

CONSTITUTION OF THE RIPE AND CHALVINGTON AMATEUR PETANQUE CLUB

1. NAME

The Club shall be known as “Ripe and Chalvington Amateur Pétanque Club”

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Promote and play the sport of pétanque
- 2.2 Offer coaching and competitive opportunities for its members in the sport of pétanque.
- 2.3 To manage the Club’s facilities.
- 2.4 To be consistent with the furthering of equal opportunities in the playing of pétanque.

3. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 3.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held during the month of November or at such time as decided by the Executive Committee.
- 3.2 Three weeks’ notice of a forthcoming Annual General Meeting must be given to all fully paid up members of the Club.
- 3.3 Items for the agenda of the Annual General Meeting must be given to the Honorary Secretary two weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.4 Minutes and records of attendance at all meetings shall be kept by the Honorary Secretary.
- 3.5 At the Annual General Meeting it is one member one vote. Only fully paid up members have the right to vote.
- 3.6 Extraordinary General Meetings can be called at any time by the Club’s Executive or by one third of the remaining fully paid up members of the Club.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 The Club shall consist of Officers and Members.
- 4.2 The membership of the Club shall be open and not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race, disability, political, religious or other opinions to any person in the area who is prepared to accept and support the objectives of the Club.
- 4.3 Before accepting membership, a person agrees to abide by the constitution of the Club and the rulings of the Executive Committee.
- 4.4 Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:-
 - a) Full Member
 - b) Family Membership
 - c) Junior Member (members under the age of 18yrs shall be considered as Junior member)
 - d) Junior Members shall NOT have the right to vote at meetings but are entitled to elect from amongst themselves ONE representative who shall have the right to vote as a full member on the committee of the Club.
- 4.5 No Junior persons under the age of 12yrs will be allowed to play the game of pétanque unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian, who must agree to care and control the junior whilst playing the game of pétanque.
- 4.6 No person may represent the Club at local, national or international fixtures unless they are fully subscribed as Members of the Club.
- 4.7 The Executive Committee have the right to withdraw membership from any member of the Club. There will be fourteen days in which to appeal.

4.8 Membership shall lapse if fees have not been paid by [1 November] of each year.

5. EXECUTIVE

5.1 The Executive Committee of the Club shall be comprised of the Club President, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer. The first Club President shall be Joe Ruddock-West, the first Honorary Secretary shall be Paul Griffiths, and the first Honorary Treasurer shall be John Janes. Subsequently the Club President, Honorary Secretary, and Honorary Treasurer shall be appointed at the Annual general Meeting.

5.1 The Executive shall have the power to make any decision on behalf of the Club.

6. FINANCE

6.1 All monies raised by or on behalf of the Club shall be used for the Club and no other purpose.

6.2 The Honorary Treasurer is responsible for the finances of the Club.

6.3 The financial year will end on [31 October] of each year as agreed by the Executive Committee.

6.4 Proper accounts shall be kept of all sums of money received and paid out of the Club.

6.5 Cheques drawn from the Club's Account shall signed by the Honorary Treasurer or the President.

6.6 A statement of accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meetings of the Club.

6.7 The Club's annual subscription, and other fees, shall be declared at the Annual General Meeting.

7. DISSOLUTION

7.1 In the event of the Club ceasing to exist and following the discharge of any debts and liabilities any assets at the time of dissolution shall become the property of the members.

7.2 In the event of passing of the resolution to wind up the Club, the members of the Club shall appoint a representative committee which shall be empowered to draw up a plan within 14 days to distribute the assets, including cash and any investments in hand. This committee will then call a meeting of all The Club members to discuss and agree their recommendations.
