

## Goytre Sports and Social Club Constitution.

### and Rules

<b>1</b>	<b>Name.</b>	The Club shall be called the Goytre Sports and Social Club.
<b>2</b>	<b>Address.</b>	The Club shall be situated in the Club Room of :- The Goytre Village Hall, Penperlleni, Pontypool, Mon. NP4 0AH.
<b>3</b>	<b>Objectives.</b>	The aims and objectives of the Club shall be to encourage the development of all forms of Sport in the Village of Penperlleni/ Goytre, maintain sociability and good fellowship amongst all the members of the Club and the residents of the village and the surrounding area.
<b>4</b>	<b>Management.</b>	<p><b>a)</b> The Treasurer shall be authorised to receive all monies on behalf of the Club and pay for all goods and services purchased on behalf of the Club. All cheques are to be signed by the Treasurer and one other Officer authorised to do so. The Treasurer shall keep such accounts of monies received and expended and render to the management committee or the Annual General Meeting, an interim or Final Annual Account as the Committee Directs.</p> <p><b>b)</b> Monies received on behalf of the Club shall not be paid to any of its members unless for approved goods or services, but will be applied towards carrying out the objectives of the Club. Monies may be expended on the maintenance, repair or alteration of the Club Premises and may also include the cost of replacement of furniture and/or fittings.</p> <p><b>c)</b> Surplus funds may be invested in such a way as the committee may from time to time direct and may if so desired include the acquisition of land or buildings. Surplus funds may also be used to give grants to any affiliated sporting organisation on an annual basis to assist in their running and development.</p> <p><b>d)</b> Affiliated Organisations,  Goytre Football Club.  Goytre Junior Football Club.  Goytre Cricket Club.  Goytre Bowles Club.  Goytre Tennis Club.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Qualifications for Membership.</b>	<p>Membership of the Club shall be open to persons over the age of sixteen and of both sexes.  Membership shall be granted under the following headings.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Full Membership.  b) Junior Membership.</p> <p>Applicants for Full Membership shall have attained the age of Eighteen years and on being elected shall enjoy all the privileges available.  Applicants for Junior Membership shall have attained the age of Sixteen and must have at least one parent or guardian who has been elected a full member the applicant will obtain automatic Full Membership on their eighteenth birthday, on being elected as a junior member they will enjoy all the privileges of Full Membership except voting rights and nomination for election to either Officer or</p>

		Committee Membership.
<b>6</b>	<b>Terms of Membership.</b>	<p>The subscription for each class of membership shall be fixed from time to time by the management committee.</p> <p>The annual subscription shall be due and payable on election and then on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April each year.</p> <p>Members who have attained the age of 65 and widows and spinsters who have attained the age of 60 years shall have a 50% reduction in subscription. All members who will attain the age of 70 in the current Club year will be granted free membership.</p> <p>Annual subscriptions must be paid on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> April annually and the Secretary shall post a notice to this effect on the Club Notice Board.</p> <p>The membership of any person who fails to pay their subscription with-in the period allowed is automatically and irrevocably terminated.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Election of Members.</b>	<p>Every application for Club Membership must be made in writing on the standard application form, applicants must be proposed and seconded by a current member both of whom must have been a member for at least six months.</p> <p>The application form must have been displayed on the Club Notice board for at least seven days prior to the election meeting.</p> <p>Any objections to the applicant by another member must be notified to the committee in writing prior to the election meeting.</p> <p>The General Committee of the Club shall have the power to accept or refuse any applicant without having to state a reason for refusal. No person may be admitted to membership or to the other privileges of membership without an interval of seven days between nomination and admission. No applicant who is rejected may re-apply for membership until a period of Six Months have elapsed from the time of rejection.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Register of Club Members.</b>	There shall be kept on the Club Premises a Register of the Names and Addresses of the Club Members and the latest payment of their subscriptions.
<b>9</b>	<b>Misconduct of a Club Member.</b>	Any member of the Management Committee or the Club Bar Steward shall have the power, as they think fit to either suspend a member or warn them as to their future conduct on the Club Premises should they commit any act which may cause injury to the Clubs reputation or is considered to be against the interests of the other Club members.
<b>10</b>	<b>Expulsion of a Member.</b>	When a member is suspended the Secretary shall send the person notice of their suspension to their home address and shall ask the member to attend a meeting which is to be convened within seven day's of the date of the letter, with the Management Committee to explain their conduct. If the Committee on hearing the evidence that may be called and after affording the member a fair and honest hearing decide that the offence is of a serious nature, they may either decide to suspend the member for a period as they think fit or immediately terminate the persons membership, this must be by a clear two thirds majority of the committee members present at the meeting. Any person so expelled shall thereupon cease to be a member and forfeit all rights as such. No person whose membership has been terminated may reapply for membership for a period of twelve months from the date of expulsion.
<b>11</b>	<b>Termination.</b>	In addition to the provisions dealing with termination described in rules 6 to 10 above, any member may resign their membership by

