

# CONSTITUTION OF CHARD HOCKEY CLUB



## 1. NAME

- 1.1. The Club shall be called Chard Hockey Club (CHC) and remain so for as long as the club exists.

## 2. AIMS

- 2.1. The aims of the Club shall be to promote and encourage hockey amongst people of all ages; striking a balance between fun and the development of all club members; to achieve individual and team success.
- 2.2. The Club, and its members, will:
  - Welcome and support new players to reach their potential;
  - Provide a fun and friendly environment in which to socialise and develop new skills;
  - Show respect for one another and their opposition;
  - Be committed to doing their best and continually striving to improve;
  - Provide opportunities for all players to participate in competitive matches; and
  - Identify, develop and retain local talent.
- 2.3. Membership shall be open to all, subject to the rules of the Club.

## 3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. Membership will be subject to the completion of a membership application form and, for individuals aged under 18, be signed by a parent or legal guardian. Membership applications shall be approved by the CHC committee. Approval shall not be withheld unreasonably.
- 3.2. Membership fees shall be charged as agreed at the CHC Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) and membership of the club commences upon full payment of membership fees.
- 3.3. There shall be no limit to the number of club members whether playing, social or life members unless imposed at an A.G.M. of the Club.

## 4. MANAGEMENT

- 4.1. The club shall be managed by a committee of members, which shall include, but which shall not be limited to, the President, Chairman, Honorary General Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and all team captains and vice captains.
- 4.2. The committee shall be elected at A.G.M each year and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until their successors are elected at the A.G.M. following their election. Existing committee members may stand for re-election each year.
- 4.3. The committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy that may occur subject to a 67% supportive vote of committee members present at the meeting, which deals with the filling of the vacancy.
- 4.4. During the season the committee shall meet monthly, or as otherwise agreed.

5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS and MATCH FEES**

- 5.1. Subscriptions and match fees for the various classes of members shall be recommended by the committee and submitted for ratification at the A.G.M.
- 5.2. Payment of the annual subscription is the qualification for membership of the club.
- 5.3. Subscriptions shall be due annually and always before the first league fixture of the year.

6. **HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS**

- 6.1. The committee may propose Honorary Life Members on such criteria as it sees fit. The decision to award Honorary Life Membership will be ratified at the A.G.M. following the date of proposal.

7. **OTHER HONORARY MEMBERS**

- 7.1. The committee may propose and award other Honorary Memberships on such criteria as it sees fit and limited to a period of one year.

8. **EXPULSION and OTHER DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

- 8.1. The committee may expel any member who shall offend against the rules of the club or whose conduct shall, in the opinion of the committee, render him or her unfit for membership of the club.
- 8.2. Before any such member is expelled, the General Secretary shall give him or her 14 days written notice to attend a meeting of the committee and shall inform him or her of the complaints made against him or her. No member shall be expelled without first having the opportunity of appearing before the committee and answering complaints made against him or her, nor unless 67% of the committee then present vote in favour of his or her expulsion.
- 8.3. The committee may decide upon all other matters of discipline, subject to satisfying the appropriate Hockey Association guidelines as a minimum standard.

9. **ACCIDENTS or INJURIES to MEMBERS**

- 9.1. The committee cannot be held responsible for accidents involving members' property nor injury to members.

10. **WITHDRAWALS OF CLUB FUNDS**

- 10.1. There shall be four committee officers authorised to sign cheques or to make any other form of withdrawal of club funds.
- 10.2. The authorised committee officers referred to in 10.1 above shall be the Chairman; Treasurer and two other committee members, to be nominated by the committee.
- 10.3. Any cheque withdrawal shall be signed by any two of the four authorised officers.



## **11. ALTERATION OF RULES**

- 11.1. The committee may recommend alterations to the rules of the club and such recommendations shall be submitted for ratification to the next A.G.M. or to a Special General Meeting (S.G.M.) convened for the purpose.
- 11.2. Alteration to the rules is subject to a majority in favour among the members present at the A.G.M. or the S.G.M. Referred to in 10.1 above.
- 11.3. The committee's interpretation of the rules shall be final.

## **12. BYELAWS**

- 12.1. The committee may make by-laws for regulating the conduct and affairs of the club providing the same are not inconsistent with the rules set out herein. Such by-laws shall be posted on the club's website, or by such other means determined by the committee, and shall be binding on all members.

## **13. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 13.1. A general meeting of the club shall be held in every year not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June to transact the following business:-
- 13.2. To receive and discuss accounts of the club's finances to the end of the previous year, which will subsequently be audited;
- 13.3. To consider and, if approved, sanction any recommended alterations to the rules;
- 13.4. To appoint the officers and other members of the committee;
- 13.5. To approve the committee's proposals for Honorary Life Membership;
- 13.6. To deal with any special matter which the committee desires to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the committee.
- 13.7. Notice of the A.G.M. shall be posted on the club's website, and communicated by such other means as determined by the committee, not less than 21 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

## **14. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 14.1. A S.G.M may be convened at any time by the committee and shall be convened within 28 days from the receipt of a request in writing signed by not less than five members specifying the object of the meeting for any of the following purposes:-
- 14.2. To consider and, if approved, sanction any recommended alteration to the rules;
- 14.3. To deal with any special matter which the committee may desire to place before the members;
- 14.4. To remove any member or members of the committee from office and to fill any vacancy or vacancies caused by such removal;
- 14.5. To deal with any special matter which the members requiring the meeting may desire to place before the club.

14.6. Notice convening a S.G.M. shall be posted on the club's website, and communicated by such other means as determined by the committee, not less than 21 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

**15. VOTING**

15.1. Except where a different majority is specified in these rules all voting matters, whether a committee, A.G.M. or S.G.M. shall require a majority among the members present.

**16. QUORUMS**


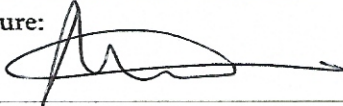
16.1. At all committee meetings, 25% of committee members must be present to form a quorum;

16.2. At all other meetings, 25% of all adult club members must be present to form a quorum.

**17. WINDING UP**

17.1. No member shall have any beneficial interest in the winding up of the club.

17.2. In the event of winding up the club, funds will be transferred to England Hockey (or such other body as has succeeded to to the role) or, if for any reason this is not possible, to such other body or organisation as the committee shall decide.

We the undersigned, as elected officers of the Club, confirm the validity and accuracy of this constitution, with no changes;	
Name: ROSALINDO CUERMANS	Name: HANNAH MCGOWN
Signature: 	Signature: 
Position: CHAIR PERSON	Position: VICE CHAIR PERSON
Date: 06/02/18	Date: 06-02-2018