

# CONSTITUTION

## I Chiltern Hockey Club, Luton Bedfordshire

- I.I The name of the Club shall be Chiltern Hockey Club (CHC).
- 1.2 The Club shall be situated in the County of Bedfordshire.
- I.3 The objectives of the Club shall be;
  - 1.3.1 The provision of playing, leading/coaching, umpiring and administrative opportunities at a participation, development and performance level.
  - 1.3.2 To provide equity of opportunity across all areas of the club, to encourage inclusion by minority groups.
  - 1.3.3 To provide a safe, effective and friendly environment in which to play and learn hockey.

1.4 The Club shall be a members club open to all.

## 2 Membership

- 2.1 Playing membership is open to all individuals aged 13 or over. Staff Membership is open to individuals of any age. Membership is subject to the completion of parental consent in the case of U18's and the payment of appropriate fees.
- 2.2 Membership fees will be charged as agreed at the Clubs Annual General Meeting.

## **3 Committee and Officers**

- 3.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Committee of CHC except for matters reserved for the club in Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 CHC Committee shall consist of Chairman, President, Secretary, Treasurer, Club Captain, Social Secretary and Press Officer who shall be elected by the Club in Annual General Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Captain will attend the Committee after election by the team.
- 3.3 CHC Committee may appoint one or more additional officers of CHC Committee for such purposes as it may deem appropriate.
- 3.4 The elected President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Club shall be the signatories for all payments made by the Association, of which two of the named must counter sign each and every payment.
- 3.5 The Treasurer in consultation with CHC Committee shall be responsible for recording all financial income and expenditure of the Club and for presenting audited accounts at each Annual General Meeting of the Club.

## **4 Payments or Benefits**

- 4.1 CHC Committee may appoint paid part-time staff for specific coach development projects. Such projects are at the complete discretion of CHC Committee, however they must be CHC projects. Example appointments: coaching staff for development programmes, Leader qualification course tutors etc.
- 4.2 The appointment of any and every paid member of staff must be reviewed and confirmed at each meeting of CHC.

## **5 Annual General Meeting**

- 5.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of April (or May depending on the end of the season) every year.
- 5.2 Notice of the time of the Annual General Meeting shall be posted for a period of at least 14 days before the date of such a meeting.
- 5.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by CHC Committee or by three members making a written request to CHC Committee for such a meeting.
- 5.4 Every member of the Club shall be entitled to be present and to vote at any General Meeting of the Club and should there be equality on any voting issue the Chairman of the meeting shall have the casting vote.

## **6** Subscriptions

6.1 Subscription charges for the Club shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

## 7 Conduct of Members

7.1 CHC Committee may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct has been, in the opinion of CHC Committee, contrary to the interests of the Club or apply the disciplinary code when the code of conduct has been breached.

## 8 Changes to the Constitution of the Club

8.1 These rules may be altered, added to or revoked, in accordance with clubs and association law, by majority comprising twothirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

## 9 Dissolution of the Club

- 9.1 If the Club shall pass in General Meeting, by a majority comprising two-thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote, a resolution of intention to dissolve the Club, CHC Committee shall take immediate steps to convert all of the assets of the Club into money.
- 9.2 The proceeds of the conversion shall be used by CHC Committee firstly to discharge all the debts and liabilities of the Club. Any balance shall be passed on to the Hockey Club.

he validity and accuracy of this constitution, with no changes;
Name:
Signature:
Position:
Date: