

## **THORNHILL CRICKET & BOWLING CLUB LTD : RULES & REGULATIONS**

**The Club is named Thornhill Cricket & Bowling Club Ltd . It comprises sports sections and is the parent organization to the following sections :**

Thornhill Bowling Club

Thornhill AFC

Thornhill Tennis Club .

Thornhill Rounders

Thornhill Ramblers

### **1. DEFINED TERMS :**

**Articles of Association** means those which are in place but which may be amended from time to time.

**Board** means the board of directors of the Club established from time to time in accordance with Article 19 , the members of which are the directors of the Club for the purposes of the Companies Act .

**General meeting** means an Annual General Meeting or other general meeting of the Club .

**Members** means the persons admitted to the membership of the Club in accordance with Article 31 and any Rules from time to time in place .

**Rules** means the rules and regulations of the Club made by the directors or by the club in a general meeting as amended from time to time .

**Voting Members** means the members of the Club who , under the Articles and the Rules are entitled to receive of and attend and vote at general meetings and who are members of the Club for the purposes of the Companies Act .

### **2. OBJECTS :**

2.1 To promote the amateur sports of cricket , bowls , football , rounders ,tennis and any other appropriate sport in Thornhill and community participation in the same .

2.2 To provide social and other facilities for members as may from time to time be determined by the directors .

**3. Non-Profit Making :** All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club . No surplus or assets will be distributed to members or third parties .

### **4. Powers**

4.1 The Club shall have the power to do all such lawful things as are consistent with the furtherance of its Objects .

4.2 Acquire and provide grounds , equipment , coaching , training and playing facilities .

4.3 Provide coaching , training , medical treatment and related social and other facilities .

4.4 Take out any insurance for club , employees , contractors , players , guests and third parties .

4.5 Raise funds by appeals , subscriptions , loans and charges .

4.6 Employ and engage staff and others and provide services .

4.7 Co-operate with or affiliate to firstly any bodies regulating the Sport and secondly any club or body involved with it and thirdly with government and related agencies .

4.8 NONE of the above powers may be used other than to advance the purposes consistently with the Rules below and the general law .

## **5. Membership :**

5.1 No person shall become a member of the Club unless that person has completed an application form in a form approved by the Board .Membership of any or all of the Sporting Sections qualifies that person as a member of the Club .

5.2 Article 32.1 sets out the conditions and procedures for the termination of membership .

5.3 A member may withdraw from membership by giving seven clear days notice to the Club in writing

5.4 The liability of each member is limited to £1 , being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Club in the event of it being wound up while he is a member or within one year after he ceases to be a member .

5.5 Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sports on application regardless of sex , age , disability , nationality , sexual orientation , religion or other beliefs . However , limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis .

5.6 The Club may have different classes of membership on a non-discriminatory and fair basis

5.7 The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating .

5.8 The Board may refuse membership or remove it , only for good reason such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute . Appeal against refusal may be made by members .

## **6. Directors' Powers and Responsibilities**

6.1 The Board is responsible for the management of the Club's business , for which purpose it may exercise all the powers of the Club .

6.2 The Board may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on it under the Articles but it may revoke any delegation in whole or in part or alter its terms and conditions

6.3 Any decision of the Board must be either a majority decision or a decision taken in accordance with Article 10 .

6.4 At a meeting of the Board the quorum must never be less than three and unless otherwise fixed it is five .

6.5 The Board shall have the power to make , vary and revoke the Rules for setting out different categories and criteria of membership , creating regulations and standing orders for the better administration of the Club and adopting policies for the welfare of the Club and the members .

6.6 At each annual general meeting , one third of the directors or , if their number is not three or a multiple of three , the number nearest to one third must retire from office . The directors retiring shall be those who have been longest in office since their last appointment .

## **7. General Meetings**

7.1 The Club shall hold a general meeting in every calendar year as its annual general meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the Board and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it .

7.2 the Annual General Meeting shall be held for the following purposes :

7.2.1 To receive from the Board the Club's accounts .

7.2.2 To receive from the Board a report of the activities of the Club since the previous annual general meeting .

7.2.3 To appoint the Club's auditors who shall not be a director of the Board .

7.2.4 to announce the election ( as appropriate ) of the members of the Board to be appointed in accordance with the Articles .

7.2.5 To transact such other business as may be brought before it ( including without limitation , the appointment of Life Members , Honorary Life Members )

7.2.6 All general meetings , including annual general meetings , shall be called general meetings and every Voting Member shall be entitled to receive notice of , attend and cast one vote .

7.2.7 Notices of General Meetings , including AGMs , stating the date , time and venue of such meeting , shall be sent to the committee of each section so as to be received not less than two weeks prior to the date of the meeting , with the agenda and a copy of the Club Financial statement for the preceding year .

7.2.8 The Board may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it .

7.2.9 The Voting Members present in person shall be a quorum .

## **8. Inspection of Club accounts and records :**

Except as provided by law or authorised by the Board or an ordinary resolution of the Club , no person is entitled to inspect any of the Club's accounting or other records and documents merely by virtue of being a member.

## **9. Sporting Sections :**

9.1 . Each sporting section shall operate independently but be subject to the powers conferred on the Board under Article 6 .

9.2 . Each sporting section shall have its own constitution and make this available to the Board .

9.3 . Each section shall operate its own bank account in its name , where needed .

9.4 Each section shall prepare annual accounts and make these available to the Board .

9.5 . Each section shall decide on the classes and amounts of its annual subscriptions but part of those subscriptions paid by each member of that section shall be paid to TCBC Ltd as a Social Fee for the use of the Club and bar . The classes and amounts of the Social Fees shall be set by the Board

9.6 Except as provided by law or authorised by the Board or an ordinary resolution of the Club , no person is entitled to inspect any of the Club's accounting or other records or documents merely by virtue of being a member .

## **10. Dissolution**

10.1 Upon dissolution of a sporting section and after settling all liabilities of that section . the net assets remaining shall be used by the Club to settle liabilities of another section .

10.2 Upon dissolution of the Club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC , a registered charity or a sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports .