



**HAMPSHIRE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
CONSTITUTION**  
**Approved at 2018 Annual General Meeting**

## **1. OBJECTS**

The objects of the Association shall be to:

- a. further the interests of hockey in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight;
- b. support and encourage member clubs, universities, colleges and schools;
- c. organise county representative teams;
- d. organise county competitions and events.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Association shall be open to hockey clubs and schools whose grounds are located in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and which play under the rules of England Hockey and are affiliated to it and to the Southern Counties Hockey Association. The Hampshire Hockey Umpires Association shall be an affiliated member.

The Association may, in its discretion, admit to membership clubs and schools having their grounds outside Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

## **3. CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP**

- i. All member clubs and schools shall affiliate to England Hockey and the Southern Counties Hockey Association and shall play under the rules of England Hockey.
- ii. By their affiliation, member clubs and schools agree to:
  - a. Not play hockey against any English club which is not affiliated to England Hockey;
  - b. Not participate in any league, cup or other competition not recognised by the Association or other relevant hockey authority;
  - c. Pay an annual affiliation fee to the Association by 31st October in each year failing which they may be disaffiliated;
  - d. Pay any other fees for participation in specific competitions organised by the Association as directed;

Note: Late payment of any fee due to the Association may result in a fine on the club or school. Further late payment of the fee and/or fine may result in the fine being escalated.

- e. Keep updated the club's personnel and other details on the county website;
- f. Accept the current Discipline Codes, Drug Regulations Codes, Equity Policies, Child Protection Policies and Health and Safety Regulations of the Association, the South Region Hockey Association and England Hockey;
- g. Maintain a suitable standard of administration and behaviour both on and off the playing field;
- h. Maintain a proper and adequate public liability insurance policy in respect of itself and its members and annually provide proof of the same to the Association as the Association may direct;

## **4. COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

The Association shall be managed by a Council which (other than the directly appointed members) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Such Council shall consist of:

- a. The officers, being the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer;
- b. The County Knock-out Secretary, the County Discipline Officer, the Deputy County Discipline Officer, the Southern Counties Hockey Association Representative, the men's South League Representative, and the men's Open League Secretary;
- c. A representative appointed by each of the Hampshire Hockey Umpires Association and the Hampshire Women's Hockey League;
- d. The Player Pathway Administrator and the Junior Competitions Administrator appointed by the council;
- e. A maximum of four other members of whom not more than one may come from any one member club.

Nominations shall be by club and may be made before or at the Annual General Meeting.

## **5. COUNCIL**

The Council shall:

- a. Meet at least once every three months on at least seven days' notice from the Secretary or from at least five of its members;
- b. Have a quorum of six members;
- c. Have power to co-opt non-voting members;
- d. Appoint sub-committees if necessary with the President and Chairman being ex-officio members;
- e. Appoint until the next Annual General Meeting persons to replace any members who retire from the Council;
- f. Itself or through a sub-committee of its members and subject to a financial deposit, hear any appeal arising from a decision or action of any sub-committee or competition under its general control;
- g. Act on any matters not covered by these rules;
- h. Together with its members and committees, be indemnified by the Association against any claim which may arise from any action properly taken by them in the interests of the Association.

## **6. EMERGENCY COMMITTEE**

The Emergency Committee shall comprise the officers and may act between meetings of the Council subject to advising Council at its next meeting of any decisions taken.

## **7. GENERAL MEETINGS**

- i. The Annual General Meeting shall be held normally, in May of each year with the Secretary giving at least fourteen days' notice to each member club. Voting shall be by simple majority with member clubs having:
  - 1 vote if having up to two adult teams
  - 2 votes if having up to six adult teams
  - 3 votes if having up to eleven adult teams
  - 4 votes if having more than eleven adult teams

It shall:

- a. Receive reports from the Council;
  - b. Receive accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May;
  - c. Appoint a scrutineer;
  - d. Elect members of Council;
  - e. Set an affiliation, competition and similar fees;
  - f. Deal with the election of any Vice-President;
  - g. Deal with any business of which at least twenty one days' notice is given to the Secretary;
  - h. Deal with any other business accepted by the Chairman.
- ii. Each member club is required to have at least one representative at an Annual General Meeting. Financial penalties for failing to do so shall be determined by the Council.
  - iii. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held if directed by the Council or requested in writing to the Secretary by not less than five member clubs. It shall be held under the same provisions as an Annual General Meeting.
  - iv. Communication from and to member clubs and schools for such meetings and for other purposes may be electronic.

## **8. COUNTY COLOURS**

The County playing colours shall be red. The County badge or clothing incorporating it may be worn by any person who has played in a County representative team or by any past or present member of Council.

## **9. ASSOCIATION FUNDS**

No club ceasing to be a member shall have any claim on the funds of the Association. In the event of the Association being wound up its funds shall be donated to a body or bodies having similar objects.

## **10. RULES**

- a. These rules shall be published on the Association website and each affiliated club and school shall be bound by them;
- b. These rules may only be altered by the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of those entitled to vote and voting at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting;
- c. The Council shall act on any breach of the rules and have power to impose any suitable penalty on any offending club or club member. Any appeal against decisions made under this rule shall be governed by the rules of the Southern Counties Hockey Association or England Hockey.