



**Bradshaw War Memorial**

**Cricket, Tennis & Bowling Club**

**(Founded 1884)**

War Memorial Ground, "The Rigbys", Bradshaw, Bolton BL2 3EU Tel: 01204301403

## **RULES OF THE CLUB**

1. The name of the Club shall be the Bradshaw War Memorial Cricket Tennis and Bowling Club.
2. The Club Rooms and Headquarters of the Club shall be at The Rigbys, Bradshaw, Bolton BL2 3EL or such other address as the Club may, in General Meeting, determine.
3. The object of the Club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sports of Cricket, Tennis and Bowls
4. The Club shall be a Members' Club and shall consist of Ordinary Members, together with such Honorary Members as are hereinafter mentioned. The Club shall be affiliated to:-

The England Cricket Board

The Greater Manchester Cricket League & The North West Cricket League

The Lawn Tennis Association

The Bolton Tennis League

The British Crown Green Bowling Association

and other such Associations or Leagues as the Management Committee may, from time to time, decide.

5. The income and property of the Club shall be used solely towards promoting the Club's objectives as set forth in this constitution and all surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP**

6a Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport (s) on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of the Cricket, Tennis or Bowling. Every candidate for Ordinary Membership must apply to join the Cricket, the Tennis or the Bowling Section. Members who wish to join more than one Section need only pay a single Club subscription but will be liable to pay all Section subscriptions.

6b Application to join the Club shall be made on the requisite enrolment form.

6c No person shall be admitted to Ordinary Membership until having been approved, having paid their first annual subscription.

6d The Club may refuse membership or expel from membership only with good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. An Appeals Committee shall be formed from representatives of the other two Sections and chaired by a member of the Management Committee.

6e A Section Committee shall suspend the membership of any member whose conduct, whether on the Club premises or elsewhere, is or has been, in the opinion of the Section Committee, contrary to the interests of the Club or injurious to its reputation.

6f A member shall keep the Club Secretary via the Section Secretary informed of that Member's private address, or some other address at which communications may be addressed to them.



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6g It is only necessary to send a notice to members, by post or otherwise, when convening an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting. All other notices are to be posted in a prominent position in the Cricket, Tennis and Bowling pavilions by the Secretary of each Section and left throughout the required period.

## **7 Life Members**

Life members will not be liable to pay any entrance fee or subscription, but shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership. They shall be elected by the Club at an Annual General Meeting subject to approval of the relevant Section Committee and Management Committee. There shall not at any one time be more than 15 Life Members.

## **8. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

8a. All matters not covered by the rules shall be under the control of the Management Committee of the Club.

8b. A Management Committee shall manage the general affairs of the Club. The Management Committee shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and two Ordinary Members from each Section of the Club who shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. They shall relinquish office each year, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Secretary and Treasurer have voting rights. In the case of equality of voting, the Chairperson will have the casting vote.

8c. In the event of a vacancy arising amongst the members of the Management Committee, the Section Committee, shall have the power to elect an Ordinary Member to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting. A deputy attending in the place of an absent member shall have full voting rights. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Committee shall nominate a member to take the Chair; this member would have a casting vote in addition to their own.

8d. The Management Committee may appoint one or more Sub-Committees for such purposes, as it may deem appropriate.

8e. Each Section shall hold an Annual General Meeting, prior to the Club's Annual General Meeting, when its own officers will be appointed and Management Committee Representatives nominated.

8f. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Management Committee, and three a quorum for a Management Sub-Committee.

8g. The Management Committee may when the situation arises, make, vary and revoke (not inconsistent with these rules), bylaws for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of Members. Additions and amendments to bylaws shall be minuted at Management Committee meetings.

8h. Copies of the Sections' Rules shall be appendices to the rules of the Club. Any alterations to a Sections rules shall be ratified at a Club Annual General Meeting.

8i. Each Section shall be responsible for paying their share of the Club insurance. A copy of which shall be held by the Club Treasurer.

## **9 TRUSTEES**

9a. There shall be four Trustees of the Club who shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, under which the Trustees for the time being hold the property of the Club, and the investments.

9b. All property of the Club, including land and investments, shall be held by the Trustees for the time being in their own names, so far as is necessary and practical for the use and benefit of the Club. On the death, resignation or removal from office of a Trustee, the Management Committee shall take steps to procure the appointment of a new



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Trustee in their place and shall, as soon as possible thereafter, take all lawful and practical steps to procure the vesting of all Club property into the name of the Trustees, as constituted after the said appointment. Trustees cannot be members of the Management Committee but are entitled to attend meetings in a non-voting capacity. Trustees may vote at Annual and Special General Meetings and may vote at Section meetings.

9c. A Trustee shall hold office during their life, or until they resign by notice in writing to the Management Committee, or until a resolution removing them from office is passed at a Management AGM or EGM of the Club by a majority comprising two thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

## **10 SUBSCRIPTIONS, FINANCES AND ACCOUNTS**

10a The annual subscription for an Ordinary Member of the Club shall be such a sum as may, from time to time, be determined by the members of the Club at an Annual General Meeting.

10b. Each Section shall be responsible for determining the annual subscription rates relating to its own Section, which shall be paid in addition to the annual subscription referred to in Rule 6. These rates shall be decided at each Section's Annual General Meeting. At the discretion of a Section Committee, an Ordinary Member may be allowed to pay a reduced Section subscription for any period less than a year.

10c. Annual subscriptions shall be payable on election, as provided in Rule 6, and thereafter without demand on or before the 31st May in every year. The Section Committee may terminate the membership of any Ordinary or Associate Member whose annual subscription remains unpaid on that date.

10d The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

10e Section Committees are authorized to retain funds and maintain bank accounts in accordance with rule 10f.

10f The Treasurer of the Club, each Section, and the Bar, shall keep such proper books of account as will enable the Treasurers' them to represent at every Annual General Meeting of the Club or Section, an accurate income/expenditure account and balance sheet. Also, at any other time when required by the Management Committee, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances shall be produced and presented to the Management Committee. In addition the Treasurer of the Club shall present at every Annual General Meeting of the Club, an accurate report and statement concerning the finances of the Club which shall incorporate reports and statements of each Section.

10g The Management Committee and Section Committees shall appoint auditors to assess the accuracy of the income/expenditure accounts and balance sheets produced by the Treasurers'. The Club Auditor must be a qualified and professional firm of auditors who are authorized to negotiate financial matters with outside agencies on behalf of the Club.

## **11 INTOXICATING LIQUOR**

11a Members may introduce and entertain guests at the Club and there shall be kept at the Club premises, a Visitor's Book which both member and guest shall sign.

11b The Management Secretary shall be the Licensee of the Club. The Club is to comply with the current Licensing Laws. The Bar Committee shall be elected at the Management AGM and be responsible to the Management Committee. It shall arrange the supply of intoxicating liquors by the Club to members, and to other persons on the Club premises entitled to the supply of intoxicating liquor and shall secure the due observance of the provisions of the current Licensing Act, and all Acts relating thereto, and of any conditions, (if any), attached to any Registration Certificate granted in respect of the Club premises.



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## **12 GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 12a. Each Section shall hold its Annual General Meeting at least two weeks prior to the Club AGM. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first convenient date after the end of the financial year.
- 12b. Motions for Annual General Meetings shall be proposed by one member of the Club and seconded by another. They must be received by the Club Secretary no later than fourteen days prior to the day of the Annual General Meeting.
- 12c. The notice of the Annual General Meeting which shall be posted in the Cricket, Tennis and Bowling pavilions two weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting, shall state an agenda of the business, namely, to receive an audited statement of accounts from the Treasurer and such other business as may be submitted by the Management Committee and details of any proposals received in accordance with Rule 12b.
- 12d. At any Annual General Meeting of the Club, every member of the Club shall be entitled to be present, and every Ordinary or Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to vote upon every question raised. In the case of equality of voting the Chairman of the meeting, shall have a casting vote. The Club Secretary shall take minutes of the proceedings at all General Meetings of the Club.
- 12e. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club may be summoned at any time in accordance with rule 12f, by the Chairperson or Secretary upon 30 Ordinary Members or one-fifth of the Ordinary Members, whichever shall be the less, delivering to the Management Committee, a written request to do so.
- 12f. Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened in accordance with rule 6g stating the objective of the meeting. Members should be notified for a period of at least fourteen days immediately before the day appointed for the meeting. This period may be abridged at the discretion of the Management Committee, if business to be discussed is urgent. any accidental omission to send such copy or the non-receipt of the same shall not invalidate any proceedings or resolution

## **13 BETTING, GAMING AND LOTTERIES**

- 13a Gaming shall be permitted in the Club, but must not contravene the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries act of 1963 or any later statutory modifications of the act.

## **14 ALTERATION TO RULE**

- 14a These rules may be revoked, added to, or altered at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club. Notice must be given (Rule 12c), which specifies the intention of the above. A majority comprising of 2/3rds members present and entitled to vote is required.
- 14b Provided that nothing in these shall prejudice the club's status as a CASC under Chapter 9, Part 13. Corporation Tax Act 2010 and provided that the said amendment shall be consistent with these rules.

## **15 EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY**

- 15a Neither the Club nor any Officer thereof, shall be liable to any members and officials of visiting teams on the day of their visit, or guest of a member for any loss of, or damage to, any property occurring from whatever cause, in or about the Club premises, which shall include all Section premises in the ownership of the Club, nor for any injury sustained by any member or guest whilst on or entering or leaving the Club premises, and a notice to this effect shall, at all times, be displayed in a prominent position in the Cricket, Tennis and Bowling pavilions and the car park, and such positions as the Management Committee shall from time to time, decide.



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## 16 DISSOLUTION

16a. If the number of Ordinary Members of the Club shall at any time fall below 10, or if at any time the Club shall pass in General Meeting by a majority comprising two-thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote, a resolution of its intention to dissolve, the Management Committee shall cause the Trustees to take immediate steps to convert into money all the property of the Club with power however, to postpone or delay the conversion of any particular property if the Club in General Meeting shall so authorize.

16b. In the event of such conversion of the property of the Club, as aforesaid, the Trustees shall stand possessed of the proceeds of sale of the land of the Club and the buildings erected thereon, or on some part thereof, on the trusts of and subject to the conditions contained in the Trust Deed under which the said land of the Club and the said buildings erected thereon, or on some part thereof, are held.

16c. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred in accordance with the Trust Deed to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies.

Royal Bolton Hospital Charitable Fund (no 1050488)

And / or The National Playing Fields Association (no 306070) – now named "Fields in Trust"

## 17 CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

17a The Club and its members shall comply with the child protection policies of the:

The England Cricket Board

The Lawn Tennis Association

The British Crown Green Bowling Association

17b It is the responsibility of the Section Committees to ensure that these policies are adhered to and that copies are available in the respective Section pavilions.

Rules – (Last amendment EGM 26/03/2026) identified with a line

Name : Helen Dickinson (Secretary)

Name Mike Buckley (Chairman)

Signature *H. Dickinson*

Signature

Date *26/3/2026*

Date. *26/3/2026*