

KIDD'S BEACH BOWLING CLUB

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

1. TITLE

The name of the Club shall be the KIDD'S BEACH BOWLING CLUB herein after referred to as the Bowls Club.
The Bowls Club shall be an integral part of the Kidd's Beach Sports & Social Club herein after referred to as KBSSC.

2. COLOURS AND BADGE

The Colours of the Bowls Club shall be plain Bottle Green or White with flashes of any colour depicted in the Bowls Club badge. The badge shall depict a Coral tree flower in red on a green stalk in a yellow shield on a bottle green background, with a yellow scroll underneath bearing the words "Kidd's Beach Bowling Club". White caps or white wide brim hats with the Kidd's Beach badge embroidered on the front of the headgear.

3. BODY CORPORATE

The Bowls Club shall be a body corporate having a separate legal persona with perpetual succession, not formed for gain, and whose members shall have no rights by reason of their membership, to the property of the Bowls Club.

4. OBJECTS

The Bowls Club is formed for the purpose of promoting the game of Bowls, which shall be played according to the Rules and Regulations laid down from time to time by Bowls South Africa and the Bylaws of the Club.

5. AFFILIATION

The Bowls Club shall be affiliated to Bowls South Africa and if considered in the interests of the Club to such other Bowling Association or Associations as may be decided by the Bowls Club at a General Meeting.
The Bowls Club shall be an Affiliated Club (Sub-club) of the KBSSC.

6. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be the following classes of members of the Club viz:

- (i) Ordinary members – any male or female person who has attained the age of 18 years and has been elected as herein after provided.
- (ii) Junior members – any male or female person between the ages of 12 and 18 years and has been elected as herein after provided.
- (iii) Honorary Life members – any member who has rendered outstanding service to the club and is nominated by the Executive Committee for Honorary Life membership and is thereafter elected as such by a 2/3rds majority of ordinary members present in person and entitled to vote at the Annual general Meeting of the Club.
- (iv) Dual members – any member of another affiliated Club to Bowls South Africa who desires to use the Bowls Club facility may be elected as herein after provided. A dual member may not enter any club competitions.

6.1 ADMISSION

- (i) Persons applying for Bowls Club membership shall be required to also apply for membership of the KBSSC.
- (ii) Persons applying for membership, other than Honorary Life members, shall complete and sign the official application form prescribed by Bowls South Africa and the application for membership of KBSSC, both of which must be signed by a Proposer and Seconder who are themselves registered members of the Bowls Club and in good standing. For the purposes of this clause a full member shall not include a junior member.
- (iii) If the applicant is a member or a past member of any other Club he/she must also produce the necessary certification or clearance of good standing from such club.

- (v) The completed application forms shall be posted on the Club Notice board for two weeks, where after they shall be submitted to the Committee at the next Committee meeting. Election shall be by way of ballot of the Committee members present. Two negative votes shall exclude the applicant. The Secretary shall notify the outcome of the ballot to the applicant.
- (vi) All new members elected as stipulated above shall be granted full privileges of Kidd's Beach Sports and Social Club and Bowls Club membership. The signature of an applicant on his application form shall be considered as acknowledgement that he shall abide by the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

7. RESIGNATION

Members shall continue as such until resignation, suspension or expulsion as herein after provided. Any member who fails to give notice in writing to the Secretary by the 30th November shall be liable for the following year's Bowls South Africa and Border Bowls affiliation fees. No affiliation fees shall be in any way returned.

A clearance certificate will only be issued to members who are in good standing at the time of their resignation.

8. FINANCIAL YEAR AND SUBSCRIPTION

8.1. The KBSSC financial year shall commence on 1st March each year and subscriptions shall become due and payable on that date. Any member whose KBSSC subscription is three months in arrears shall, at the discretion of the Committee, lose the privileges of membership, and may be posted as a defaulter on the Club Notice board and on being so posted shall cease to be a member of the Club.

8.2 Affiliation fees to Bowls South Africa and Border Bowls shall become due and payable before the 31st December or as laid down by those Associations. These fees shall be paid to the delegated Bowls committee member, the KBSSC Treasurer or directly into the bank account of the KBSSC.

9. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

9.1 The Office bearers shall be registered bowling members in good standing and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting as follows:

President, Vice-President, Secretary, Competition secretary and up to five (5) more committee members. The committee shall consist of not less than seven (7) and no more than nine (9) members in total.

9.2 Elected Committee members and Sub-committee members may be Ordinary or Honorary Life members.

9.3 All elected members of the Committee and the Sub-committees in 10.1 and 10.2 below shall hold office for one (1) year or until the next Annual General Meeting. Such elected members shall then retire, unless proposed and elected to a further term.

