



GRAMPIAN PICKLEBALL CLUB
CONSTITUTION
(FEBRUARY 2026)

1. NAME

The Club shall be called “Grampian Pickleball Club” (Hereinafter referred to as the Club). The Club will be affiliated to the National and International Governing bodies of the sport of Pickleball.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Club will be:

- 2.1 To provide members of the Club, in the long term with quality facilities and court time to play and develop the sport
- 2.2 To offer members, guests and seasonal visitors to the North East of Scotland, opportunities to play, to attend Club sessions, to access coaching and to provide opportunities to participate in competitive Pickleball both locally and nationally
- 2.3 To promote the Club within local North East (Scotland) communities and on a national basis with other Pickleball clubs based in Scotland and the UK
- 2.4 To further the development of the sport of Pickleball in partnership with other organisations, and bodies with similar objectives, sharing knowledge, expertise, equipment and resources
- 2.5 To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club
- 2.6 To provide all the Clubs’ services in a way that is fair to everyone

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership of the Club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in Pickleball in accordance with the Club’s constitution
- 3.2 The membership shall consist of the following one (1) category
 - Full membership – Adult (over 18)
- 3.3 Members shall pay membership fees as fixed at each Annual General Meeting.
- 3.4 All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club, members shall be deemed to accept these regulations and the code of conduct which the Club has adopted

- 3.5 Individuals seeking to join the Club shall submit an application to the Club committee. Members shall be admitted by the Club committee. Membership is open to all. No application will be refused on other than on reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on the grounds of race, occupation, sex or religious, political or other opinion
- 3.6 Individuals will not be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at a General Meeting or be eligible to represent the Club in any type of competition unless their subscription has been paid by the due date and their membership has been agreed by the Club committee

4. MANAGEMENT

- 4.1 The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by an executive committee which shall consist of the Officers of the Club plus four (4) ordinary members, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4.2 The Officers of the Club shall be: -
- Chair (Honorary)
 - Treasurer (Honorary)
 - Secretary (Honorary)
- 4.3 The term of office (for officers of the Club) shall be for a minimum of two (2) years before standing for re-election, and if re-elected at the end of their tenure, may serve a minimum of one (1) year before standing down, otherwise may serve a maximum of two (2) years as before.
Ordinary committee members shall be eligible for re-election each year.
- 4.4 If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the executive committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting
- 4.5 All committee members must be fully paid-up members of the Club.
- 4.6 The committee will be responsible for developing and adopting new policies, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the Club
- 4.7 The committee will have the power to appoint any advisors to the committee as necessary to fulfil its business
- 4.8 The committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Club rules/regulations/constitution or who contravene the Club's code of conduct. The committee will be responsible in taking any action on suspension or discipline following such hearings

- 4.9 Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary and will be held four (4) times a year, or as deemed necessary
- 4.10 Only the positions as constituted (Para 4.1) will have the right to vote at committee meetings
- 4.11 The quorum required for business to be agreed at committee meetings will be three (3) members. The use of technology such as video conferencing will be permitted if necessary

5. GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 Annual General Meeting

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of February to:

- Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM
- Receive reports from the Chairperson and Secretary
- Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts
- Receive a report from an appropriate independent person elected annually at the Annual General Meeting certifying the Club's accounts
- Agree upon membership fees for the ensuing year
- Consider changes to the constitution
- Review and consider any Bye-laws
- Elect the executive committee
- Appoint an appropriately independent person responsible for certifying the Club's accounts
- Deal with other relevant business

5.2 Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The executive committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of its members.

5.3 Notices

- Notice of the AGM will be given by the Club Secretary with a minimum of at least 14 days' notice, and the Agenda shall be posted for all members to access. No business shall be conducted unless fair notice thereof is contained within the Agenda
- Notice of an EGM will be given by the Club Secretary as detailed above for an AGM without undue delay

5.4 Voting

- All members have the right to vote at both the AGM and EGM
- With the exception of changes to the Constitution, decisions put to a vote shall be resolved by a simple majority at General Meetings
- The Chairperson of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as casting vote at general and committee meetings

5.5 Quora

- The quorum for an AGM shall be two (2) Officers/committee members and 20% of the membership
- The quorum for committee meetings shall be 40% of the committee members.

5.6 Changes to the Constitution

- Any changes to the constitution shall require a two thirds' majority of those present, eligible to vote and voting at an AGM or EGM
- A proposal to change the constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary who shall circulate the proposal to all members and allow seven (7) days for submission of any amendments before calling a meeting in accordance with rule 5.3 above
- All proposals for changes to the constitution shall be signed by two (2) members eligible to vote at a General Meeting

6. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

6.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for conducting the financial affairs of the Club

6.2 The financial year for the Club shall run from 1st February to 31st January

6.3 All Club monies will be banked in the account held in the name of the Club

6.4 The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the Annual Accounts of the Club which will be presented at the AGM

- 6.5 The Club account shall be certified by an appropriate independent person elected annually at the Annual General Meeting
- 6.6 Any withdrawals against the Club's fund shall be documented by the Treasurer and endorsed by one other committee member

7. DISCIPLINE & APPEALS

- 7.1 All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary
- 7.2 The executive committee will meet to hear complaints within fourteen (14) days of that complaint being received. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the suspension or termination of a membership
- 7.3 The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the complainer and the member against whom the complaint was made within seven (7) days of the hearing
- 7.4 There will be a right of appeal - by submitting the grounds for the appeal in writing, to the committee within fourteen (14) days following the disciplinary action being issued to a member. The committee, (excluding the executive committee members who heard and took action on the original complaint) should consider the grounds for appeal within twenty-one (21) days of the Secretary receiving the written appeal from the appellant

8. DISSOLUTION

- 8.1 A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership
- 8.2 In the event of a dissolution, all debts should be cleared using the remaining Club funds. Any assets of the Club that remain will be transferred or donated to another other organisation or organisations having objects similar to the objects of the Club or to the Association to which the Club is affiliated (Pickleball Scotland)

9. DECLARATION

Grampian Pickleball Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a standing operating procedure regulating the actions of members

Signed:

Date:

Name:

Position:

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