



# CLUB RULES

[Rule 9(2) amended at the Annual General Meeting on 30th March 2009]  
[Rule 4(1b) incorporated following the Annual General Meeting of 28th March 2011]  
[Rule 4(1a) amended and Rule 4(1c) incorporated at the AGM on 29th March 2014]

## 1. NAME

The name of the club is "BALSALL COMMON BILLIARD CLUB".

## 2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club are to provide facilities for playing snooker and billiards at its' clubhouse at The Village Hall, Station Road, Balsall Common, West Midlands, CV7 7FF and for the social intercourse of members.

## 3. CONSTITUTION

The management of the Club shall be entrusted to a Committee (the Committee) consisting of the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer and not less than three nor more than ten other members of the Club.

## 4. MEMBERSHIP

### 4(1a) Adult Candidacy Procedure

Every candidate for membership shall, at the date of his election, have attained the age of 18 years and shall be proposed by a Member of the Club.

The candidate's full name, address, date of birth, home telephone number and occupation shall be communicated by the proposer to the Secretary on the official application form. The form shall be signed and dated by the candidate and the proposer.

Completed application forms shall be displayed on the Club notice board. Normally an applicant must make eight visits to the Club in order to be considered eligible for membership. However, at the discretion of the Committee, this condition may be flexible in exceptional circumstances.

Upon election the applicant shall be informed of the availability of Club rules and advised of the membership subscription due.

Upon payment of the subscription, the candidate shall be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges of membership and shall be bound by these rules. Unless sufficient cause be shown to the satisfaction of the Committee, if such subscription fee is not paid within 30 days from the date of request for same, the election of the candidate shall be voidable at the instance of the Committee.

#### **4(1b) Junior Membership**

Every candidate for membership shall, at the date of his election, have attained a minimum age of 14 years and shall be proposed by a Member of the Club.

All other conditions, as indicated in item 4(1a) for Adult Members, are also applicable for Junior Members.

However, the following additional conditions apply for Junior Members:

- They will pay an annual fee equal to half of the adult fee.
- They will not be issued with a key to the premises.
- Whilst in the Club, they must be supervised by an Adult Member at all times.
- Any breach of these rules will result in loss of membership

#### **4(1c) Student Membership**

This rule applies to full-time student members. All other conditions, as indicated in item 4(1a), are to apply for Student Members with the exception that they will pay an annual fee equal to half of the adult fee.

#### **4(2) Subscriptions**

Every member shall pay an annual subscription, as agreed at the Annual General Meeting, which shall be due on the first day of April in each year.

#### **4(3) Arrears**

If any member shall fail to pay his or her subscription within 30 days after it has become due the Treasurer or Secretary shall send the member a notice in writing to his or her address as recorded in the books of the Club, calling upon the member to pay the same within seven days. If the member shall fail to pay the subscription the Committee shall be entitled to terminate his or her membership without further notice.

#### **4(4) Expulsion**

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member who shall offend against the rules of the Club or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the Committee, render him or her unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such member is expelled the Secretary shall give the member seven days written notice to attend a meeting of the Committee and shall inform the member of the complaints made against him or her. No member shall be expelled without first having the opportunity to appear before the Committee to answer the complaints made against him or her, nor unless a majority of the full Committee (as constituted at that time) vote in favour of his or her expulsion, whereafter the member shall have forfeited all right to, and claim, upon the Club, its' property and funds.

## **5. THE COMMITTEE**

### **5(1) Election to the Committee**

The election of members to the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer (the Officers) and to other committee membership, shall accord to the provisions of rule 3, and their election shall be held annually at the Annual General Meeting.

### **5(2) Committee Vacancies**

Subject to the provisions of rule 3, The Committee shall have the power at any time to fill any vacancy among the Officers and other members of the Committee. Any Officer or member so appointed shall hold office only until the next following Annual General Meeting, but shall then be eligible for election.

### **5(3) Committee Meetings**

The Committee shall meet at least every calendar month and at such time and place as the Committee shall determine.

## **6. PURCHASES ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB**

No person shall at any time be entitled to receive, at the expense of the Club or of any member thereof, any commission, percentage or similar payment on or with reference to purchases of bar supplies or any other purchases of goods and/or services on behalf of the Club; nor shall any person directly or indirectly derive any pecuniary benefit from the supply of bar stock by or on behalf of the Club to members or guests apart from any benefits accruing to the Club as a whole and apart from any benefit which a person derives indirectly by reason of the supply giving rise to, or contributing to, a general gain from the carrying-on of the Club.

## **7. FINANCIAL**

### **7(1) Financial Year**

The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31st day of December in each year, to which day the accounts of the Club shall be balanced.

