

BLOXWICH HOCKEY CLUB CONSTITUTION

Issue No: 6 18th August 2025

1. The Club shall be called 'Bloxwich Hockey Club'.
2. The Club shall be formed to provide hockey-related facilities for its membership.
3. The Club shall be non-profit-making.
4. The Club's membership shall consist of Members and Honorary Life Members. The Club welcomes members from all areas of the community regardless of their culture, gender, language, racial origin, religious belief and/or sexual identity.
5. The Officers of the Club shall consist of the President, the Chairman, the Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Talent Player Pathway Manager plus any other officers deemed necessary by the Committee of the Club.
6. The management and control of the Club shall be vested in the Committee of the Club consisting of the President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer plus other Officers of the Club stated in clause five. The Committee shall meet annually. Four members - two of which must be of the four officers already named in this clause - shall constitute a quorum. Minutes shall be kept of all Committee meetings, Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings of the Club and shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary for reference.
7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held after the end of each season on a date to be determined by the Committee. The membership shall be notified of the meeting not less than seven days in advance of it. Twelve Members - two of which must be of the four officers named in clause six - shall constitute a quorum. All Officers will be elected annually by the meeting by obtaining a majority of those present and voting. Nominations, which must be proposed and seconded, and any other resolutions to be discussed shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary seven days prior to the meeting. All the membership present at the Annual General Meeting is entitled to vote. Any of the membership unable to attend may nominate in writing to the Honorary Secretary an attending Member to vote for them.
8. On the recommendation of the Committee at any Annual General Meeting a Member subject to obtaining a majority of those present and voting may be elected an Honorary Life Member. Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of membership of the Club for the duration of their lives without payment of the annual subscription. Honorary Life Members have the same voting rights as Members on all matters relating to the Club. Note: Wherever this constitution refers to a 'Member' it is also referring to an 'Honorary Life Member'.

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9. Any person wishing to become a Member of the Club shall complete and sign the Membership Application Form on Teamo. The Membership Application Form shall be presented by the Committee member at the next Committee meeting. An applicant shall be elected by a majority of the members of the Committee present.

10. It is a condition of membership of the Club that the Member joins the Bloxwich Stafford Road Sports Club.

11. A register of the names and addresses of the membership shall be kept by Teamo.

12. The Committee shall have the power to expel or suspend any Member who offends against the Constitution of the Club or its rules - as stated in its Code of Conduct – or whose conduct shall in the opinion of the Committee render that Member unfit for membership of the Club. Before any such Member is expelled, the Honorary Secretary shall give at least seven days written notice to attend a Disciplinary Committee meeting and such notice shall include particulars of the complaint made. No Member shall be expelled nor suspended without first having had the opportunity of appearing before a Disciplinary Committee and responding to the complaint made. The decision to expel or suspend must be by a majority of the Disciplinary Committee present. The Member may submit an appeal against the Disciplinary Committee's decision to an Appeal Committee whose decision on the complaint would be binding to all parties. Both the Disciplinary Committee and Appeals Committee will be formed from members of the Committee of the Club; no member shall be part of both of the Disciplinary and Appeal Committees.

13. The Club's finances shall be managed by the treasurer. The annual subscription and playing fees shall be agreed each year at the Annual General Meeting. The annual Accounts of the Club - including a statement of the assets of the Club - shall be presented by the Honorary Treasurer and approved by the meeting.

14. All annual subscriptions shall be paid by the Teamo options. Members who have not paid their subscriptions, nor agreed any payment arrangement with the Honorary Treasurer shall not be eligible for selection for matches nor have any voting rights at meetings until payment arrangements have been agreed.

15. The Committee shall have the power to borrow money or finance any project which will increase, 'maintain or enhance the facilities available to its membership. The amount borrowed must not exceed the annual income of the Club as determined by the last accepted Accounts of the Club unless otherwise agreed at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

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16. An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club must be summoned by the Honorary Secretary within twenty one days of either being presented with a notice in writing requesting a meeting signed by twenty of the membership of the Club or at the request of the Committee of the Club. All of the membership shall be notified of the meeting not less than seven days in advance of it and shall be informed of the matters to be dealt with. Twelve members shall constitute a quorum. Only the matters previously notified to the membership shall be discussed.

17. If at any Extraordinary General Meeting or Annual General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club shall be passed by a majority of the membership present, and if such a resolution shall be confirmed by a subsequent resolution passed by a majority of the membership present at a second Extraordinary General Meeting held not more than one month after the first meeting, the Committee shall immediately or at such future date as shall be specified by the resolution proceed to realise the assets of the Club. After discharge of all liabilities the Committee shall donate the remainder of the funds realised to the trustees of the Bloxwich Stafford Road Sports Club. Upon the completion of this, the Club shall be dissolved.

18. The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this Constitution. The decision of the Committee upon any question of that interpretation or upon any matter concerning the Club and not provided for by this Constitution shall be final and binding.

19. This Constitution may be added to, repealed or amended by a resolution passed at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting by a two-thirds majority of those members attending and voting.

End of Constitution.

This constitution of the Bloxwich Hockey Club was approved by the membership at the 2025 Annual General Meeting on the 18th August 2025.

Signed: *K Yeoman*

Original signed copy retain by the Honorary club Secretary after the 2025 AGM

Katie Yeoman
Chairwoman

Sophie Field
Secretary