



Lee Valley Lions Junior Ice Hockey Club

CLUB CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be the Lee Valley Lions Junior Ice Hockey Club. (Hereinafter, known as the Club).

2 BASE

The Club shall be based at the Lee Valley Ice Centre.

3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- To organise, develop and promote junior ice hockey consistent with the aims and objectives of the English Ice Hockey Association in the Lee Valley Region and surrounding areas.
- To maintain and increase the interests of the game by developing ice hockey players for the benefit of the Club.
- To foster amongst its members, parents, supporters and teams a community and a spirit of sportsmanship.
- To raise and provide financial support directly or indirectly for the benefit of junior ice hockey and the Club in particular.

The Club's guiding principle is that the interests of the youngsters comes first, and that the Club exists to provide support and a framework to both players and coaches.

4 PLAYING MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership shall be open, irrespective of sex, nationality, religion, race or colour to:
 - i. Persons who qualify by age to participate in junior ice hockey organised by the English Ice Hockey Association.
 - ii. Persons who are duly registered following payment of the subscription fee currently in force.
- b) The membership of the Club shall be organised along the age groups currently in operation in English junior ice hockey.
- c) The Club shall operate a maximum limit on the number of members, with each section having its own limit. The limits of the membership roll being determined by the Committee of the Club after consultation with appropriate parties.
- d) Once accepted into membership a member has the right to membership until disqualification by age or by another clause in this constitution.

5 VOTING MEMBERSHIP

The voting of this Club shall be:

- a) Players over 16.
- b) The parents/guardian of playing members under 16 years of age on the basis of one vote per playing member.
- c) Officers of the Club.
- d) Registered minor officials of the Club
- e) All members of the Executive Committee that do not qualify under (i), (ii) or (iii).

NB. No individual can have more than one vote.



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All Parents of Players will be considered members of the Club and subject to the Codes of Conduct and Rules of the Club. Failure to follow these rules **WILL** result in disciplinary action being taken.

6 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership of the Club shall be deemed to have been terminated if the full annual subscription is not paid in the time allocated.
- b) The Committee shall have the right, for good and sufficient reason such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrupt, to terminate the membership of any member, provided that the individual member along with their parent/guardian has had the right to be heard by the Executive Committee before the final decision is made.

7 SUBSCRIPTION

- a) All Player Members shall pay such annual subscriptions at the level determined by the Committee from time to time.
- b) Notice of the annual rate of subscriptions shall be given to current members eligible for renewal not less than 21 days before they become due.
- c) Monthly subscriptions must be paid by Standing Order. If this is not possible, then prior arrangements are to be made with the Team Manager to pay by alternative method.
- d) The membership year for the Club shall run from 1st June until 31st May.
- e) Annual subscriptions **MUST** be paid on time.
- f) The Committee reserves the right to levy a supplementary subscription if it deems necessary without reference to the membership. Such a subscription being limited to a quarter of the annual subscriptions registration fee.

8 COMMITTEE

The policy and general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Committee that shall meet not less than once a month.

- a) The Committee shall consist of: -
 - The Officers of the Club
 - The Director of Coaching
 - The Child Protection Officer
 - A nominee of the rink, who may or may not be a member of the Club, and shall be entitled to vote.
 - Such co-opted members that the Committee deem necessary.
- b) The Team Managers, who have responsibility for off ice affairs of the team, may send a representative should they not be able to attend a Committee meeting.
- c) The quorum for the Committee shall be five.

9 OFFICERS

- a) The Officers of the Club, other than the nominee, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The elected Officers of the Club shall be: -
 - i. Chairperson
 - ii. Club Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Team Managers
 - vi. Fixtures Secretary



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- c) All Officers of the Club shall run for a term of 2 years.
- d) All Officers of the Club shall be elected to the Committee after being a member of the Club for a minimum of 2 years.

10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in May where audited accounts are presented and the Committee is elected.
- b) Voting members of the Club shall be given and least 21 days notice of the AGM.
- c) The quorum shall be 25% of the voting members. Two thirds of those present have to be in agreement for any changes in the constitution to take place.
- d) The purpose of the AGM shall be: -
 - i. Receive the annual report of the Committee.
 - ii. Receive the annual audited statement of accounts.
 - iii. Election of Officers.
 - iv. Resolve notices of motions.
- e) Nominations for Officers and notices of motions for the AGM must have a proposer and secondees, and should be made to the Secretary, in writing, at least 14 days before commencement of the meeting.

11 EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

Extra-Ordinary General Meetings of the Club of the voting membership may be convened:

- a) By the Chairperson or Secretary, or
- b) Within 21 days of the receipt of a request for an EGM signed by 10% of the voting membership giving reasons for such a meeting.

12 COMMITTEE MEETING PROCEDURES

- a) Voting – All issues raised at any committee meeting shall be resolved by a simple majority of those present and entitled to vote. No person may have more than one vote other than the Chairperson who if necessary can exercise a second casting vote.
- b) Minutes – Minutes shall be held by the Club of proceedings of Committees, AGM's and other meetings as appropriate. Copies will be held by all Club Officers and made available to the Voting Membership on request.

13 FINANCE

- a) All monies raised by, or on behalf of, the Club shall be applied to further the objectives of the Club and for no other purpose.
- b) The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Club.
- c) The Treasurer should open such Bank or Building Society accounts he/she deems necessary in the name of the Club.
- d) An independent person(s) shall audit these accounts at least once a year.
- e) The audited financial statement shall be presented by the Committee to the AGM.
- f) All financial transactions on the Club accounts must be signed by the Treasurer plus the Chairperson or Secretary or another person so designated by the Committee.
- g) No expense to the Club shall be raised unless prior agreement by the Committee has been sought.



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14 AFFILIATIONS

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

15 STANDING ORDERS

The 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 whether written or implied.

16 OPERATION

The Club will remain in operation for twelve months of the year i.e. from 1st June to 31st May.

17 WINDING UP

- a) The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting
- b) The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- c) After setting all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - i. To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
 - ii. to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002) and/or
 - iii. to the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.