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1. CONSTITUTION

The first members of the Club are the signatories to these rules.

2. NAME

The club is called 'City of Armagh Hockey Club'.

3. COLOUR

The colours of the Club shall be navy blue, sky blue and white shirts and socks and navy skirts for the ladies and maroon shirts, white shorts and maroon socks for the men. The colours of the club may be amended by the passing of a resolution at an emergency general meeting or annual general meeting.

4. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club are:-

- 4.1 To play the game of hockey in accordance with the rules of the Federation International de Hockey 'F.I.H.', the Irish Hockey Union 'IHU', the Ulster Branch of the IHU (UBIHU) and the Ulster Womens Hockey Union "UWHU".
- 4.2 The main purposes of the club are to provide facilities for and to promote participation in the amateur sport of hockey in Armagh.
- 4.3 To take part in competitions and tournaments arranged by the IHU or by the UBIHU or in such other matches as may be arranged or approved by the Club.
- 4.4 The other advantages and benefits usually associated with a Club.

5. QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 Without discrimination, membership of the Club will be open to all, other than persons under suspension by one of the governing Hockey Unions, or by a Club affiliated thereto. The club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members who shall convene a panel of 12 members with equal representation from both the men's and ladies' section of the club to hear and determine the appeal. No member of the club committee can sit on the appeal panel.

5.2 The Club shall consist of:

- (a) Non playing members
- (b) Honorary members
- (c) Playing members, full
- (d) Playing members, student (in full time tertiary education)
- (e) Playing member ,junior (in full time, primary or secondary education)
- (f) Associate members (Non Voting)
- (g) Senior Citizen member

6. ADMISSION OF LIFE MEMBERS OR PLAYING MEMBERS

6.1 Life members or playing members must be admitted by election by the General Committee.

6.2 A candidate for election who receives the votes of a two thirds majority of the General Committee then present and voting on the nomination must be declared elected.

7. PROCEDURE AFTER ELECTION

7.1 Immediately a candidate is elected he must:

7.1.1 Be given notice of his election;

7.1.2 Be furnished with a copy of these Rules.

7.2 On payment of their first subscription an elected candidate becomes a member of the Club and is entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership, and agrees to be bound by these Rules

8. SUBSCRIPTION FEE

8.1 The annual subscription is whatever sum the Committee determines from time to time, making special provisions for student members and junior members.

- 8.2 Due notice of the current annual subscriptions must be given by a notice posted in one of the Club's principle rooms.

9. TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

- 9.1 A list of all members of the Club shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in the Club premises.
- 9.2 Any member, who has not, before the date of the Annual General Meeting, notified the Honorary Secretary in writing of his resignation shall be regarded as a member for the ensuing year.
- 9.3 Persons who have given particular service to Armagh Hockey Club or the game of hockey in general are eligible for honorary membership and may be elected as such at the discretion of the General Committee then present. The number of honorary members shall not exceed 12 at anyone time.
- 9.4 A junior member shall be a person in full time education at primary school on 31 October in each year.
- 9.5 A student member shall be a person in full time tertiary education on 31 October in each year.
- 9.6 Senior Citizen Members
- 9.7 The office bearers, life members, full playing members, honorary members and student playing members only shall have voting rights at all general meetings of the Club.
- 9.8 The total number of honorary members, junior members and associate members shall not exceed three times the number of other categories of membership.

10. SUBSCRIPTION DATE

- 10.1 All annual subscriptions are payable in advance of 31 September in each year without demand.

11. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 11.1 All subscriptions paid by cheque must be made payable to 'City of Armagh Hockey Club' and crossed 'AIC payee'.

- 11.2 If required, subscriptions may be paid by Banker's Standing Order.

12. SUBSCRIPTIONS IN ARREARS

- 12.1 If any members fails to pay their annual subscription on or before 30 September next after it becomes due, notice must be sent to them calling their attention to their failure to pay.
- 12.2 If the member does not pay the amount within 14 days from the posting of that notice, their name may immediately be posted in the Club's premises as a defaulter.
- 12.3 If the member's subscription is not paid on or before 31 October following posting of their name, the Committee may terminate their membership.
- 12.4 If at any time the member gives the Committee a satisfactory explanation, they may, in the discretion of the Committee and on payment of arrears be re-admitted to membership.

13. OFFICES

- 13.1 The Office Bearers of the Club shall be the President, Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Club Captains, Match Secretary.
- 13.2 All Office Bearers of the Club will hold office until the Annual General Meeting in each year, but will be eligible for re-election by the Annual General Meeting.

14. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

- 14.1 Any member may resign their membership by giving notice in writing to that effect to the Secretary.
- 14.2 Every such notice must, unless otherwise expressed, be deemed to take effect as from 30 September next following its receipt provided that any member giving such notice after 30 September in any year must pay their subscription for the following year.

15. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

- 15.1 If at any time the Committee considers that the interests of the Club require it they must invite a member to withdraw from the Club, by a letter specifying the time before which the withdrawal should be made.
- 15.2 If the member concerned does not withdraw the Committee must submit the question of their expulsion to a special general meeting to be held within 6 weeks after the date of the letter.
- 15.3 Not less than 4 weeks notice of the meeting must be given to the member.
- 15.4 The Secretary must inform the member in question of the time and place of the meeting and the nature of the complaints against them in sufficient time to afford them a proper opportunity of offering their explanation.
- 15.5 At the meeting the member must be allowed to offer an explanation of their conduct verbally or in writing and if after the two thirds of the members present vote for their expulsion they will immediately cease to be a member of the Club. The voting at any such Special General Meeting must be by ballot if not less than five members present at that meeting so demand.
- 15.6 The Committee may exclude from the Club until the Special General Meeting is held any members whose withdrawal has been requested.

16. EFFECT OF CEASING TO BE A MEMBER

- 16.1 On ceasing to be a member of the Club a person forfeits all right to and claim upon the Club and its property and funds.

17. COMMITTEE

- 17.1 The management of the Club (except as otherwise provided by these Rules) is deputed to a Committee of not more than 15 members who must be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 17.2 In addition to the elected members, the President is an Ex-Officio member of the Committee.

18. ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

- 18.1 At each Annual General Meeting all members of the Committee (not being the President) must retire but are eligible for re-election.
- 18.2 To create a sufficient number of vacancies, the members of the Committee must retire in order of seniority, and in case of equal seniority the order of retirement must be determined by lot. The Committee must nominate a sufficient number of members of the Club to fill the vacancies and list of the names of those who retire and those who are proposed to fill their place must be posted in the Club premises 14 days before the annual General Meeting. Any 10 members may propose any other candidate or candidates, by completing an official proposal form which must be handed to the secretary seven days before the Annual General Meeting and the Secretary must immediately post the proposals in the Club premises.
- 18.3 Balloting lists must be issued containing in alphabetical order all the names so obtained, distinguishing the candidates proposed by the Committee, and showing the names of the proposers of other candidates.
- 18.4 Every full member of the Club, except a juvenile, is entitled, but not obliged, to vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies to be filled and no more.

- 18.5 Up to the number of vacancies, the candidates who receive most votes must be declared elected, and in the case of two or more candidates receiving an equal number of votes, the Chairman of the meeting has a second or casting vote.

19. VACANCIES ON **COMMITTEE**

- 19.1 The Committee may appoint a member to fill any casual vacancy on the Committee until the next Annual General Meeting. Any member so appointed must retire at the next Annual General Meeting but may be elected as a member of the Committee at that meeting. The President and Treasurer must be elected by the Committee, to hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by a resolution of the Committee.

20. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE

- 20.1 The Committee must meet at least once in every month to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the Club.

- 20.2 Eight members of the Committee forms a quorum.
- 20.3 Minutes of all the proceedings of the Committee must be taken and must be open to inspection by any member of the Club on application to the Secretary.
- 20.4 At the first meeting of the Committee following each Annual General Meeting the Committee must elect from its members a Chairman and Secretary and any other honorary officers as it may decide to remain in office until the Committee meeting following the next Annual General Meeting.

21. SUB-COMMITTEE

- 21.1 The Committee may from time to time appoint from amongst its number such other sub-committees as it deems necessary or expedient and may depute or refer to them such of its powers and duties as it may determine.
- 21.2 If any member ceases to be a member of the Committee he automatically ceases to be a member of the Sub-Committee and another member of the Committee must be appointed in his place.
- 21.3 All Sub-Committees must periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and must conduct their business in accordance with its directions.
- 21.4 With the exception of any Committee or Sub-Committee of less than 4 members the Committee may co/opt persons other than members of any other committee or sub-committee provided that the number so coopted does not exceed one third of the total membership of the Committee of Sub-Committee.

22. REGULATIONS

- 22.1 The Committee may from time to time make, repeal and amend any regulations not inconsistent with these Rules as it thinks expedient for the management and well being of the Club ..
- 22.2 If any member shall act contrary to the rules of the club, and after remonstrance by the office bearers shall continue so to act, or if any member shall conduct himself so as in the opinion of the general committee to injure or discredit the character of the club, it shall be in the power of the general committee to suspend him forthwith from membership of the club.
- 22.3 All regulations made by the Committee under this Rule are binding on the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

23. SECRETARY AND OTHER SERVANTS

- 23.1 The Committee may appoint, pay and dismiss a Secretary and such other servants as it deems necessary.