9.4 (a) Nominations for the Committee and the Sub-committees in 10.1 and 10.2 below shall be in writing and signed by two ordinary members who are registered bowlers and in good standing and by the candidate accepting nomination. This may take the form of a suitable list placed on the Club notice board.

(b) No nominations from the floor will be allowed.

(c) Nominations to be made no later than seven (7) days before the Annual General Meeting.

(d) Where there is more than one nomination for any particular position on the committee, voting shall take place by ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

9.5 The President and Vice-President shall be the Bowls Club's Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson respectively.

10. SUB-COMMITTEES

10.1 Selection Sub-committee

(a) The Selection Convenor and four further Selection Sub-committee members shall be elected at the Annual General meeting for the purpose of selecting players and teams to represent the Club in various competitions. The four selectors will be two male and two female. The convenor will play a role in both the men's and lady's teams. The Selection Sub-committee members must be registered with Bowls South Africa and in good standing. Where there are more nominations than required, voting shall take place by ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

(b) The President and the Bowls Club coach may be ex officio members of this committee and shall be entitled to take part in the proceedings but shall have no vote. However in the event of equality of votes the President shall have a casting vote.

(c) A representative of the Selection Sub-committee may attend Bowls Club committee meetings if deemed necessary.

(d) Nominations for members of this Sub-committee shall be in accordance with clause 9.4

10.2 Greens Sub-committee

(a) The Green keeper and not more than one other member shall be elected at the Annual General meeting for the purpose of caring for the greens and grounds.

(b) The Greens Sub-committee to work in conjunction with the Bowls Club Committee and the KBSSC committee and a representative may attend the Bowls Club and the KBSSC committee meetings if deemed necessary.

(c) Nominations for members of this Sub-committee shall be in accordance with clause 9.4

10.3 Other Sub-committees

(a) The Bowls Club Committee shall have the authority to form a Sub-committee for any special purpose in accordance with the constitution and may co-opt any registered bowling member in good standing to serve on any Sub-committee.

11 MANAGEMENT

11.1 The management and control of the Bowls Club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Competition Secretary and up to five (5) more Committee members elected as provided in clause 9.

11.2 The Committee shall elect one of their members to deal with financial matters and liaise with the Treasurer of KBSSC..

11.3 The President and three other committee members will have the authority to act as an Executive Committee in between meetings to expedite decisions on behalf of the Bowls Club committee. Any decision by the Executive Committee must be tabled at the next Committee meeting.

11.4 Representatives of the Selection Sub-committee and/or the Greens Sub-committee may attend the Bowls Club committee meetings if deemed necessary.

12 POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

12.1 The Committee shall have the full power and authority to do all things necessary to further the interests of the Bowls Club, save and except for such matters which are, by this constitution, specially reserved to be dealt with at a General Meeting of the Bowls Club or in those instances where the Committee's powers have been restricted; and in addition to the general powers and authority hereby conferred on the Committee and without in any way limiting such powers and authority, the Committee shall have the following further special powers:-

- a. to apply for the grant of and for the renewal from time to time of such necessary Liquor and other Licenses as may be required for the sale of liquor and other articles or commodities upon the Bowls Club premises.
- b. to buy, supply, make, sell and deal in all kinds of provisions and refreshments for the convenience of members of the Bowls Club and their guests.
- c. to appoint Attorneys, Agents, officers and employees for permanent, temporary or special services as they may consider necessary, with agreement from KBSSC. To determine their duties from time to time and to suspend or discharge any such persons at their discretion.
- d. to admit applicants to membership of the Bowls Club in any class and defined in clause 6 hereof, other than Honorary Life members.
- e. to post, suspend or expel members from the Bowls Club or otherwise apply appropriate sanction to any member whose conduct is not in accordance with acceptable behaviour.
- f. to fix and amend from time to time the member's annual subscriptions to the Bowls Club if such subscription is required.
- g. to fix all green fees which may be increased or reduced from time to time.
- h. to fix any entrance fees for competitions or other bowling functions.
- i. to institute, conduct, defend or abandon any legal proceedings by or against the Bowls Club or its officers, or members relating to the affairs of the Bowls Club.
- j. to make and give receipts, releases and other discharges for moneys payable to the Bowls Club.
- k. to make, vary and repeal bylaws for the regulation of the affairs of the Bowls Club, its officers or servants or members, provided the same are not inconsistent with or contrary to the Constitution herein contained.
- l. to appoint Sub-Committees for any purpose and delegate to same all or any of the authorities hereby conferred upon the Committee and to co-opt any ordinary or Honorary Life member to serve on said committees, subject to any conditions imposed by the Committee in accordance with this Constitution and to dissolve any Sub-committee if deemed necessary.

12.2 It shall be the duty of the Committee in consultation with the Green keeper:

- a. to supervise the greens and arrange for their proper maintenance and to control the playing area.
- b. to decide upon the opening and closing of the greens and/or of the individual rinks, and the hours, conditions of play of all games and whether or not the greens shall be played upon from East to West or North to South, and whether play shall take place upon or between rinks.

