**COVENTRY PETANQUE CLUB**

**Burnt Post**

**1) RULES OF THE CLUB**

The name of the club is **THE COVENTRY PETANQUE CLUB**, Burnt Post.

**2) OBJECTIVE OF THE CLUB**

The objectives of the club are

To promote and provide facilities for the playing of petanque,

To hold competitions and social events for members,

To promote events involving the club and other groups having similar interests.

**3) MANAGEMENT**

3.1 The management of the club shall be the responsibility of a committee consisting of the officers, the playing captain and between two and five further members.

3.2 All committee members must be members of Coventry Petanque Club. The Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer must hold PE membership of Coventry PC.

3.3 The officers of the club consist of the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually for a period of one year at the Annual General Meeting. At the end of each year, any outgoing officer may stand for re-election.

3.4 The playing captain and the further committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall serve for one year, after which time they may offer themselves for re-election.

3.5 The committee shall meet monthly or as frequently as deemed necessary.

3.6 The committee shall have control of the club’s finances.

3.7 In all matters requiring an urgent decision, the Chairman, in conjunction with the other officers, shall be empowered to act in the club’s interests.

3.8 The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy in the officers or elected members that may occur between Annual General Meetings.

3.9 Any amendment or alteration to the rules of the club can only take effect if approved at an AGM or a General Meeting of the club by a majority of members present. In the event of a tie, the Chairman at the meeting shall have the casting vote.

3.10 On all matters the Chairman does not have a vote except when a casting vote is required.

**4) MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 Membership of the club shall be open to all who have an interest in Petanque. Any junior member must be in the presence of a responsible adult.

4.2 New candidates for membership must complete the appropriate application form. The committee shall decide whether any new applicant shall be accepted.

4.3 There shall be four forms of membership: ‘junior’ (available to those aged 11-18), ‘full’, ‘founder’, and ‘honorary life’. One honorary life member can be nominated by the committee each year as recognition of services to the club.

4.4 The treasurer shall collect subscriptions every year and shall issue a numbered dated and signed non-transferable card of membership.

4.5 All members have the right to attend and vote at General Meetings and to nominate or be nominated for any position on the committee.

4.6 The committee is empowered to expel from the club any members whose conduct is, in the opinion of the committee, injurious to the interest of the club, its members or its objectives. Before reaching a decision to expel a member, the committee shall give the member an opportunity to explain their conduct in writing or in person, when they may be accompanied by a fellow member.

4.7 Members are entitled to bring guests to club events (except closed events). Members are responsible for the conduct of their guests at all times.

**5) SUBSCRIPTIONS**

5.1 Subscriptions shall be determined annually by the AGM. They should be renewed within four weeks of the AGM. Any member not paying their subscription except for a valid reason acceptable to the committee shall be deemed to have resigned from the club.

5.2 A new member joining after October 1st in any year shall pay the current annual subscription, to run for the remainder of the current year and for the following year.

**6) MEETINGS**

6.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the January of each year, or as soon after as is feasible. The AGM shall elect officers and receive a statement of the accounts from the treasurer.

6.2 At least 35 days prior to each Annual General Meeting, the secretary shall inform each member of the time and place of the meeting, inviting nominations for the election of officers, proposals to amend the rules and other proposals. Receipt of nominations and proposals shall close 21 days before the AGM. Where no valid nominations have been received for a committee post, including officers, nominations will be accepted from the floor of the AGM

6.3 The committee or a group of members totalling at least one quarter of the membership may request the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss ONE item of business. Such a meeting shall be held between two and four weeks of the request being received by the secretary in writing, signed by the requisite number of members.

**7) AFFILIATION**

7.1 The club shall be affiliated to Petanque England (PE) and shall abide by the rules of that association.

7.2 Individual members of the club are not required by the club to join the PE.

7.3 The club shall be affiliated to such associations as the committee may decide.

**8) COMPETITIONS**

8.1 The committee shall organise a programme of competitions for the club. The programme shall include competitions open only to members of the club and other competitions for which club membership is not required.

* 1. Cups and trophies which are the property of the club may be awarded to winners of competitions but must be returned in time for the next occurrence of that competition and at other times deemed necessary by the committee.

**9) ACCIDENTS AND DAMAGE**

The club accepts no liability for accidents to or damage caused by members

**10) DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB**

10.1 The club can only be dissolved by a general meeting of the club.

10.2 Dissolution cannot occur if six or more members oppose it.

10.3 In the event of dissolution the assets of the club, after satisfying all liabilities, shall be divided equally between the remaining full members.

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10.3 In the event of dissolution the assets shall be held in escrow for one year to allow time for the club to reform If then the club is not reformed, the funds are to be used for the express purpose of development of petanque

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