

WEDMORE BRIDGE CLUB

Rules and Constitution

1. **Name** The name of the Club shall be Wedmore Bridge Club of Wedmore, Somerset
2. **Object** The object of the Club shall be to organise the playing of Contract Bridge on a regular basis in a friendly and sociable atmosphere. The Club will be affiliated to the English Bridge Union and the Somerset Contract Bridge Assoc.
3. **Membership** Membership shall be by application. A person making such an application will attend for a minimum of 3 occasions, being charged more than the set Table Money, before the Committee will consider permanent membership.
4. **Fees and Subscriptions** An Annual Subscription is payable by all members, becoming due on, or before, the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

Table Money, as fixed by the Committee, is payable for each playing session.

New members will pay the annual subscription rate at the time of joining.

Visitors are welcome, and will pay double the set Table Money.

The Committee shall review Fees & Subscriptions regularly, and shall have the power to alter them as necessary.
5. **Control** The day to day business of the Club shall be conducted by the Committee. Significant changes of policy will be dealt with at the A.G.M. All competitions and tournaments will be run by a Tournament Director.
6. **Officers** The Officers of the Club shall be: Chairman; Treasurer; & Secretary. Officers shall be elected at the A.G.M. and shall serve for one year, and become eligible for re-election thereafter, but will not normally serve for more than three consecutive years.
7. **Committee** The Committee shall consist of the Officers and up to four elected members.
8. **Co-option** The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member to fill any vacancy occurring amongst the Officers or Committee members.
9. **Annual General Meeting** The Annual General Meeting shall be in September or October to transact the following business:
 - * To receive and adopt the report of the Club's activities for that year.
 - To receive and adopt the Accounts for the year.
 - To elect Officers in accordance with the rules.
 - To elect Committee Members in accordance with the rules.
 - To make decisions on such as may be appropriate.Notice of the A.G.M. shall be given at least 14 days before that Meeting date.

Preferably, nomination for Officers or Committee Members should be received by the Secretary not less than 7 days before the A.G.M.

10. **Voting** Voting will normally be by a show of hands.
11. **Club Nights** Card play on club nights will usually be informal tournaments on a partnership, or individual basis, as designated by the Tournament Director, and depending on the number present at 7pm. A member arriving late cannot be guaranteed the right to play on that night.
12. **Duties of Members** In order to maintain the friendly and sociable atmosphere which is part of the Club's objectives, members must avoid the acrimony which can arise in any competitive game.

The Committee shall have the power to suspend, or require the resignation of, any Member deemed to have acted in a manner detrimental to the objectives of the Club, without giving reasons for their decision.

Private table stakes are not permitted.
13. **Omissions** The Committee shall have the authority to deal with any matters not provided for in these Rules.
14. **Authority of** All members shall be bound by these Rules, and by any subsequent amendment properly notified by a General Meeting.