



PILL & DISTRICT MEMORIAL CLUB

Club Rules

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1 Lodway, Pill, BRISTOL, BS20 0DH

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1. NAME AND CONSTITUTION

The Society is a Memorial Club. It shall be called “The Pill & District Memorial Club” and is hereinafter referred to as the Club. The registered offices shall be Keswick House, Lodway, Pill, North Somerset.

2. OBJECTIVES

The Club is established for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the Fallen in the two Great Wars and to provide a place of resort for social intercourse, mutual helpfulness, mental and moral improvements and rational recreation.

3. APPLICATION OF FUNDS

All monies received on account of the Club from any source shall be applied in carrying out the objectives of the Club according to the Rules.

4. PROFIT

The Profits of the Club shall be applied as follows: for the upkeep and improvement of the Club for such repairs, replacements, etc. as may be deemed necessary by the Committee. No profits shall be distributed amongst the members.

5. INVESTMENT AND BORROWING

Such funds not required for immediate use shall, with the consent of the Committee or a majority of the members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting, be invested in any way the Trustees are, by law, authorised to invest Trust funds.

6. MEMBERSHIP

The Club can consist of:

- a. Ordinary Members
- b. Honorary Members
- c. Temporary Members

There are no gender restrictions in the Club.

No persons whose membership has been terminated or suspended or whose application for membership has at any time been rejected shall be introduced as a Temporary Member or rejoin as an Ordinary Member unless at the discretion of the Committee.

Any person whose membership has been terminated or suspended or whose application for membership has at any time been rejected can attend the Club premises as a Visitor at the discretion of the Bar Staff.

Any Member that is barred by the Bar Staff shall be brought to the attention of the Committee so that Membership can be reviewed.

Refer to Schedule 1 for information regarding club access rules.

a. Ordinary Membership

A candidate for election to Ordinary Membership must not be less than 18 years of age. They must be proposed by one member and seconded by another. Applications for Ordinary Membership can be made throughout the year by completing a Nomination Form. All Nomination Forms will be reviewed by the Membership Secretary and if required by the Committee within 2 months of submission. On completion of a Nomination Form candidates may be given automatic membership privileges i.e. reduced entry fees to events.

Every Ordinary Member upon election will be furnished with a Membership Card, which must be produced to the Bar Staff, Club Officers or any member of the Committee when requested to do so.

b. Honorary Membership

The Committee shall have the powers to elect Honorary Members in suitable cases on such terms as they may decide.

Honorary Members may enjoy all of the facilities of the Club including right to vote, to be an Officer of the Club or member of the Committee. No membership fee shall be paid by an Honorary Member.

c. Temporary Membership

An Ordinary Member, Club Officer or member of the Committee can temporarily sign-in a non-member at the Members Bar. Refer to the Membership Fees section for further details and to Schedule 1 for information regarding club access rules.

A Member signing-in a Temporary Member shall be responsible for the conduct throughout their stay at the Club.

7. VISITORS

Visitors to the Club are not Members. Visitors can attend the Club premises for specific activities such as events in the Hall or Lounge, organised sporting activities (e.g. darts, skittles), and when temporarily working at the Club's instruction (e.g. for repairs or audit). Visitors cannot access the Members Bar. Refer to Schedule 1 for information regarding club access rules.

Intoxicating liquor may be sold to Visitors (who are over the age of 18 years) for consumption on the premises.

8. MEMBERSHIP FEES

Any person admitted to membership shall be liable for such membership fees or subscriptions, as agreed in a General Meeting. Members may renew their membership by paying to the Club treasurer the annual subscription which falls due on the 1st January each year. Any person who has not paid their subscription within sixty days of it being

due shall cease to be a Member. The Committee shall have powers to make exception in the cases of members who are sick or are working out of the district or in any other extenuating circumstances.

Every member, on signing-in a Temporary Member must enter the Temporary Member's name and address as well as their own name in a Club Temporary Member's Book. The Temporary Member shall pay such a sum by way of a Temporary Member's fee as determined by the Club Committee.

The Committee may expel or suspend for a given period, from Membership, any member wilfully disobeying any of these rules, Byelaws or Regulations that are in force at the time, or who shall be guilty of any conduct rendering them unfit, in their opinion, to be a member of the Club. Provided that before expelling them, the Committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct and hear their defence. A member thus expelled shall have no claim on the Club and will be given written notification to the length of time they are expelled.

Any Trustee, Committee Member or member of Staff can ask a Member or Visitor to leave the Club's premises if deemed necessary.

9. CHILDREN

Children may only be admitted to Club areas as detailed below when accompanied by an adult, who shall be responsible for their behaviour throughout their stay.

Children under 18 years of age are permitted to use the Hall, Lounge and Skittle Alley when hired for private functions. Children under 13 years of age will not be permitted in the snooker and pool rooms.

Children are not permitted in any other area of the Club including the Members Bar.

Persons under the age of 18 years cannot purchase or consume intoxicating liquor in the Club.

10. MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE

An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall not be held later than September each year for the following purposes:

- a. To elect the Committee
- b. To receive a Report and Statement of Accounts
- c. To appoint a Chartered Accountant
- d. To consider any other business

Fourteen days' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted on the Club notice board.

The Committee shall meet on a monthly basis, or as directed by the Chair, to manage the functioning of the Club.

The Committee can, at any time, co-opt on to the Committee any member with specialist knowledge to assist the Committee.

The Committee shall ensure that a maximum of 4 and minimum of 3 Trustees are appointed at all times.

11. SPECIAL MEETINGS

A Special General Meeting shall be held whenever the Committee think expedient or upon a requisition signed by 10% of the paid-up members and forwarded in writing to the secretary stating the purpose for which the meeting is required. Notice of such meetings shall be posted on the Club notice board fourteen days before holding the said meeting. The business at that meeting shall be confined to the purpose named in the requisition or notice. The result of the Special Meeting shall be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

12. OFFICERS

The Club shall have the following officers:

A Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The Committee shall be formed of the Officers and at least seven Members.

No person shall be elected an Officer of the Club or member of the Committee unless they have been a paid-up member of the Club for at least one year.

The Chairman does not have a casting vote but does have a deciding vote where the Committee vote is split evenly.

13. SECRETARY

The secretary shall keep Minutes of the Meetings of the Club. They shall conduct all correspondence and business on behalf of the Club, and any actions on the direction of the Committee.

14. TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Club under the direction of the Committee. They shall, when required, render to the Committee an account of the monies received and expended by them. The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring an Auditor is duly appointed and audited annual accounts are produced.

15. BAR MANAGER

The management of the bars shall be the responsibility of the Bar Manager appointed by the Officers, who shall, at their discretion, fix the method by which such Bar Manager shall be remunerated. The Bar Manager shall have the power to refuse to serve any Member or Visitor whose conduct in their opinion is objectionable. No Member shall be allowed behind the bar except bar staff and Committee members.

The Officers have powers to engage, control or dismiss Club staff.

16. INSPECTION OF BOOKS

Every member, upon application to the Secretary, can request to inspect the Club Books of Account and Minute Book after the Minutes have been duly passed and signed by the Chairperson.

17. NOTICES

No paper, notice or placard, written or printed shall be exhibited in the Club without the permission of the Secretary or Committee.

18. STOCKTAKING

A stock take shall be carried out annually and at such other times as the Committee may determine.

19. DISPUTES

If any dispute shall arise between a member or any officer of the Club, it shall be referred to the Committee, who may appoint an Arbitrator, who shall be agreed upon by both parties in the dispute.

20. ALTERATIONS OF THE RULES

The Committee may repeal, amend, or create new rules provided that notice of such appeal, amendment or new rules has been given at least fourteen days before the Annual General Meeting and the majority of members present at the AGM vote in favour of the repealed, amended or new rules.

21. ENTERTAINMENT

The Committee may, on any occasion when entertainment is provided at the Club premises, charge Members or Visitors an admission fee to that part of the Clubs premises where the entertainment is provided.

Visitors attending private/Club functions will be restricted to the function venue, entrance lobby and toilets only. If the bar in said area is not open they will be notified on where they can purchase drinks.

22. INTOXICATION LIQUOR

The Licence to supply intoxicating liquor in the Club is permitted within the following hours:

Mondays to Thursday	10.30 a.m. to Midnight
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Fridays	10.30 a.m. to 1.00 a.m.
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On Saturdays:	10.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m.
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On Sundays:	10.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m.
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and such additional hours as the Licensing Body may from time to time authorise.

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied to any person under the age of 18 years.

Intoxicating liquor or soft drinks not purchased on the Club premises will be subject to a corkage charge at the rate in force at the time and by agreement with the bar staff.

Otherwise, only Intoxicating liquor, or soft drinks purchased on the Club premises can be consumed on the Club premises.

23. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

Neither the Club nor any Officers thereof shall be liable to any member or guest for loss or any damage to any property occurring from whatever cause in or about the Club premises and such a notice to this effect shall at all-time be displayed in a prominent position on the Club premises.

24. GAMING MACHINES

The Committee may make application for the Club to be registered under the Gaming Act at that time and ensure all liabilities appertaining to such registration are expended.

25. BYE-LAWS

The Committee from time to time may make, vary or revoke Byelaws (not consistent with these rules) for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Club and the conduct of members. The Byelaws for the time being in force shall be binding on all members.

26. DOGS

No animals other than Dogs will be allowed in the Club buildings. Dogs are allowed into the bar during quiet periods accompanied by their handler, if authorised by the Bar Staff. At busy times Dogs would only be allowed to use the Lobby and must be accompanied by their handler.

27. CAR PARKING

The car park is provided for trustees, staff, members and visitors using the Club during licensing hours or as expedient to the functioning of the Club and as directed by the Committee.

28. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Club will not tolerate any physical and/or verbal abuse against Staff Officers, Members and Visitors. The club has a zero tolerance to drug use or sale of drugs in the club. The Committee will take appropriate action against those offenders, which could lead to expulsion from the Club.