



MOWBRAY BOWLING CLUB **CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS**

Proposed Amendments
July 2019

Introduction

A number of amendments to the Constitution of Mowbray Bowling Club have been proposed.

This document outlines the proposed amendments.

The amendments will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting.

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New Membership Category

Proposed by: Mark Douglas

With the Mowbray membership growing, there have been requests for a new membership category to cater for those who wish to join Mowbray, but live outside the country and are only able to attend the club for a few weeks or months a year.

It is proposed that the following be added to the Constitution.

Constitution

5.3.3 Country Members, being members who reside outside of South Africa for a minimum of 6 months of the year.

New Membership Applications

Proposed by: Mark Douglas

It has become the norm for sports clubs to allow current members a period during which they may register objections to, or comment on, new applications for membership. This is not catered for in the current Constitution and an amendment is proposed to cater for this.

Constitution

It is proposed that Clause 6.2.2 be amended to read as follows:

6.2.2 Upon acceptance by the Committee of their application, the applicant's "Application for Membership" form shall be posted on the Notice Board for a period of fourteen days. All Club members shall have the right, within this fourteen-day period, to submit in writing to the Secretary any comments/ objections which they may have regarding the applications for membership. Any comments/ objections received shall then be reviewed by the Committee and their decision on the application will be final. The applicant will be informed in writing by the Club Secretary as to whether their application has been successful or not.

Dual Members

Proposed by: Mark Douglas – with amendments by Dave Milne

Clause 7.2 of the Constitution prohibits any dual member (who is a full member at another club) from:

1. *being elected or co-opted to any Committee or Office at the club;*
2. *being selected to represent the club in any District or National competition;*
3. *being allowed to participate in the club single championship; or*
4. *entering any district of national competitions through the club,*

unless they (within 3 weeks of the AGM) furnish a written undertaking not to represent any other club in any district or national competition, nor participate in the official club competition at any other club.

This has not been enforced and the reality is that this Clause has been ignored. The proposed amendment is to update the Constitution to reflect current practice.

Constitution

It is proposed that Clause 7.2 be amended to read as follows:

- 7.2. No member who has been elected or co-opted, or in any other way appointed, to any Office or Committee of any other bowling club affiliated to the Western Province Bowling Association shall be eligible to be appointed in any way to any Office or Committee at Mowbray Bowling Club.

National Team Selection

Proposed by: Mark Douglas

Clause 8.4.2 of the Constitution states that if a current selector wishes to represent the Club at the SA National Championships, they shall no longer be eligible to be on the Selection Committee.

There is also a Bylaw regarding the National Tournament Sides which outlines the sequence of events required to select sides for National Tournaments.

In practice Mowbray has not selected National Tournament Sides for some time and this Clause and the related Bylaw have neither come into effect nor been enforced. They are, therefore, both superfluous.

Constitution

It is proposed that Clause 8.4.2 be deleted.

Bylaws

It is proposed that the Bylaw regarding National Tournament Sides be deleted.

Selection Committee

Proposed by: Gareth Rosslee

Each year there is a lot of unhappiness about selection when it comes to Flag teams, and as the club grows so do the number of complaints. Having only had one season of Muter at Mowbray so far, I am not aware of any unhappiness in that regard, but if what we see at other bowling clubs is any indication, it is only a matter of time.

One of the biggest problems is the diversity of venues that everyone plays at. This makes it impossible for the selectors to be able to view all the players in action.

My proposal is to implement a system whereby there are shareholders from each of the teams shaping and deciding on selection. This will allow members who have first-hand experience of how teams gel, and who the skips ultimately want in their teams, to assist with selection. I feel that this will make it easier for everyone to accept the selections and dramatically reduce the levels of unhappiness.

The proposed amendment creates a new, elected position - the Convener of Selectors. The Convener's job will be to manage the selection process and consult with members of each team to discuss weekly selections.

Two additional Selectors will also be elected. The Convener and the two elected Selectors will form the core of the Selection committee.

At least 2 weeks before the start of the Flag season they will meet and decide on the first draft of the teams for the first week of Flag and Muter. They will then appoint members from each of the teams to Selection Panels. These Panels will each consist of the Convener and two members of each team (including the elected Selectors).

The final team selections will then be done by these Selection Panels – one for each team.

For example:

Mary is elected Convenor of Selectors.

Rachel and Beth are elected as Selectors.

They meet before Muter and put together what they think the 3 Muter teams might be for the first week. They then appoint Panels for each of the teams.

The Panel for the first team is Mary (as Convenor) with Rosemary and Joanne.
They select the first team.

The Panel for the second team is Mary (as Convenor) with Rachel (as a Selector) and Hilda.
They select the second team (after the first team has been selected).

The Panel for the third team is Mary (as Convenor) with Beth (as a Selector) and Gertrude.
They select the third team (after the second team has been selected).

If anyone of the members of the Panels is moved to a different team, the Selection Committee (Mary, Rachel and Beth) will change the membership of the Panels.

This change may sound a little complicated when put into words but I firmly believe that it would, in practice, be exceedingly simple and lead to a greatly improved selection process. Two of the eight team members each week would be directly involved in the team selection for the following week, with first-hand knowledge of the playing conditions and how everyone performed.

Constitution

It is proposed that Clauses 8.4.1 and 8.4.2 of the Constitution be scrapped and replaced with the following:

- 8.4.1. Selection Committees, each consisting of a Convener of Selectors and two Selectors, shall be elected by the playing members at the Annual General Meeting, for the Men's and Women's sections respectively.
- 8.4.2. The duties of the Selection Committees shall be:
 - 8.4.2.1. To appoint Selection Panels, and to sit on the Selection Panels, for the selection of teams for Provincial Inter-Club Competitions; and
 - 8.4.2.2. To select teams for other competitions as the General Committee may direct.
- 8.4.3. For the Flag and Muter competitions, the Selection Committees shall form a Selection Panel for each team entered into the respective competitions.
 - 8.4.3.1 At least two weeks before the start of the Flag and Muter competitions the Selection Committees shall draw up preliminary teams and use these teams to appoint Selection Panels. The Selection Panels shall each consist of the Convener of Selectors and two members of each team. The two Selectors shall be included as these two members.
 - 8.4.3.2 The teams for each week of competition shall be selected by the relevant Selection Panel. The club first team shall be selected first. After it has been finalised, the second team shall be selected from the remaining club members. This process shall be followed for all the teams in sequence.
 - 8.4.3.3 If any member of any Selection Panel is promoted or relegated to a different team, the Selection Committee shall immediately make changes to the Selection Panels such that each panel contains two members of each team.

Club Captain

Proposed by: Taz Bright

The current Bylaw regarding the Club Captain was proposed and voted on when there was a very small Ladies section at Mowbray, and there was no need to cater for separate Men's and Women's sections. This is no longer the case and it would make sense to have both a Men's Club Captain and a Women's Club Captain.

Bylaws

It is proposed that the name of the Bylaw regarding a Club Captain be changed from "Club Captain" to "Club Captains".

It is proposed that Clause 1.1. be amended to read as follows:

- 1.1** A Men's Club Captain and a Women's Club Captain shall be elected by the playing members at the Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for the ensuing year.

It is proposed that clause 1.1.1 be removed from the bylaw and the subsequent clause be renumbered to cater for this change.