24. BORROWING POWERS

- 24.1 If at any time the Club in General Meeting passes a resolution authorising the Committee to borrow money:
- 24.1.1 The Committee may borrow for the purposes of the Club the amount of money (either at one time or from time to time) and at the rate of interest in the form and manner and upon the security specified in the resolution; and
- 24.2 Every member of the Club, whether they vote on a resolution authorising borrowing or not, and everyone becoming a member of the Club after the passing of such a resolution, is deemed to have assented to the resolution as if they had voted in favour of it.

25. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 25.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club must be held not later than the 31st of May in each year on a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee and must:
- 25.1.1 receive from the Committee a report, balance sheet and statement of accounts for the preceding financial year and an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the current financial year;
- 25.2 fill the vacancies in the Committee for the ensuing year:
- 25.3 decide on any resolution which may be submitted to the meeting in the manner provided below:
- 25.4 fixing annual subscription of the Club and
- 25.5 consider any other business as determined by the Committee

26. NOTICE OF BUSINESS AT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 26.1 Any member who desires to move any resolution at the Annual General Meeting must give notice in writing to the Secretary not later than 21 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

27. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 27.1 The Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time for any special purpose, and must do so immediately upon a requisition in writing stating the purposes for which the meeting is required from one fifth of the total membership entitled to vote.

28. CONVENING GENERAL MEETINGS

- 28.1 At least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting notice of the meeting and the business to be transacted as it must be posted in the Club House and a copy of the Notice sent to every member.
- 28.2 No business other than that of which notice has been given may be brought forward at a General Meeting.

29. PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

- 29.1 At all General Meetings of the Club the President, or in his absence a member selected by the Committee must take the Chair.
- 29.2 Every ordinary or honorary member present is entitled to one vote upon every motion and in case of an inequality of votes the Chairman may have a second or casting vote.
- 29.3 The Committee may, if it thinks fit, make regulations enabling members unable to be present to vote by proxy or in writing.

30. QUORUM

The quorum at all General Meetings is:

- 30.1 for motions proposing any repeal, addition to or amendment of the Rules "Twenty".

30.2 for repeal of any regulations "Twenty"

30.3 for motions relating to the expulsion of any member "Twenty"; and

30.4 for all other business "Five".

31. AMENDMENTS

31.1 No amendment other than a motion for adjournment may be moved to any solution proposed at any Annual or Special General Meeting unless written notice of the amendment has been sent to the Secretary not less than seven days previous to the meeting or the meeting consents.

31.2 Whenever notice of any amendment to be proposed is given it must be posted in one of the Club's principle rooms immediately.

32. FINANCIAL YEAR

32.1 The financial year of the Club ends on 31 March in each year, and the accounts of the Club must be balanced to that date.

33. VISITORS

33.1 Every member may introduce visitors, subject to any regulations made from time to time by the Committee.

33.2 Every visitor is the guest of and must be accompanied by the Member introducing him.

33.3 No one who has been expelled from membership, or whose conduct or presence on the Club premises is considered by the Committee objectionable or prejudicial to the interests of the Club may be introduced as a visitor into the Club.

34. MEMBERS NOT TO MAKE PROFIT OF CLUB

34.1 No member may on any pretence or in any manner receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club except for professional services rendered at the request of the Committee.

35. CLUB ADDRESS NOT TO BE USED FOR BUSINESS

- 35.1 No member may give the address of the Club in any advertisement or use the Club address for business purposes.

36. MEMBERS ADDRESSES

- 36.1 Every member of the Club must from time to time communicate his address to the Secretary, and all notices sent by first class post to that address are considered to have been given on the day following the date of posting.

37. INTERPRETATION OF RULES

- 37.1 The Committee is the sole authority for the interpretation of these rules and the regulations made by it from time to time.
- 37.2 The decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation or upon any matter affecting the Club and not provided for by these Rules or by the regulations is final and binding on the Members.

38. AMENDMENT OF RULES

- 38.1 These Rules may be added to, repealed or amended by a resolution passed at any Annual or Special General Meeting by a majority of at least two thirds of the members voting on it.

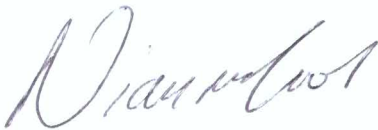
39. DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

- 39.1 If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club is passed by a majority of the Members present and at a Special General Meeting held not less than six weeks later of which not less than four weeks written notice has been given to each member and at which not less than one half of the members are present that resolution is confirmed by a resolution passed by a majority of two thirds of the members voting on it, the Committee must immediately, or at such future date as is specified in the resolutions, proceed to realise the property of the Club and after the discharge of all liabilities any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sports governing body for use by them in related community sports.

40. HEADINGS

- 40.1 The headings to these Rules are for ease of reference only and are not to be taken into account in their interpretation.

Dated: 7TH March 2023.

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