



Dumfries Young Curlers



The Constitution of the Dumfries Young Curlers Club

1. NAME

The Club shall be called the **Dumfries Young Curlers**.

(Hereinafter referred to as the Club). It shall seek affiliation to and be bound by the rules of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club (RCCC).

2. OBJECTIVES

2.1 To promote and encourage the game of Curling amongst children over 8 years and young adults under 21 years, in a safe and enjoyable environment. Children aged six or seven may be admitted as members with the approval of the Committee.

2.2 The Club is committed to encouraging the highest ethical standards. All individuals involved in the Club should conduct themselves with integrity, transparency, accountability and in a fair and equitable manner.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 The membership shall consist of two categories – the Sweepers and the main Club members. All members will be Junior Members, as defined by the RCCC.

3.2 Members will pay Membership Fees and the fees for Sweepers and main Club members will be agreed by the Club Committee. Membership fees of existing members shall be due to be paid by mid April in each year, and those of new members on the date of acceptance for membership. No member shall be allowed to enter next seasons competitions without payment of membership fees.

3.3 All members joining the Club, and their parents, shall be deemed to accept the terms of this Constitution and any Bye-laws from time to time adopted by the Club, in particular without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the requirement to conduct themselves in accordance with the Club's ethical framework and the bye-laws as to discipline set out therein. Any junior curler who reaches the Red Skill Level, as defined by the RCCC, at the Dumfries Ice Bowl will be invited to join the club. The majority of members will join the Club as Sweepers. Members will move up from Sweepers to the main club under the direction of the Curling Development Officer. Any junior curler who has achieved the Red Skill Level at another Ice Rink may apply for membership.

3.4 Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex; sexual orientation, political or other opinion.

4. MANAGEMENT

4.1 The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by the Club Committee which shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Curling Development Officer at Dumfries Ice Bowl plus a maximum of 10 other members. This will include Junior Representatives.

The Club Committee shall be elected from the Parents of Members of the Club or the Coaches. Election will take place at the Annual General Meeting.

4.2 The said Officers shall also be the trustees *ex officii* of the Club who shall hold any property belonging to the Club in their name and shall further be entitled to sue and be sued on behalf of the Club as trustees *ex officii*. They shall all be entitled to personal indemnity out of the funds of the Club where they are acting bona fide in their capacity as Officers of the Club.

4.3 The Officers shall have full power to deal with all matters relating to the Club not reserved to a General Meeting in terms of this Constitution, including power to make public and enforce such byelaws as the Parent Council feel necessary to govern the activities of the Club [including bye-laws relating to discipline].

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 Annual General Meeting

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in the month of May to:

- Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM
- Receive a report from the Chairperson
- Elect Committee Members
- Receive a report from the Dumfries Ice Bowl's Curling Development Officer
- Receive a financial report and approve the Annual Accounts
- Receive a report from those responsible for certifying the Club's Accounts
- Appoint someone responsible for certifying the Club's accounts.
- Consider changes to the Constitution.
- Review and consider any Bye-laws.
- Deal with other relevant business.

5.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by an application in writing to the Chairperson supported by at least 10% of the parents of members of the Club.

The Club Committee shall also have the power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting by 6 of its members.

5.3 Notices

At least 14 days' notice and the Agenda shall be given to all voting members of any General Meeting. No business shall be conducted unless fair notice thereof is contained in the Agenda.

5.4 Voting

With the exception of changes to the Constitution, decisions put to a vote shall be resolved by simple majority at General Meetings.

The Chairperson shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and council meetings, in each case at the time the meeting commences its business.

5.5 Quora

The quorum at General Meetings shall be 20% of the members or their parents and the quorum Club Committee Meetings shall be a minimum of 4 parents, 3 of whom shall be Office Bearers.

5.6 Changes to the Constitution

Any change to the Constitution shall require a two thirds' majority of those present, eligible to vote and voting at a General Meeting.

A proposal to change the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary who shall circulate the proposal to all members and allow seven days for submission of any amendments before calling a meeting in accordance with rule 5.3 above.

All proposals for changes to the Constitution shall be signed by the parent of two unrelated members eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

5.7 Junior Curling Update Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month during the Curling Season.

6. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

6.1 The financial year shall run from mid April to mid April each year.

6.2 The Treasurer will be responsible for the preparation of Annual Accounts of the Club.

6.3 The Accounts shall be certified by an appropriate independent person elected by the Club Committee.

6.4 All cheques drawn against the Club's funds shall be signed by any two of the following office bearers -

- The Treasurer
- The Curling Development Officer
- Three nominated members of the Club Committee

6.5 The Club Committee shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

7. TROPHIES

7.1 All Trophies belong to the Club in perpetuity and cannot be won outright.

7.2 The Match Secretary shall act as Trustee of Club Trophies.

8. DISSOLUTION

8.1 The Club is a non-profit making organisation. All profits and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve or develop the Club's facilities or to carry out the objects of the RCCC to which it is affiliated. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body on a winding-up or dissolution of the Club.

8.2 If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by Resolution passed at a General meeting or in the absence of such a resolution (or that the extent to which it cannot be given effect) to the RCCC to which the Club is affiliated.

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