



THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF WALLINGFORD HOCKEY CLUB

1. NAME OF THE CLUB

The name of the Club shall be Wallingford Hockey Club. It shall comprise an adult Men's section and an adult Women's section and a mixed junior section to be known as Wallingford Wildcats.

2. AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall be affiliated to South Central Hockey, Oxfordshire Hockey Umpires Association and England Hockey, and shall abide by the rules of England Hockey and South Central Hockey or such bodies as may assume their status.

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

The main purposes of the club are to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of hockey.

4. CLUB COLOURS

The Club's colours shall be green and white quartered shirts and green socks with white tops. The men will wear white shorts and the women blue skirts, skorts or shorts.

5. COMPOSITION OF THE CLUB

The Club shall consist of a President, honorary Vice Presidents, a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, appointed Committee Members and Members.

6. MEMBERSHIP

A Member is a person who has paid a current annual membership or for whom a current annual membership has been paid. Committee Members, The Men's and Women's Club Captains, team captains and honorary Vice Presidents shall be elected at the Club's Annual General Meeting. The appointed Committee shall have the authority to make appointments to advertised posts should vacancies occur between Annual General Meetings.

All Members over the age of 13 shall have one vote. The appointed Committee shall have the power to refuse or revoke membership.



Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs, except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of hockey.

The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members. Please be aware that no member previously involved in the decision to refuse or remove membership may be part of any Appeal Committee.

7. SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscription rate shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and displayed on the Club's website, together with details of the match fees payable. Any person who is in breach of the payment schedule shall be liable to non-selection and forfeit membership of the Club at the discretion of the Committee.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting shall be held in May/June at which the election of the President, Chairman, Committee Members, necessary officers of the Club, honorary Vice Presidents and the receiving of accounts and the Chairman's report shall take place.

At least twenty-one days' notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to all Members. Nominations for the election of officers shall be submitted to the Club Secretary in writing at least seven days before the meeting.

Retiring Committee Members shall be eligible for re-election. Fifteen members shall form a quorum.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held at the decision of the Committee or at the written request of at least ten Members to the Secretary stating the resolution to be put to the meeting. This meeting shall be held within twenty-one days of receipt of the request and at least ten days' notice shall be given to Members.

Resolutions at General Meetings will be passed by a simple majority vote of those present.

Each club member who has been registered for at least 28 days is entitled to one vote.



9. COMMITTEES

The control and management of the Club shall be vested in the Committee comprising the following roles: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Men's Club Captain, Women's Club Captain, Men's Fixture Secretary, Women's Fixture Secretary, Wallingford Sports Trust Representative, Men's Welfare Officer, Women's Welfare Officer, Wildcats Welfare Officer, Umpiring Coordinator, Director of Hockey, Social Secretary. At the Chairman's discretion, the Committee may be extended to include further roles to assist in the good management of the Club.

Chairperson - Steers the future direction of principal club matters, chairs committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and coordinates committee business.

Treasurer - Manages the club's accounts and its income and expenditure throughout the year, updates financial records and creates the end of year report.

Secretary - Supports the chairperson in the efficient running of the club. Organises meetings and take minutes, including the AGM, and actions or distributes all club correspondence.

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No more than three months shall elapse between meetings of the Committee and seven Committee Members shall form a quorum.

Each of the Men's and Women's sections will have its own playing sub-committee to be run by the Men's and Women's Club Captains.

The junior section of the Club will have its own sub-committee responsible for the administration and the playing of junior hockey. This will report to the Director of Junior Hockey.

The sub-committees shall be responsible to the Committee.

11. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

The Committee shall have the power to discipline or expel any Member for improper conduct after full consideration, but the offending Member shall have the opportunity personally to explain the circumstances leading to the charge of improper conduct to the Committee prior to the Committee reaching a decision. Any Member expelled shall forfeit all interest in the property of the Club and any subscription paid.



Members have a right to appeal a disciplinary decision and must do so in writing within 14 days. A new panel will then be appointed to review the decision in accordance with the England Hockey Disciplinary Regulations.

12. GENERAL

The Club is non-profit making in that any surplus income or gains shall be reinvested in the Club and there shall be no distribution of assets in kind to Members or to third parties.

At its sole discretion, the Committee shall have the authority to make donations to charities or other clubs that are registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs.

Upon dissolution of the club, any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

No alteration to these rules shall be made except by a resolution in General Meeting carried by no less than three quarters of eligible Members present at the meeting. At least twenty-one days' notice of the date of such a General Meeting shall be given to all Members.

The Committee shall have the power to deal in any matter not provided for in these rules.

13. FINANCES

The Club Treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the Club. The Treasurer shall present the financial year's accounts to the Annual General Meeting and the Chairman shall confirm the balances. The Treasurer shall also make the bank statements available to review at each year end.

The Members present at the Annual General Meeting shall either 1) vote to accept the account as presented, or 2) compel the Committee to organise an examination or similar, the extent of which shall be determined by the Committee, or 3) compel the Committee to seek an external audit.

The Club's financial year shall run from 1st May to 30th April.

14. CHANGES TO THE CONSITUTION

Any changes to the constitution of the Club shall require a two thirds majority of those attending a General Meeting to vote in their favour, subject always to there being a quorum present.



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