



Nottingham Outlaws Club Constitution

1 NAME

The name of the Club – “Nottingham Outlaws Ice Hockey Club” (hereinafter known as the Club).

2 BASE

The Club shall be based at:
The National Ice Centre,
Bolero Square
The Lace Market
Nottingham
NG1 1LA

3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- 3.1 To play a minimum of 12 games over the course of a season.
- 3.2 To provide a fun and safe environment for both beginners and experienced players to play ice hockey, including weekly training sessions where possible.
- 3.3 To ensure openness and transparency all club matters including; finances and game co-ordination with reports provided at the AGM.
- 3.4 To provide a relaxed and welcoming environment for all players both on and off ice.

4 PLAYING MEMBERSHIP

- 4.1 Membership shall be open, irrespective of sex, nationality, religion, race or colour to:->
 - 4.1.1 Persons who are aged 18 or over and are approved by the English Ice Hockey Association and/or the appropriate National Body of the sport.
 - 4.1.2 Persons who are duly registered following the payment of the subscription fee currently in force.
- 4.2 The club reserves the right to enforce a maximum limit on the number of members; the limit of the membership roll being determined by the Executive Committee of the Club.
- 4.3 Once accepted into membership a member has the right to membership unless disqualified by being in breach of this constitution.

5 THE COMMITTEE

- 5.1 The policy and general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in an Executive Committee that shall meet normally not less than every two months.
- 5.2 The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall have the authority to adjust meeting dates to suit any situation that may arise as he may deem appropriate.
- 5.3 The Executive Committee will be responsible for the day to day management of the Club. The quorum for the Executive Committee shall be four.
- 5.4 The Executive Committee of this club shall consist of; a Chairman, Treasurer and/or Game Co-ordinator and a Secretary.

5.5 The club committee shall be the founding members. In the event of anyone leaving the vacant position will be voted on by remaining committee members.

6 TERMINATION of MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Membership of the Club shall be deemed to have been terminated if the full annual fees and/or relevant subscription have not been paid within the time allocated.

6.2 The Executive Committee shall have the right, for good and sufficient reason, to terminate the membership of any member.

6.3 Members attending trial/open sessions only will not be classed as full members until reviewed by the committee and any relevant registration fees are paid.

7 SUBSCRIPTIONS/FEEES

7.1 All members must pay annual registration fees which are determined by the EIHA to cover the costs of insurance.

7.2 The club reserves the right to charge an annual club fee which will be determined by the committee.

7.3 Notice of the annual subscription/fees and other dues shall be given to current members eligible for renewal approximately 1 month before they become due.

7.4 Membership of the Club shall run from 1st October to 30th September each year.

7.5 Annual club fees must be paid at the same time as registration for the relevant season.

7.6 The club reserves the right to offer or withdraw discounted or alternative payment schemes for training fees which will be announced by committee from time to time.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at a suitable venue in or near to September of each year, at a location deemed acceptable by the elected members of the Executive Committee.

8.2 At this meeting the accounts will be presented.

8.3 The Executive Committee may change the time and date of the AGM to suit the attendance of the elected members if necessary.

9 COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES

9.1 Voting – All issues raised at any committee meeting shall be resolved by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. No person shall have more than one vote other than the Chairman who if necessary can exercise a second or casting vote.

9.2 Minutes – Minutes shall be held by the Club of proceedings of Executive Committees, Annual General Meetings and other meetings.

9.3 Attendance – All meetings of the Club, except Executive Committee meetings, shall be open to all members upon prior notice to the Club Secretary of the intention to attend.

10 FINANCE

10.1 All moneys raised by or on behalf of the Club shall be applied to further the objectives of the club and for no other purpose.

10.2 The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Club.

10.3 The Chairman and Treasurer shall open accounts necessary at a recognised Bank, Building Society or other financial Institution in the name of the club.

10.4 The Treasurer shall make all details of all accounts held on behalf of the club available to the Executive Committee on request at any time.

10.5 A Financial Statement shall be presented by the Executive Committee at the AGM.

- 10.6 All financial transactions on the Club's accounts must be signed by the Treasurer and the Chairman, apart from internet bank transfers for registering new members and paying for ice time via electronic bank transfer, which either the Chariman or Treasurer may do in isolation.
- 10.7 The Executive Committee may authorise out of pocket expenses to any members of the Executive Committee, Coaching staff or other duly authorised persons by way of actual payment or by an agreed allowance.

11 AFFILIATION

The club shall have the power to affiliate to any appropriate National body and to any other external organisation with similar objectives in full or part.

12 RULE CHANGES

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to add, change or modify the rules of the club. Such rules shall come into operation immediately, provided that they are not contrary to the aims and objectives of the Club.

13 CLUB YEAR

The Club will generally remain in operation for the twelve months of the year, starting from October 1st and ending September 30th.

14 CONDUCT

- 14.1 All members and officials must behave in a manner befitting the spirit of the club and any offensive behaviour which goes against club constitution and objectives will not be tolerated either on or off ice or while representing the club in any capacity i.e. wearing club merchandise away from the rink.
- 14.2 Both NIC and EIHA rules are to be followed at all times.
- 14.3 Members in breach of (14.1 or 14.2) will be and notified as soon as possible after the event following any necessary investigations. The Member will have the right to be heard by the Executive Committee before the final decision is made in relation to termination of membership.
- 14.4 The members agree that any fines incurred due that member breaching of any of the rules outlined by EIHA or NIC are their personal responsibility and not those of the club.