The Rink markers shall indicate the Committee's intention in this connection and no alterations may be made by any member without the sanction of the Committee.

12.3 RESTRICTIONS OF COMMITTEE

The Bowls Committee may not:

- a. pledge the credit of or incur any expenditure in the name of the Kidd's Beach Sports & Social Club.
- b. erect any structure on, or make any alterations to the premises or grounds placed at its disposal.

13 NOTICES QUORUMS AND MEETINGS

13.1 Notice to members:

The secretary shall give at least fourteen (14) days written notice of any General meeting to the address provided by the member. A notice of such meeting may also be posted on the Bowls Club notice board. The accidental omission to send any such notice to any member, or should the member fail to receive a notice for any reason, shall not invalidate the intended meeting, provided there has been substantial compliance with this notice provision.

13.2 Quorums

A quorum for the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be a total of 12 members who must be in good standing and personally present.

Should there not be a quorum within fifteen (15) minutes of the advertised time, if agreed by a majority of the members present, the meeting may take place as outlined in clauses 13.3 13.4 and 13.5

13.3 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Bowls Club shall be held within 30 days after the end of the financial year but always before the Annual General Meeting of KBSSC.

A register of members present shall be kept by the secretary.

The business to be done at the Annual General Meeting shall be:-

- a. To receive, approve and adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
- b. To receive, approve and adopt the minutes of any Special general Meetings held during the year.
- c. To receive and adopt the Presidents Report for the past year.
- d. To receive a report on the finances pertinent to the Bowls Club, during the previous year.
- e. To consider any proposals concerning the affairs of the Bowls Club, which must be handed to the Secretary in writing, not less than 7 days prior to the meeting, and to consider any business relating to the affairs of the Club which is brought to members notice by the President's report.
- f. To confirm the new year's annual subscription and/or green fees, should this be necessary.
- g. To elect the Office bearers stipulated in clause 9.1 above. If these portfolios cannot be filled at the Annual General Meeting then it must be left to the Committee to decide who will take on these responsibilities or co-opt suitable members at a later stage.

13.4 Special General Meetings

Special General Meetings of the Bowls Club may be convened at any time by the Committee or on a written request signed by at least 10 members in good standing. The meeting to be held within thirty (30) days of receipt of such a request. The request must state the business of the meeting and no other business will be discussed. The Secretary shall give notice of said meeting as provided in 13.1 Decisions made at a Special General Meeting shall become effective immediately or as decided by the members attending the meeting. The minutes of any Special General Meeting shall be available for approval and adoption at the next Annual General Meeting.

13.5 Annual General Meetings and Special General Meetings

At any General meeting all members present and in good standing, shall each have a deliberative vote. Any member who has not paid his subscription in full for the current year shall be deemed to be 'not in good standing'.

All questions submitted to a General Meeting shall be decided by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded. In the case of equality of votes the Chairman of the meeting shall use a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

A ballot must be held if demanded by any member present and in good standing. When a ballot is necessary, two scrutineers shall be appointed by the meeting.

13.6 Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings shall be held at times arranged by the Committee, at approximate monthly intervals, but not less than ten meetings per year. At each Committee Meeting the date shall be arranged for the following meeting. The President may convene a Committee meeting at any time he considers it necessary and the Secretary shall arrange a Special Meeting of the Committee at the request of at least three members of the Committee.

The absence from three consecutive meetings without leave shall cause forfeiture of the committee member's seat. In the case of forfeiture of his seat, or in the event of any casual vacancy, the Committee shall have the right to co-opt another ordinary member to fill the vacant post.

Questions arising at any meeting of the Committee shall be decided by a majority of votes on show of hands, and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote. Should the President be absent from any meeting of the Committee the Vice-President shall take the Chair, and if both are absent the members present shall elect a chairman for the meeting.

Any member of the committee may resign from office at any time during the year by giving notice thereof in writing to the Secretary. All members of the Committee shall retire from office at the Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election except for the restriction in clause 15.

5 (five) members present shall form a quorum.

14. DELEGATES

The delegate/s to Border Bowls meetings and any other Bowling Association to which the Bowls Club may be affiliated shall be an ordinary member of the Club appointed by the Committee.

15. THE PRESIDENT

The President shall be an ex officio member of any sub-committee and standing committee.

RESTRICTION

No one shall be eligible to be elected as Bowls Club President for more than three consecutive years except by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.

16. SECRETARY

The Secretary shall convene all meetings, attend to and answer correspondence of which he/she shall keep duplicates, and shall be responsible for the issue of all notices and keep a true record of all attendees and proceedings at all Annual General and Special Meetings of the Bowls Club and all meetings of the Committee. The Secretary shall maintain a book of record of all members of the Bowls Club and their addresses.

