



Whitley Bay Ice Hockey Club

Junior Development

Club Constitution

Effective Date: January 2002, updated July 2014

Name

The name of the Club shall be Whitley Bay Ice Hockey Club Junior Development ('the Club').

Base

The Club is based at Whitley Bay Ice Rink, Hillheads Road, Whitley Bay, Tyne & Wear NE25 8HP

Objectives

The objectives of the Club are to;

- Organise, develop and promote Junior ice hockey consistent with the aims of the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA) or any successor body
- Develop ice hockey players for the mutual benefit of the individual and the Club
- Raise and provide financial support for the benefit of Junior ice hockey and the Club

A Development Policy will support these objectives.

Playing Membership

Membership shall be open, regardless of sex, nationality, religion, race or colour to;

Competition of registration to Whitley Bay Ice Hockey Club Junior Development makes the player and parents/guardians responsible for all requirements of the 2014/15 club handbook and any enforcements therein.

- Persons who qualify by age to participate in junior ice hockey organised by EIHA and/or other governing bodies of the sport
- Persons who are duly registered following payment of registration fees and up to date subscriptions
- Membership will be organised in accordance with age groups determined by EIHA and shall remain open until disqualified by age or another clause in this Constitution.
- The Club shall operate a maximum limit of members per age group, to be periodically determined by the Club's Management Committee after consultation with other interested parties.

Termination of Membership

Unless otherwise agreed by the Management Committee membership of the Club will automatically terminate once membership subscriptions are more than one month in arrears.

Reinstatement of membership following late or non-payment of subscriptions shall be at the sole discretion of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee retains the right to terminate membership of any member for other just reason provided that the member along with a parent or other representative is given the opportunity to be heard by the Club's Management or Disciplinary Committees prior to a final decision being made. Subject otherwise to the terms of the Club's Disciplinary Policy.

Subscriptions

Each member shall pay a monthly subscription at a rate periodically agreed by the Management Committee. Notice of any change in subscription rate will be given at least one month in advance. The Management Committee does however reserve the right to levy supplementary subscriptions in exceptional circumstances without prior notice.

Membership of the Club runs from 1st August to 31st July.

Management Committee

The policy and general management of the Club shall be the responsibility of a Management Committee, which shall meet at least once a month.

The Rink Manager shall have automatic membership of the Management Committee and retains ultimate responsibility for selection of the Management Committee, which shall comprise;

- Chairperson
- Vice Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Child Protection Officer
- Head Coach
- Team Representatives

Team representatives will be selected on an annual basis. In the event of interest from more than one person the appointment will be determined by majority vote at team level.

Issues raised at Management Committee or other Club meetings shall be decided by majority vote. No person shall have more than one vote other than the Chairperson who, if necessary, can exercise a casting vote.

The Club shall retain minutes of all Management Committee meetings and appropriate parts will be made available for any inspection by any member having reasonable cause to see them.

The Management Committee shall be responsible for appointment of Coaches and Managers.

Team Managers shall be directly responsible to the Management Committee for office issues.

Annual Open Meeting

A meeting open to representatives of all members will be held annually in order to;

- receive a general progress report and consider future plans
- receive reports from the Club Treasurer and Head Coach
- address queries from members, representatives and other interested parties

Finance

All monies raised by, or on behalf of the Club, shall be applied to further the objectives of the Club.

The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Club which shall be available for inspection and/or audit within a reasonable notice period.

The Treasurer shall open and maintain such accounts as deemed necessary at recognised Banks and other financial institutions in the name of the Club.

The Treasurer and at least one other member of the Management Committee shall sign all financial transactions on the Club account(s).

Affiliation

The Club shall be entitled to affiliate to any appropriate National body or other organisations with similar aims and objectives.

Standing Orders

The Management Committee shall be empowered to add, change or modify this Constitution and/or other Club policies and procedures at any time. Such amendments shall come into effect immediately provided that they are not contrary to the general aims of the Club.

Should the Club cease to function for any reasons funds and assets, net of outstanding liabilities, will be distributed equally between current members.