

# **COSTA BLANCA UMPIRES AND MARKERS ASSOCIATION**

## **Rules and Constitution**

At an inaugural meeting held on the 22nd November 1994 it was resolved to form the "Costa Blanca Umpires and Markers Association" (hereafter referred to as the CBUMA).

### **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

- a) To promote the training of Markers and Umpires within the Costa Blanca area.
- b) To assist in any way requested by any bowls club concerning marking and/or umpiring the game of bowls.
- c) To encourage all National, Provincial, Regional and Club Committees to use CBUMA qualified members for matches in the Costa Blanca area.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Association shall comprise the following member categories:-

- a) Honorary - have submitted visual proof of qualifications issued by other accepted organisations.
- b) CBUMA certified Markers.
- c) CBUMA certified Umpires.

All members shall be considered equal and there will be no discrimination of race, sex, religion, ideology or any other personal or social condition of circumstance.

Loss of membership:-

- a) Voluntary resignation.
- b) Following a decision of a disciplinary sub-committee formed by the main committee based on serious misconduct or bringing the CBUMA into disrepute.

A register of all members shall be kept by the Secretary. Any alterations to name, address or telephone number shall be notified to the Secretary by the person concerned or by the club delegate.

### **OFFICERS**

- a) The officers of the Association shall comprise:
  - i) President
  - ii) Honorary Secretary/Treasurer
  - iii) Vice President OR, Vice President North Alicante AND Vice President South Alicante should nominations be made.

Each club shall elect a delegate to represent its CBUMA members. Only members of the CBUMA shall have the right to vote in said election.

- b) The President and Vice President shall be elected each year at the AGM.
- c) An Honorary Secretary/Treasurer shall be appointed by the elected President for the duration of his/her office.
- d) Any currently serving officer at the time of the AGM may seek re-election (providing they are nominated).

### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

The CBUMA shall hold an Annual General Meeting normally in November. Notice being given in writing to each club that has CBUMA members at least five weeks before the date of the meeting. (One copy to CBUMA delegate/one copy to Club Secretary).

All proposals must be forwarded in writing to the Secretary at least three weeks prior to date of the meeting. All proposals must be proposed and seconded. Both names must be legible.

Nominations for President/Vice Presidents must be forwarded in writing to the Secretary at least three weeks prior to date of meeting. All nominations must have a Proposer and Secunder, together with accepting nominee. All names must be legible.

Notice of all nominations/proposals shall be notified to each appropriate club for display on Club notice boards two weeks prior to the date of the AGM.

A balance sheet submitted by the Secretary/Treasurer shall be approved at each AGM. All expenditures of more than 30€ shall be approved by two Officers.

Extraordinary General Meetings shall be called by the President or by 20% of the membership. Such meetings being notified in the same manner as an AGM, detailing the reason for the meeting. Only those items specified shall be discussed.

It will be deemed sufficient for all CBUMA notices of intent to have been displayed at club premises.

## **VOTING**

Votes shall be accepted by the following methods:

- a) Personal attendance.
- b) Proxy vote - where a member gives his/her right of vote to another member in writing. (The Secretary must be notified of all proxy votes prior to the commencement of the meeting.)
- c) Postal vote - where a member submits a written direction to vote on specific nominations and/or proposals, having been given previous notice of such nominations/proposals. (A Postal vote must be submitted in advance).

Voting for proposals shall be by show of hands, by all members having a right to vote, taking account of proxy and postal votes.

All voting for Officers shall be by a personal, free and secret ballot, by all members having a right to vote, taking account of proxy and postal votes. Three members shall be elected as scrutineers to record votes and shall pass the results to the President.

In the event of only one candidate being nominated for a position they will be elected to the position with no voting process

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

There shall be no annual fees or subscriptions to members. If finance is required for exceptional circumstances a levy, the amount to be decided by the President, Vice President and Secretary shall be imposed equally on all members.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Any member can be reprimanded as determined by the CBUMA for:

- a) Misconduct whilst officiating.
- b) Bringing the CBUMA into disrepute.

Complaints, which must be in writing, may be made to the CBUMA President/Secretary. The President shall appoint a sub-committee which will meet within 14 days. The person about whom the complaint has been lodged has the right to be present and may bring witnesses. In the event of a dispute on the sub-committee's decision, the person may appeal to the President, whose decision shall be final. Should the complaint involve the President then the sub-committee shall be appointed by the Vice President and his/her decision shall be final in the event of dispute.

## **GENERAL**

The President and Vice President shall adjudicate on all matters of interpretation of the "Laws of the Game" within its membership, and to any other bodies which request adjudication and/or advice concerning the interpretation of the "Laws of the Game".

Expenses paid to Umpires who are called on to officiate by the LLB will be agreed between CBUMA and the LLB from time to time. Clubs will use their own discretion regarding expenses paid to Umpires for their own club events. It is up to CBUMA members to determine the individual Club policy before agreeing to officiate.

**Amendments approved by the CBUMA AGM November 27<sup>th</sup> 2016:**

**OFFICERS - Items a (ii) and (iii)**

**VOTING**

**GENERAL – Expenses**

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