17. FINANCIAL MATTERS

17.1 The delegated Bowls Committee member shall receive subscriptions and any other moneys due and transfer these to the Treasurer of KBSSC or may arrange for members to pay any or all monies due to the Bowls Club and KBSSC to said Treasurer or directly into the bank account of the KBSSC.

17.2 All moneys generated through green fees, tournaments, fundraising or any other function, with the exception of Clause 17.4 (a) and (b) below, will be handed over to the KBSSC Treasurer.

17.3 Affiliation fees that have to be sent to Bowls SA, Border Bowls and or any other Bowling Association/s to be paid timeously for forwarding to the above associations at the designated times. It is the responsibility of the Bowls Club Committee to inform the bowlers as to the year's affiliation fees at the appropriate time.

17.4 The only money generated by the Bowls Club and not necessarily handed over to the KBSSC is:
(a) money collected from members who are entering a Border or Ciskei competition which can be paid directly to Border Bowls or Ciskei Bowls by the entrants or Club Competition Secretary.
(b) fund raising for donation purposes e.g. helping bowlers (representing the club) with costs or making a donation to the Blind bowlers association or similar.

17.5 It is understood that the Bowls Committee will arrange to the best of their ability, at least two (2) fund raising events or tournaments during the year.

17.6 The Bowls Committee is to inform the KBSSC Committee of any planned tournaments or fund raising events timeously.

18. TRUSTEES

The President, Vice-President and Secretary shall during their term of office be the Trustees of the Bowls Club. On any document any two signatures of the Trustees shall be deemed sufficient.

19. MEMBERS LIABILITY

No member of the Bowls Club shall be liable for any debts contracted in the name of the Bowls Club. The liability of the members is limited to the outstanding amount of their annual subscription.

20. GENERAL

Members shall have the privilege of introducing visitors to the Bowls Club provided that:-

- a. the member introducing the visitor shall be responsible for the visitor's conduct while on the KBSSC and Bowls Club's premises
- b. the member shall not introduce a visitor who is known to have been rejected or posted as a defaulter by any other Club or who is not in good standing at any other Club.

21. INTERPRETATION

In case of doubt as to the interpretation of any part of this Constitution, the Committee shall be the final Arbiter and its decision shall be binding upon the members.

22. ALTERATIONS TO CONSTITUTION

No alterations to this constitution shall be made except at an Annual or Special General Meeting and then only if passed by a two-thirds majority of members in good standing present and voting. Notice of such proposed alterations shall be circulated to members at least two weeks in advance of the date of such meeting.

23. DISSOLUTION

The Bowls Club may only be dissolved by resolution of 75% of the members in good standing present at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

The changes made to the Kidd's Beach Bowling Club Constitution were adopted at a Special General Meeting held on Saturday the 7th March 2026 at 17.30pm in the Clubhouse.

SIGNED: Vernon Bentley (President)

SIGNED: Paul Johnson (Vice President)

Ammendments made to clause's 6.4 – Dual Membership & Clause 13.3 – Annual General Meeting. Refer to the previous constitution of 2nd Dec 2020

Ammendments made to clause 2 – Coluors and Badge, of the constitution, at a special; general meeting on the 10th May 2025.

Ammendment made to clause 10.1a – Number of selectors from two to four, two male and two female. AGM dated 7th March 2026

Note to the new constitution:

Kidd's Beach Bowling Club was constituted in 1947. Construction began on farmland with kind permission of the farmer, Henry Cowan. The green named for L V Meyer, who played a large part in building it, was ready for play a year later. The club went from strength to strength and eleven year later two bowlers played in the SA Fours Championships held in East London.

The club has been in existence ever since, with other players representing Border in SA competitions over the years. Then in the early 1990's another Meyer, Mark and Frank Jones, the green keeper, built a second green on municipal land nearby. This second green was named for Ralph Shaw, a stalwart and generous member of the club since it's inception.

The very old clubhouse proved to be too small and members raised money and donations of materials, managing to extend substantially, but without enough funds were unable to finish it off. Membership was not always sufficient to keep the club going, so in 2013 many Kidd's Beach residents, in an effort to 'save' their village asset, became members in a social capacity, calling themselves the Kidd's Beach Sports & Social Club, an integral part of Kidd's Beach Bowling Club.

They soon made wonderful changes, increasing the bar area and building on a porch and braai area. This new social dimension proved to be extremely popular, so in 2020 the time has come for KBS&SC to be independently constituted and will become the "mother club" for the Bowling Club and any other sports that should wish to join. Kidd's Beach Bowling Club, with its new constitution, will now become one of the affiliated clubs of Kidd's Beach Sports & Social Club and will be an integral part of this 'new' club.