

BY-LAWS OF THE TWEED BRIDGE CLUB (Inc.)

The By Laws may be rescinded or amended by the Committee of Management

1. **Yearly Subscription** will be detailed in the current Schedule of Fees. The categories are Home Club members and Away members; 'Away' members are those whose affiliation fee is paid by another club;
2. **The joining fee for new home and away members** will be as set out in the current Schedule of Fees and will consist of subscription fee plus a nomination fee. Members whose subscription has not been renewed by 31st December each year shall pay another nomination fee as set out in the Schedule of Fees to re-join.
3. **Table Fees** as detailed in the current Schedule of Fees are to be paid by Win Tickets or Pre-Paid Tickets.
4. **Smoking** is not permitted in the Clubrooms or within 6 metres of any doorway.
5. **Advertising:** The sale of tickets, advertising for entertainments, raffles or the sale of goods within the Clubroom is only by permission of the current Committee.
6. **Gambling:** is not permitted on the premises.
7. **The Club Rooms may be used for** private functions only with the permission of the current committee.
8. **Liquor** shall not be brought onto the premises except with the permission of the Committee.
9. The use of **obscene or objectionable language** or behaviour in the Club Rooms is prohibited.
10. After a secret ballot all votes counted by the Returning Officer must be checked and verified by two scrutineers before the result is given to the Chairperson for verification of the poll.
11. **A Club Appeals Committee** can be established within 20 minutes after the completion of the session. This appeals committee to consist of the two most senior available directors of the Club, not including the director of the day.
12. **Championship and Honour Board Events:** Members of less than two months standing may participate but their partnership or team will not be eligible for any awards or recognition.
13. **Club Championship Pairs:** You must play with the same partner for the duration of the tournament; no substitutes allowed. *Pairs must play in all sessions; no pair is allowed to walk in and play in a single session.*
14. **Mixed Pairs Championship:** Similar rules apply as for the Pairs Championship.
15. **Club Championship Teams and GNOTS:** No substitute is allowed in a Teams Championship. One replacement player of equal or lesser rank than the available player may be used. This player then becomes the 5th member of the team. Should this team win the event the prize money will be shared equally among the 5 and all 5 names will appear on the Honour Board. Should a 5th person be nominated initially, rankings are immaterial;
16. **Slow Play Cut-off:** The use of a clock or timer will be at the Director's discretion. When a clock or timer are in use, the leading card must be on the table before the 3-minute mark.
17. **Programme Alterations:** The Committee only, has the right to alter the Programme Book.
18. **Session Changes and Pricing:** The standing committee has the authority to set session playing times and to conduct the affairs of the Club in accordance with Rule 15 of the Rules of the Tweed Bridge Club.
19. **Mobile Phones** must be silent during session times. In cases of extreme urgency, phone may be handed to the Director of the Day who will take the call and pass on any messages.
20. **President's Cup:** The President's Cup event is for financial members only.

Dated 14 October 2024