### **7(2) Audit**

The accounts of the financial affairs of the Club shall be audited as soon as practical after the end of each financial year, and the duly audited accounts shall be made available to every member with the notice convening the Annual General Meeting.

### **7(3) Application of Profit**

No money or property of the Club or any gain arising from the carrying-on of the Club shall be applied otherwise than for the benefit of the Club as a whole, or Balsall Common Village Hall, or for some charitable or benevolent purpose as chosen.

### **7(4) Profit for Professional Services**

Without prejudice to the generality of rule 7(3), nothing in rule 7(3) shall limit the right of a member to receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club for professional services rendered by him provided the same shall have been so rendered at the request of the Committee.

## 8. GENERAL MEETINGS

### 8(1) Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of March in each year and fifteen months shall not elapse without a General Meeting. At the Annual general meeting the following business shall be conducted: -

The presentation and (if accepted) the passing of the accounts for the previous year ending on the 31st December prior to the meeting, which accounts shall first have been audited.

The election of officers and members of the Committee.

Such business as shall have been communicated to the Secretary and included in the notice of the meeting sent by him to the members.

### 8(2) Extraordinary Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened at any time and shall be convened within 21 days upon the requisition of one-fifth of the members of the Club for the time being, or fifteen members whichever is the less. Such requisition must state the purpose for which such meeting has been called.

### 8(3) Notice of General meeting

The Secretary shall, at least fourteen days before any General Meeting, send to every member, at his address as recorded in the Club's books or for personal collection at the Club, a notice of the meeting stating the time and the place where it will be held and the business to be conducted.

### 8(4) Business at a General Meeting

The business at a general meeting shall be limited to that provided by these rules and those further matters set out in the notice convening the meeting.

### 8(5) Voting

At all meetings of the Club each member shall have one vote.

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### 8(6) Chairman

The Chairman of the Club shall preside at all meetings of the Club but, if he shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, or has signified his inability to be present at the meeting, the committee members present shall chose one among their number to be chairman of the meeting.

### 8(7) Quorum

At meetings of the Committee within the meaning of rule 4(4) "Expulsion", a majority of the full Committee (as constituted at that time) shall form a quorum.

At all other meetings of the Committee, four shall form a quorum.

At any general meeting of the Club, fifteen shall form a quorum.

## **9. GUESTS**

### **9(1) Members Entitlement to Invite Guests**

Any member shall be entitled to introduce not more than two guests to the Club in one day and on not more than two days in each week (Sunday to Saturday) subject to the limitations on introduction imposed by rule 9(3) below.

### **9(2) Junior Guests**

Guests 11 – 17 years old have to be accompanied and supervised by an adult family member. Junior guests are allowed to use the Club facilities upon payment of the appropriate fee.

### **9(3) Limitations on Introductions**

No person shall be introduced to the Club as a guest in any week if he or she shall have been introduced twice already during that same week (Sunday to Saturday).

No person shall be introduced to the Club as a guest whose application for membership has been refused or who has been expelled from the Club or whose conduct or presence at the Club shall be considered by the Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club.

### **9(4) Responsibility of Members for Guests**

It shall be the responsibility of members introducing guests to enter the name and address of the guest, together with their own name, in a book which shall be provided by the Club, and to pay the requisite guest fee.

It shall be the responsibility of members introducing guests to ensure each of their guests' good behaviour and proper use of the Club facilities, his or her or their observance of such of these rules as might apply to guests, and to remain with such guests throughout the duration of their visit to the club-house.

### **9(5) Alteration of or Addition to Rules Relating to Guests**

At all times visitors are at the discretion of the Committee.

Nothing shall prohibit the Committee, by resolution through a general meeting, from altering or adding to the rules of the Club relating to guests, or, to prohibit the introduction of guests on any specified occasion.

## **10. OPENING OF CLUB PREMISES AND PERMITTED HOURS 10(1) Opening**

The Club shall be open daily from 9.30am to 11.30pm, provided that nothing shall prohibit the Committee by resolution from altering these hours on any specified occasion.

### **10(2) Permitted Hours**

The permitted hours for the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be in accordance with the license granted to the Club by the licensing authority.

The bar will be open during these permitted hours at the discretion of a committee member.

## **11. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

Neither the Club nor any officer thereof shall be liable to any member or any guest of any member for any loss of or damage to the property of any member or any guest of any member occurring from whatever cause in or about the club-house or its premises.

## **12. RULES**

### **12(1) Interpretation**

The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules, and arbiter on questions of fact, and their decisions upon any question of interpretation or of fact shall be final, as shall their decision upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these rules.

Nothing in this rule shall oust the jurisdiction of the courts in the interpretation of these rules upon matters of law.

### **12(2) Modification**

No alteration or addition to these rules shall be made except by a resolution carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present at a General Meeting, the notice for which shall have contained particulars of the proposed alteration or addition.

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