



Constitution

1 Name

The club will be called BRISTOL-UWE HOCKEY CLUB and will be affiliated to England Hockey.

2 Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in hockey
- To promote the club within the local community
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
- To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

3 Membership

Membership should consist of officers and members of the club.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- Full member
- Associate member
- Junior member
- Life member
- Student member

4 Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Management Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscription fees will be paid annually.

Match fees shall be paid on a weekly or monthly basis as agreed by the Management Committee.

5 Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Honorary Secretary
- Treasurer
- Fixtures Secretary
- Publicity Officer
- any other relevant position.

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-election.

6 Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of the Officers of the Club and:

- The Captains of each side
- Match Secretary
- Social Secretary
- Representative from the University of West of England
- Club Coach.

The Management Committee shall have a minimum of 2 students and 3 non-students. If this requirement is not satisfied by the members appointed to the above roles then the Management Committee may co-opt such members as are necessary to fulfil this requirement.

Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than 6 per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be 4.

The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

The Management Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfill its business.

The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/ constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

7 Finance

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the club will end on 1st June.

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signature of the Treasurer.

8 Annual General Meetings

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days' notice to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the audited accounts.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Election of officers is to take place at the AGM.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for AGMs will be 10.

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

9 Discipline and appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 14 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 28 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10 Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

If the club is dissolved any surplus funds held by the club at the time of dissolution shall be used for the benefit of hockey in the Bristol area.

11 Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

12 Declaration

Bristol-UWE Hockey Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide

