



OLD SILHILLIANS' HOCKEY CLUB RULES

(As amended at AGM of 1st September 2013)

1. The Club will be known as the "Old Silhillians Hockey Club" and will consist of a President, President Elect, Past Presidents, Honorary Members, Players and Past Playing Members.
2. The purposes of the Club are to encourage the practice, promotion, development and participation in the amateur sport of hockey through the provision of facilities in Solihull and community participation in the same.
3. 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. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
4. 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 or wishing to participate.
5. The General Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, if any member behaves in such a way as to contravene this constitution, published rules or codes of conduct that may exist at the relevant time. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the in the first instance to the Committee with a final right of appeal to the members.
6. The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the club.
7. The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
8. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:-
 - a. Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment
 - b. Employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present
 - c. Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
 - d. Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club.
 - e. The Committee will have due regard to the law on all forms of discrimination and the protection of children and vulnerable adults
9. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than two thirds of the voting members present support that proposal at a properly convened General Meeting. In the event that the Club is wound up the General Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the General Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:-
 - a. To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
 - b. To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
 - c. To the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.
10. Where there is any conflict between Rules 2 to 9 ("key Rules") and any other rule or rules the key Rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASCs (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002.)
11. The Club colours shall be maroon and royal blue. Players shall wear kit that is officially approved by the General Committee.
12. A General Committee, consisting of The President, President Elect, Immediate Past President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Youth Development Officer, Fund Raising Officer, Coaching Co-ordinator, Publicity Officer, Kit and Merchandising Officer and the Men's and Ladies Club Captains, will be responsible for the running of the club.
13. The General committee shall have the power to co-opt.
14. A Men's Playing Committee consisting of Men's Club Captain, Team Captains and Vice Captains of outdoor and indoor hockey, Fixture Secretary and Umpires' Secretary will be responsible for the playing affairs of the Club's men's teams.
15. A Ladies Playing Committee consisting of Ladies Club Captain, Team Captains and Vice Captains of outdoor and indoor hockey, Fixture Secretary and Umpires' Secretary will be responsible for the playing affairs of the Club's ladies teams.
16. The Chairman has the right to be present and to vote at both Men's and Ladies Playing Committees with decisions being determined on a majority basis.

17. A Men's Hockey Disciplinary Committee consisting of the Chairman, Men's Club Captain, Team Captains and Vice Captains of men's indoor and outdoor hockey shall be responsible for and administer any disciplinary measures that from time to time may be necessary.
18. A Ladies Hockey Disciplinary Committee consisting of the Chairman, Ladies Club Captain, Team Captains and Vice Captains of ladies indoor and outdoor hockey shall be responsible for and administer any disciplinary measures that from time to time may be necessary.
19. The Chairman will have overall responsibility for the efficient running of the Club and will have a casting vote at General Meetings, General Committee meetings and Disciplinary Hearings.
20. The members of the General Committee shall be elected each year at the Annual General Meeting, but the President and President Elect will not be eligible for re-election in those offices for two consecutive terms.
21. Annual subscriptions shall be charged, the scale of which shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.
22. Subscriptions for the current season shall fall due and be payable to the treasurer prior to the first league match. The General Committee will have the power to suspend the privileges of membership, or terminate the membership of any member whose subscription remains outstanding after 31st October.
23. Notice of any proposed addition or amendment to the Rules, or to the scale of Annual subscription must reach the Secretary, in writing, not less than 21 days prior to the date of the appropriate Annual General Meeting. Any such proposed alteration will be sent out with the notice convening the meeting.
24. There will be an Annual General Meeting of the Club. This Annual General Meeting will usually be held within the first half of September prior to commencement of League fixtures.
The Secretary will give fourteen days' notice, in writing, of the Annual General Meetings. Fifteen members eligible to vote shall form a quorum at any General or Extraordinary General Meeting. If thirty minutes after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not in attendance, the Chairman will declare the meeting void and will appoint a further date not more than twenty-one days hence.
25. The President, Honorary members and all other playing and past playing members who have paid their current subscription in full may attend and vote at Ordinary and Extraordinary General Meetings – with membership defined by anyone who has paid their Annual Subs in full for the previous 12 months.
26. The Secretary must call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club upon receipt of a request from at least eight voting members, or at the request of the General Committee. Notices specifying the precise purpose of such a meeting shall be sent out with the notice convening the meeting. The Secretary will call an Extraordinary General Meeting within fourteen days of the receipt of the request and will not give less than three days' notice, in writing, of the meeting to all members. For the avoidance of doubt 'in writing' means either/or both of a written and posted communication to Members, or an email to all Members and public notification vis the Club web site (www.silshockey.co.uk)
27. The primary purposes of the Annual General Meeting will be the presentation of the audited final accounts for the previous season by the Treasurer, the making of general arrangements for the forthcoming season, the presentation of reports by the Chairman and Team Captains and the election of officers of the Club for the forthcoming season. The nominations of retiring officers will be accepted at the meeting. Other nominations shall be received by the Secretary, in writing, at least seven days before the date of the meeting. In the event of no nominations being received, the Chairman will accept nominations from the floor. Proposers shall satisfy themselves as to the willingness of their nominees to serve.
28. Copies of the Rules of the Club shall be made available publicly on the Club's web site at www.silshockey.co.uk and shall be distributed to any member within 7 days after a written request to the Secretary. In the event of any amendment to any Rule, or the addition of a Rule, copies of the Rules, as amended, shall be made available publicly on the Club's web site within 7 days. No change in the Rules of the Club will be effective unless approved by a minimum of two-thirds of the voting members present at the appropriate General or Extraordinary General Meeting.
29. The General Committee in session will have the power, if it be approved by two-thirds of the members present to make bye-laws to deal with any matter not provided for in the Club Rules. Any such bye-law so made will be presented before the next Ordinary or Extraordinary General Meeting for confirmation. Copies of any bye-law so made shall be made available on the Club's web site within 7 days of such a bye-law being made.
30. The Secretary will call a General Committee Meeting, if directed to do so by a majority resolution of a General or Extraordinary General Meeting. He will also call a General Committee Meeting at any time at his own discretion, or if requested by 5 or more Members of the General Committee. The Secretary will not give less than three days' notice, in writing, of any General Committee Meeting to each member of the General Committee.
31. Five members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the General Committee. If thirty minutes after the time appointed for the meeting a quorum is not in attendance, the Chairman will declare the meeting void and will appoint a further date not more than fourteen days hence.
32. The Club will be affiliated to the appropriate Mens' and Ladies' County and National Hockey Associations.

Appendix:

Decisions which can be ruled upon by Committees:-

Playing Committees

- Any disbursement in excess of £250

Disciplinary Committees

- Standard 'bans' and fines upto and including the maximum mandated/advised by the appropriate League, Warwickshire/England HAs

Club Committee

- Bans/fines in excess of those under the discretion of the Disciplinary Cttee

General Meeting

- An annual budget forecast to achieve breakeven or surplus for the season
- Any increase in Subscriptions and/or match fees upto and including 4x the annual (RPI) rate of inflation for the month preceeding the meeting

Extra-ordinary General Meeting (and requiring 66% of those attending to approve)

- Change to Rules, Constitution etc
- Any proposal to ban a Member from the Club for a period in excess of 1 year (eg above Disciplinary Cttee discretion)
- Any proposal for the Club to run a 'deficit' budget for a season
- Any disbursement representing over 25% of the Club's forecast season's income and/or reserves