**Club policy on general data protection regulations (GDPR)**

**Introduction** – This policy concerns the personal information (data) held by the Club, its security and use.

The policy is written in response to the GDPR, in force from 25 May 2018. It defines the people involved, the data

collected by the Club, how it is stored and used internally and externally, and members’ rights over their data.

The Club uses this data solely for the purposes of the effective running of the Club. It also shares the data with the

Gloucestershire Bowls Association (GBA) and Bowls England (BE) for their purposes in administering our sport.

The Data Controller for the purposes of the GDPR will be the Club through the Management Committee. They will

be responsible for the implementation and review of this policy. Given the nature of data held and Club size, the

appointment of a Data Protection Officer is not seen as required; any concerns relating to data protection should be addressed to the Club Secretary who will fulfil this role.

The Data Processor will be the Membership Secretary who will hold the club membership database on their

computer. The Secretary will be responsible for the collection of the data, its security, ensuring that permission for

the data to be held, used, and shared as described below is given, and updating of club records including deletion

where required.

**What Data is Collected and Why**

We collect all contact and membership details to enable us properly to manage and administer your membership

with us, the GBA and BE. These details include your contact details, date of birth, gender, and details of a contact in case of emergency. This information is lawfully required and collected as a standard part of your application to join or re-join our Club.

We also need to collect ethnicity and disability information for the purposes of equal opportunities monitoring

because we must promote an environment that is inclusive, fair, and accessible. For this information alone, we need your consent to collect it.

The Club does not collect or hold any other ‘sensitive data’ such as health issues.

**When is the Data Collected and Reviewed?**

This data is captured when a member first joins the Club through a Club Membership Application form. The accuracy

of the personal information will be reviewed annually when a member renews their membership.

**Who Collects and Holds the Data?**

The data is collected by the Club Secretary. To ensure the security of the data held, the Club requires that access to

their computer is password protected and that any file holding the information is also individually password

protected.

**Sharing Personal Date outside the Club**

Data is shared with the Gloucestershire Bowling Association and with the national governing body, Bowls England, so that they too can properly manage and administer your affiliated membership with them. The data is shared via a national Membership Register, the content of which is controlled at all levels by limited and authorised access.

Neither the Club, nor the GBA, nor Bowls England permits the sharing of personal data held on the Membership

Register to any third party whatsoever. Specifically, personal data will not be released to any other organisation for

marketing or communication purposes.

Where direct consent is given by a member having an identified responsibility or role within their organisation,

specific and limited information may be published by the Club, GBA or BE in annual handbooks or on their websites

and other social media for the purposes of effective appropriate communication within the sport. The holders of

posts within one or more of these organisations will be required to formally consent to the use of specified personal

information in this way, and such consent will be recorded by the relevant organisation.

**Member’s Rights to their Personal Data**

Each individual member has the right and the facility to directly access and manage their personal data held on the

Membership Register. No one else other than the Club Data Processor has the facility to add or modify personal

data. There will be no charge for such access to data. The data held on a member will be deleted within one month

of notice that the member has left or is not re-joining the Club.

**Young People’s Data**

GDPR will set an age for a young person to give their own consent to the collection and storage of their personal

data. However, given the BE requirements concerning young people, if any club member is below 18, permission for the collection and use of their data will be sought from the parents/guardians of the young person. Only the name of a young person will be given in the club handbook. Any member requiring contact with a young person should approach the Secretary to seek agreement for the release of contact details.

**Breaches of Data Security**

If at any point a breach of data security is suspected or identified, then that suspicion or fact must be reported

immediately (verbally if necessary and confirmed in writing) to the Club Chairman who is responsible for

investigating breaches of security, determining the resultant degree of risk and deciding on the action to be taken,

reporting this at the first opportunity to the Management Committee.

Where a breach is likely to result in a serious risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals (say involving health or

financial issues), the Club Chairman has 72 hours to report the incident to the Information Commissioners Office

(ICO).

The Club recognises that the requirements of the GDPR apply as much to paper files and records as it does to digital

ones and will ensure that any paper records are similarly securely treated. As security issues are much more

problematic for paper records, the Club will seek to reduce the use of paper files to the minimum possible.

Specifically, membership lists containing personal data will not be displayed on notice boards or the website for

public viewing.

**Consent on the Holding and Use of the Data**

On applying to join the Club, a member will be given a copy of this policy and asked to confirm that they have read

and accept it and that the Club may use the personal data in the proper pursuance of managing their relationship

with the member.

In addition, members will be asked to consent to the publication of their name and contact details in the Club

Contact Details sheet for communications and so that they and other members can arrange matches as part of Club

Competitions.

The Club will seek to always use a bcc system when any e-mails are sent to multiple members.

**Reviews**

It is expected that a member will update their personal information if it changes during the year. At the annual

subscription, members will be asked to confirm the accuracy of the data held on them. At least every four years,

members will be asked to reconfirm their consents as described above.

I have read, understand, and accept the Club’s GDPR policy, and I consent to the collection of my ethnicity and

disability data and to the use of my contact details in the Club Contact Sheet.

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