

Berwick Amateur Rowing Club Rules And Constitution

1. That the club be called “Berwick Amateur Rowing Club” and that the object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of rowing.
2. That it consists of a number of Life Members, Active or yearly members, Junior Members and Honorary Members, all of whom shall be subject to, and governed by the following Rules and Bye-Laws.
3. That the Officers who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting shall consist of a President, who shall stand for an identified period, Vice Presidents, Captain, Vice Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Regatta Secretaries (not exceeding two (2) in number) and a Committee of not less than five (5) members and not more than nine (9) members elected to the committee to be decided by the General Meeting. Election shall be by ballot and five (5) shall form a quorum.
4. (a) All applicants for membership must complete the standard membership application form. If under 18 years of age this must be countersigned by a parent or guardian. Membership of the club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or beliefs, or of age sex or disability except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of Rowing as a particular sport.

(b) That a General Meeting shall have power to elect a person Life Member in consideration of conspicuous services rendered to the club. Any member who has had ten (10) years full active membership may be elected a Life Member on application to the Committee and on being elected, paying a sum not less than £500

(C) The Club accepts the policy and procedures relating to Child Protection and the Protection of Vulnerable Adults as set out by British Rowing, and requires all members to accept them as a condition of membership
5. The annual subscription of Active Members be £150, of Social Rowing Members be £89.00, of New Members be £89.00, of Student Members £52.00 of Junior Members (whose age does not exceed 18 before 1st August), £52.00, of Honorary Members £12.00. Or as set at the most recent AGM. The Committee shall have the power to reduce the subscription of a member who may only be able to row part of the season. No new member may row in any racing craft until their subscription has been paid. No member may row in any open regatta until their subscription has been paid. Junior members shall have no voting power.
6. That the club colours be Royal Blue and White, and that the dress consists of White Vest with Royal Blue edgings, Royal or Navy shorts, and Royal Blue Track Suit. School Members may row in School Colours whilst rowing under the name of their school.

7. New applicants will be entitled to 3 water outings before being requested to pay membership fees.
 - (a) All visitors to the club shall be accompanied by a member and must sign the Visitors Book but no such visitor shall be admitted to the club more than three (3) times in any year.
8. The club may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the club's members and decided by a majority vote.
 - (a) An individual or member with a complaint about treatment by the club should set out their grievance, in the first instance to the Club Captain, President or Welfare Officer. The club will seek to deal with complaints in a fair and timely manner, with reference to British Rowing's Guidelines on grievance and Disciplinary Procedures in Rowing.
9. That any member wishing to resign from the club may do so on giving notice in writing to the secretary, such intimation to be acknowledged but they shall be liable for all subscriptions which have become due prior to their giving such notice, and shall upon ceasing to be a member forfeit all membership rights. Any member failing to pay his subscription in any one (1) year.
10. That the property of the club be vested in the Officers and Committee, who shall also be empowered to raise loans on behalf of the club when its financial state so warrants. All surplus income or profits are to be re-invested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
11. That the Committee shall fix the dates for the Annual Regatta and Club races each year, and shall have the power to frame or rescind Bye-laws for the internal regulations of the club, and shall pass all accounts exceeding £100.00 before being paid by the treasurer. All cheques to be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by another nominated committee member.
12. That the Annual General Meeting be held in February, when the Treasurer shall present a statement of receipts and expenditure, and the secretary their report for the past year, both of which shall have been previously confirmed by the committee
13. That a special or Extraordinary Meeting of the club may be held at any time on the written request of at least five (5) members being given to the Captain or Secretary. The latter shall give notice of the meeting to all members and shall specify the subject.
14. That the Captain and Vice Captain shall be responsible for the selection of crews and scullers to race in open regattas. All such crews and scullers shall, in all cases, have prior claim to boats and gear whilst training for such races.
15. That all prizes won by the club crews shall, if capable of a fair division

be their own property, but if incapable of division (as where a single cup or article be the prize) such prizes to be the property of the club.

