

DEVIZES HOCKEY CLUB CONSTITUTION

I The Name, Location, Objects and Type of Club

- 1.1 The name of the Club shall be Devizes Hockey Club.
- 1.2 The Club shall be situated in the County of Wiltshire.
- 1.3 The objects of the Club shall be:
 - 1.3.1 The recruitment and development of children, young people 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 child friendly environment in which to play and learn hockey.
- 1.4 The Club shall be a members' club open to all.

2 Membership

- 2.1 Playing membership is open to all individuals. Membership is subject to the completion of a membership form, parental consent (if appropriate) and the payment of appropriate fees.
- 2.2 Membership fees will be charged as agreed at the Club Annual General Meeting.

3 Committee and Officers

- 3.1 The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Committee of Devizes Hockey Club except for matters reserved for the club in Annual General Meeting.
- 3.2 Devizes Hockey Club Committee shall consist of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures & Umpires Secretary, Adult Club Captain, Junior Club Captain, Welfare & Safeguarding Officer and Communication and Marketing Officer who shall be elected by the Club in Annual General Meeting.
- 3.3 Devizes Hockey Club Committee may appoint one or more additional officers of Devizes Hockey Club Committee for such purposes as it may deem appropriate.
- 3.4 Three elected Devizes Hockey Club Committee members shall be the signatories for all payments. All payments must be made in accordance with the Devizes Hockey Club Banking Policy.
- 3.5 The Treasurer in consultation with Devizes Hockey Club Committee shall be responsible for recording all financial income and expenditure of the Club and for presenting accounts at each Annual General Meeting of the Club.

4 Payments or Benefits

4.1 Devizes Hockey Club Committee may appoint paid part-time staff for specific coach development projects. Such projects are at the complete discretion of Devizes Hockey Club Committee and they must be Devizes Hockey Club projects.

Example appointments: coaching staff for development programmes.

4.2 The appointment of any and every paid member of staff must be reviewed and confirmed at each meeting of Devizes Hockey Club.

5 Annual General Meeting

- 5.1 An Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of 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 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by Devizes Hockey Club Committee or by three members making a written request to Devizes Hockey Club Committee for such a meeting.
- 5.4 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 Devizes Hockey Club Committee may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct has been, in the opinion of Devizes Hockey Club 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, Devizes Hockey Club 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 Devizes Hockey Club Committee firstly to discharge all the debts and liabilities of the Club. Any balance shall be passed on to 'Sport in Devizes'.

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

Name: Lorna Freemantle Name: Rob Dolan

Signature: Approved by email Signature: Approved by email

Position: Chairman Position: Treasurer

Date: 15 May 2022 Date: 15 May 2022

Approvals by email

