

ORPINGTON BRIDGE CLUB - RULES

1. TITLE The Club shall be called the Orpington Bridge Club. The status of Orpington Bridge Club is an Unincorporated Association.
2. OBJECT The Objects of the Club shall be to provide facilities for its members for playing Duplicate Contract Bridge, on such evenings as may be decided by the Committee and matches with other Clubs.
3. THE COMMITTEE The Committee shall be responsible for the management of the Club and shall be empowered to co-opt members to the Committee, who can not vote, appoint Sub-Committees and make bye-laws. A quorum shall be four members. If a vacancy for an official position arises, the Committee can appoint an acting official. The Committee shall be responsible for appointing the Tournament Director for each evening of bridge and a Match Captain for matches with other Clubs.
4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting during the month of January, of which at least twenty eight days notice be given to members, to transact the following business :-
 - a. To receive a report from the Chairman
 - b. To receive the Treasurer's Accounts
 - c. To elect a Committee consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and four other members
 - d. To elect an auditor
 - e. To consider any other business raised by members
5. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING The Committee shall be empowered to call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club at any time. Such a meeting shall also be called within twenty one days after request to the Secretary signed by not less than ten members, stating the subject to be dealt with. No business other than that for which it was convened shall be discussed at such a meeting. Fourteen days notice of such a meeting shall be given to all members.
6. MEMBERSHIP Prospective members shall be approved by member(s) of the Committee. A member can be expelled from the Club, following agreement by a simple majority of the committee. The Committee will keep a register of members which will include details of their names, addresses, EBU number and contact details.
7. SUBSCRIPTION The annual subscription for an adult member for the forthcoming year (1st February to 31st January) shall be agreed at a General Meeting and be payable by 1st February. New adult members joining after 1st August shall pay half the full rate for the remaining period of that year. Table money and fees for members and visitors shall be decided by the Committee.
Young people under 18 years of age or receiving full time education may become junior members of the Club at the discretion of the Committee on payment of a subscription of half the adult rate.
8. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS Only members are allowed to vote at general meetings, they can vote at the meeting or vote by proxy, with the details of the votes given to the current chairman or secretary.
9. VISITORS Visitor's shall abide by the rules and bye-laws of the club and submit an application for membership no later than the sixth visit within a year. Visitor's play at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
10. CLUB RULE ALTERATIONS Any motion to add to or amend these rules shall be given to the Club Secretary not less than twenty one days prior to a General Meeting, and details of proposed amendments shall be made available to members. Any change to the rules requires a simple majority of votes.
11. BRIDGE RULES Bridge rules shall be the English Bridge Union (EBU) Laws of Duplicate Bridge. Rules governing Club competitions shall be announced prior to such competitions being played.
The Tournament Director for the evening shall control the constitution of the tables and conditions of play.
12. OFFICE OF HONORARY PRESIDENT The Annual General Meeting may appoint a President of the Club. Such person shall not be required to pay an annual subscription and shall not be entitled to vote at General or Committee meetings.
(as revised at 2014 AGM)