16. That no private match or race between club members shall be permitted without the sanction of the committee. All betting or gambling on the club premises strictly forbidden.

17. That the club may be opened for rowing purposes at any time by a responsible senior member. Such member as opens the club to be responsible for the conduct of any members, use of gear and ensuring the safe closure of the club. Any member lending their key to any other member shall be wholly responsible for the actions of the member borrowing the key. No entry to be made into the club except by the front door.

(a) The Officers and Committee have primary responsibility for safe practice within the club and for observing guidance of water safety issued by British Rowing and through Row Safe

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Intoxicating liquor may be supplied by or on behalf of the club to any of the following persons, who shall in each case have attained the age of eighteen (18) years.

- a. Any person holding membership of Berwick upon Tweed Amateur Rowing Club, and the bona fide guest of any such person.
- b. Players, officials and their respective guests of any team or group visiting the club in connection with a bona fide pre-arranged sporting or social fixture between that team or group and a team or group of (name of club) on the day of such fixture only.

Before any such persons listed at paragraph (b) above may be admitted to the club, such persons name and teams or group, shall be entered in a book kept on the premises for that purpose, the whole entry being countersigned by an official of Berwick upon Tweed Amateur Rowing Club. Any person admitted under paragraph (b) above may only be sold intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises.

The supply of intoxicating liquor in the club premises shall be permitted during the General Licensing hours permitted for the District.

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to

Persons under the age of eighteen (18) years or to members or to any other persons on the club premises otherwise than by or on behalf of the club.

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied for payment to any person on the premises except a member.

- 19 The Bar committee, consisting of two (2) persons, both of whom should be elected to their positions by the full membership of the club

- a. The general committee shall arrange the supply of intoxicating liquor by the club to members, and to other persons on the club premises, and shall secure the due observance of the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 and all other acts relating thereto, and of any conditions attached to any licence held by or on behalf of the club for the supply of intoxicating liquor, or to any registration certificate granted in respect of the club premises.
 - b. Notwithstanding the generality of Rule nineteen (19) the supply of intoxicating liquor in the club premises on Sunday's Good Friday and Christmas Day shall be permitted during the following fixed hours 12 noon until 3pm and from 8pm until 10.30pm.
20. The club should keep an up to date record of all members current, names and addresses, or of some other address at which , communication may be addressed for them, and that this information is kept in a record book and should be available for inspection by a police officer. All notices shall be posted by being affixed in a prominent position on the club premises in a part of the club which is frequented by members, and it shall be the duty of the secretary to ensure that any such notice remains so exhibited throughout any period required in that behalf by or under these rules.
 21. That any member may keep a private boat on the premises of the club by leave and terms of the Committee, such boat not to displace any club boat, be no charge to, or at the risk of the club.
 22. That these rules be posted in the Boathouse and on the website on joining a member shall be deemed to make himself acquainted with and bound by them.
 23. That any member wishing to propose any alteration in, or addition to these rules shall give notice to the secretary in writing fourteen (14) days prior to the next General Meeting, at which the subject shall be discussed, when if the motion be seconded, a ballot shall be taken thereon, and to carry the proposed alteration the majority in its favour shall be at least three (3) to one (1) .
Where an alteration is made to the Rules/or Byelaws of the club the secretary shall give written notice of the alteration to the Chief officer of police for the area and to the clerk of the Local Authority. If such alteration embodies a decision fixing the club's permitted hours, a change of secretary, or concerns the objects of the club, notice shall be given within twenty eight 28 days of the alterations and in such cases where notice is given to the Justices, within forty two 42 days. (Section 48 Licensing Act 1964)
 24. Upon dissolution of Berwick Amateur Rowing Club after making Allowance for any unspent grants, any remaining assets shall be given Or transferred to another registered community amateur sports club, a Registered charity or to British Rowing for use by them in community related sports.
 24. That all disputes shall be referred to the committee, whose decision shall be final.

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