of Management deems appropriate.

### Clearance of members on transfer

As per Rule 12 of the Club Constitution, any current financial member of the Club who ceases to hold membership and intends to transfer to another club shall commence the clearance process in accordance with clearance procedures prescribed by Bowls SA.

This By-Law was passed by the Board of Management in accordance with the Constitution of the Club at the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

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