		giving written notice to that effect to the Club Secretary.
12	<b>Admission of Guests by a Member.</b>	Members may introduce guests to the Club, but no more than two guests may be admitted at any one time by any member. The member and his guest/s must sign the visitors book kept behind the bar for that purpose. The member must accompany the guest/s whilst on the Clun premise and is responsible for ensuring that the rules of the Club are strictly observed. No member introducing guest/s shall permit their guest/s to make any purchases of any kind while on the Club premises. Guests will be allowed to play pool, bingo and the gaming machine. No person may be signed in as a guest on a regular basis if the person lives within three miles radius of the Clubs designated catchment area unless they have applied for membership a three mile radius of the Club is understood to include, Penperlleni, Goytre, Nantyberry, Little Mill, Llanover, Llanfair, Monkwood and Usk. No member whose membership has ceased or has been suspended under rules 6, 9 or 10 shall be admitted as a guest.
13	<b>Admission of Visitors.</b>	The Club shall admit visitors who are members of visiting sports teams who are playing matches against the Club, such persons shall sign the visitors book stating the name of their Pub Club or Organisation. These visitors are permitted to purchase refreshments and intoxicating liquor for consumption on the premises. They are permitted to play the gaming machine.
14	<b>Special Functions.</b>	The Committee may in any one year authorise a maximum of twelve functions such as Wedding Receptions, Birthday Parties, Presentations or any other like celebration or event, organised by a Club Member where non-members will be permitted to attend. The member organising such an event shall provide the committee in advance of the function with a full list of those attending. Guests attending these functions are permitted to purchase drinks for consumption on the Club premises.
15	<b>Officers.</b>	The Officers of the Club shall be a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected by Ballot at the Annual General Meeting and shall remain in office for a period of two years. Any of the Officers shall be removable from office at anytime providing that two thirds of the members present at a meeting called for that purpose vote in favour of such a removal.
16	<b>Committee.</b>	The affairs of the Club shall be managed by a management committee consisting of six members who shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting plus the four Officers. No member can be nominated for either officer or committee member until they have been a club member for at least twelve months. Affiliated Organisations may if they so desire nominate a committee member to look after their organisations interests.
17	<b>General Meetings.</b>	The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Club shall be held in August each year and fifteen months shall not elapse without an AGM being held. The purpose of the meeting shall be for the election of Officers and Members of the Management Committee, presentation of the Audited Accounts for the year to 31 <sup>st</sup> March and reports from the Officers. At least 14 days prior to the date fixed for the AGM the secretary shall post notices in the Club and two other prominent locations in the village stating the time, date and place of the meeting.

18	<b>Special General Meeting.</b>	A Special General Meeting (SGM) must be called by the Secretary if required to do so by a requisition signed by not less than fifteen members of the Club. The meeting shall be held not less than 14 days or more than 21 days after the receipt of the requisition and shall only deal with the business specified in the request.
19	<b>Voting.</b>	At a AGM the voting shall be confined to Full Members of the Club, each of whom shall have one vote. In the case of a tie the motion shall be lost (their cannot be a chairpersons casting vote) a simple majority shall be sufficient for ordinary motions put to the meeting, but alterations and amendments to these rules must receive a majority of two thirds of the members present. Members entitled to vote but not present at the AGM shall be bound by the decisions of the meeting.
20	<b>Quorum for Meetings</b>	The quorum for AGMs or SGMs shall be fifteen members present. No motion shall be put to a meeting attended by fewer than that number. The quorum for Management Committee meetings of the Club shall be six members present two of whom must be Officers.
21	<b>Byelaws.</b>	The Management Committee may from time to time make byelaws, not inconsistent with these rules, nor with current or future legislation or regulations from the appropriate authorities, for the conduct of members and governing the affairs of the Club. A copy of these bylaws must be available on request by any member and a copy must be posted on the Club Notice Board.
22	<b>Intoxicating Liquor.</b>	The purchase and supply to members of intoxicating liquor on the Club Premises shall be under the control of the Management Committee. Intoxicating Liquor shall be supplied on the Club Premises to Full Members and on their order and to guests in accordance with the permitted hours laid down under the terms of the current Local Authority license. And fixed by the Management Committee under the Club Byelaws. The permitted opening hours shall be posted on the Club Notice Board at all times.
23	<b>Alteration to The Rules.</b>	The rules of the Club may from time to time be amended, repealed or replaced by a resolution at the AGM of the Club, providing that any resolution receives a majority of at least two thirds of those members present and entitled to vote.
24	<b>Dissolution.</b>	A motion for the winding up of the Club may be put to a SGM called for that purpose, on a reasonable notice in writing to all members on the register. At such a meeting a majority of three quarters of those present and entitled to vote shall be required for such a motion to be carried. The assets of the Club after the payment of all debts and liabilities shall be devoted to a purpose designated by the meeting.
25	<b>Heading.</b>	The heading contained in these rules are for ease of reference only and shall not be taken into account in their interpretation.
26.	<b>Interpretation.</b>	Reference to the masculine shall include the feminine and where appropriate the singular and the plural.

**Bylaw No 1.**  
**(Approved at the AGM on 23. 08.2001.)**

<b>5</b>	<b>Junior Membership.</b>  <b>Children under the age of 14.</b>	All Children in this age group are welcome to use the Club when accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for their conduct. They must be off the Club premises by 9.30pm Sunday to Friday. They are permitted to remain on the premises on some Saturdays when there are organised events in the Club or Main Hall.
	<b>Children over 14 but under 16 years.</b>	The Club will allow children of this age group to use the Club providing they are accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for their conduct; this age group are permitted to play pool. There are no time restrictions.
	<b>Juniors over 16 but under 18 years.</b>	Clarification of the current rule, Junior Members of this age group who have been accepted as a Junior Member may use the Club unaccompanied.
	<b>Note</b>	Children and Junior Members are not allowed by law to purchase alcoholic drinks at the Bar, or consume any alcoholic drink purchased by others.

**Bylaw No 2.**  
**(Approved by the Management Committee 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2006)**

<b>5</b>	<b>Membership.</b>  <b>Children under the age of 14.</b>	The Management Committee agreed to make Saturdays "Family Friendly" and allow Parents and or Guardians with children under the age of 14 to remain in the Club until closing time the Parent or Guardian are responsible for their conduct whilst they are on the premises. The Children will be permitted to play pool provided they are competent. .
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