

CONSTITUTION

1 The Name, Location, Objects and Type of Club

1.1 The name of the Club shall be Olney Ladies Hockey Club, OLHC.

1.2 Whilst the Club's players are mainly from Olney and Bedfordshire, the home ground is situated in Wellingborough and as such league games shall be played in Northamptonshire.

1.3 The objects of the Club shall be;

1.3.1 To encourage an interest in hockey in the Olney area.

1.3.2 The recruitment and development of young ladies and adults into the sport of hockey as players, leaders/coaches, umpires and administrators.

1.3.2 The provision of playing, leading/coaching, umpiring and administrative opportunities at a participation, development and performance level.

1.3.3 To provide equity of opportunity across all areas of the club, to encourage inclusion by minority groups.

1.3.4 To provide a safe, effective and friendly environment in which to play and learn hockey.

1.3.5 To promote co-operation between members for social and sporting purposes.

1.3.6 The club is non-political and non-sectarian.

1.3.7 The Club is run as a non-profit making organisation. In the event that a surplus were to arise in any financial period, such surplus shall be re-invested in the Club and shall not be distributed to the Members.

1.3.8 The Committee of the Club shall be entitled to make donations to Charities or to other Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) if it judges that such donations reflect the wishes of, and are in the interests of, the Members. All such disbursements shall be reported to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

1.4 The Club shall be a members club open to all over 14s.

2 Membership

2.1 Playing membership is open to all individuals aged 14 or over. Membership is subject to the completion of parental consent for under 18s and the payment of appropriate fees.

2.2 There shall be 3 levels of membership

2.2.1 Senior members – Playing members over the age of 18 on January 1st.

2.2.2 Junior members - Junior Members who must be under the age of 18 on January 1st preceding the start of the playing season, and shall enjoy all rights of membership but may pay a reduced amount to be agreed at the AGM. Parental consent must be given for Junior Members to be part of the club.

2.2.3 Social members – Members who participate in the Club's social activities but do not attend training and play in less than 3 games per season.

2.3 Membership fees will be charged as agreed at the Clubs Annual General Meeting and shall be payable in full by the 30th September following or within 6 weeks of joining whichever is later.

3 Committee and Officers

- 3.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Committee of OLHC except for matters reserved for the club in the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 The Committee shall only meet separately from the AGM where a specific issue is identified as and when it sees fit.
- 3.3 OLHC will endeavour to organise an annual tour every year and a separate Committee shall be appointed to co-ordinate and manage this activity.
- 3.4 OLHC Committee shall consist of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Team Captain, Captain, Vice Captain/s, who shall be elected by the Club in Annual General Meeting.
- 3.5 OLHC Committee may appoint one or more additional officers of OLHC Committee for such purposes as it may deem appropriate.
- 3.6 The elected Chairman, 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.
- 3.7 The Treasurer in consultation with OLHC 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 OLHC Committee may appoint paid part-time staff for specific coach development projects. Such projects are at the complete discretion of OLHC Committee, however they must be OLHC 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 OLHC.

5 Annual General Meeting

- 5.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of April or May 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 Items intended for discussion at the Annual General Meeting should be submitted in writing to the Secretary not less than 7 days before the date of the meeting. Notwithstanding this provision the chairman of the meeting shall, in extraordinary circumstances, have discretion to admit items for discussion where this requirement has not been met.
- 5.4 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by OLHC Committee or by three members making a written request to OLHC Committee for such a meeting.

5.5 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 OLHC Committee may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct has been, in the opinion of OLHC Committee, contrary to the interests of the Club.

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 two-thirds 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, OLHC 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 OLHC Committee firstly to discharge all the debts and liabilities of the Club. Any balance shall be passed on to the Olney Town council for use on other sporting clubs in the town.

We the undersigned, as elected officers of the Club, confirm the validity and accuracy of this constitution, with no changes;

Name: _____

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Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____

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