

CONSTITUTION

1. The club shall be called the Basingstoke Ice Hockey Development Club, be based at Basingstoke Ice Rink and shall be non-profit making.
2. The club shall exist to promote and encourage ice hockey.
3. The club will attempt to provide ice hockey for children and adults wishing to learn ice hockey in a Hockey Basics for Juniors programme, through age groups of Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14s, Under 16s and Under 18 teams. This activity will be consistent with the aims, objectives and policies of the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA), as outlined in the EIHA handbook 'Developing Excellence'. The activity must also be conducted in a manner that provides for the safety and well-being of under-18s; with full written parental consent and the Club Secretary will act as Club Child Protection Officer as point contact for any complaints related to minors in the care of adults, as stipulated in EIHA ruling in June 2002.
4. The club shall have no political bias or affiliation, shall be inter-denominational and provide ice hockey for members regardless of race or sex. To ensure this policy the Chairman will also have responsibility as Club Equality Officer in accordance with June 2002 EIHA guidelines.
5. The aim is that the club should offer leisure time opportunities in ice hockey to young people, which will enable them to develop in body, mind and spirit, while improving their standards of playing ability to their full potential. This will include learning how to play as a team, fostering respect for fellow team members, opponents, coaches, equipment and playing facilities (home and away). Membership requires registration with the EIHA and insurance coverage be in place, and that persons satisfy basic entry standards concerning skating and ice hockey as defined by the coaching staff. A membership will be deemed terminated if subscriptions are not paid within the times specified, although a member has the right to be heard by the Board before a final decision is made.
6. In accordance with EIHA policy, U10 level games are developmental 'fun for all'. Above U10 the club is entered in competitive leagues and teams are striving for success within the framework of optimizing individual's and team's development. The club shall operate a playing policy which includes selecting and playing 3 lines comprising 15 skaters and 2 netminders selected by the coach based on merit from the pool of available players. Within the various levels, 'playing and training up' by players (up to U18) occurs where deemed appropriate by the coach of that level, based on the coach's assessment of the player's ability. This is to be regarded as a privilege. The player's primary commitment in these circumstances remains to his/her own age group in almost all cases. Exceptions to this rule (rare) will be allowed only with the agreement of both team coaches.

7. The Club shall have a governing body comprising a Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and Fixture Secretary who will be responsible for the administration, proper conduct, good reputation and continuing existence of the club. The Board are responsible to the Club membership, and the Broad membership can be reshaped by the membership at an AGM or EGM to provide the structure and personnel required to run the Club to the satisfaction of the membership. The Board members will have clearly defined roles and responsibilities, which they commit to carry out.
8. AN AGM shall be held prior to each new playing season to elect the officials of the Board for the following season. Voting membership will comprise Under 18 players and parents or guardians of playing members under 16 on the basis of one vote per playing member. Voting for the board officials will be by nominations (seconded) by a member followed by ballot (if required), for which 20% of membership will be considered a minimum quorum.
9. Team coaches will have responsibility for the player discipline, both on the ice and in the dressing room at playing facilities.
10. Each team level (defined above) will have responsibility for electing or nominating its own Manager who will represent the team at the Club's Managers forum. A team Treasurer, also selected by the team membership, will be responsible for collection of subscriptions and payment to the Club Treasurer. If needed, a Team Secretary will also be elected by the team membership.
11. Periodic 'Town Hall' open meetings (a minimum of 5 per season), to which all members are invited, will be held to ensure efficient cascade of information to all members and optimize communications between the Board and members.
12. The Board will convene at least once monthly. It is responsible for clear communication to the membership of duties involved for Board members and additionally Team Managers, Team Secretaries and Team Treasurers. Issues debated by the Board will be decided by simple majority, the Chairman will have the tie-breaking vote.
13. All monies collected by the Treasurer will be held in a bank account and this account will be fully inspected annually by a chartered accountant prior to the AGM for complete disclosure of expenditure and the Club's finances to the membership. Should the Club become no longer viable due to drop in membership or other cause, the Club will be dissolved and all assets/remaining monies in the Club account evenly distributed among all members.
14. The monthly membership subscriptions are designed to cover only the cost of practice and game ice time, Team Coaches expenses (travel) and official's expenses (phone bills/representation at EIHA meetings) incurred in the running of the club. All expenses need to be receipted and approved to an agreed ceiling by the membership at the AGM. All other expenses (such as game referees, trophies, coaches to away

games etc.) have to be covered by individual team membership's discretion. Expenditure of such monies raised is also at the discretion of the team.

15. The Board will have the right to increase the subscription if deemed necessary to cover the basic club costs outlined above. This can only be done with the approval of the voting membership.
16. Cheques from the Club bank account will be signed by the Treasurer and any one of the other two signatories; Chairman or Secretary.