



## **Morpeth Men's Hockey Club**

### **CONSTITUTION**

#### **1.0 The Name, Objectives and Type of Club**

1.1 The name of the Club shall be Morpeth Men's Hockey Club (MMHC)

1.2 The objectives of the Club shall be;

1.2.1 The recruitment and development of children, young people and adults into the sport of hockey as players, leaders/coaches, umpires and administrators for all to reach their maximum potential

1.2.2 The provision of playing, leading/coaching, umpiring and administrative opportunities at a participation, development and performance level

1.2.3 To provide equity of opportunity across all areas of the club

1.2.4 To provide a safe, effective and child friendly environment in which to play and learn hockey

1.2.5 To play and compete at the highest possible level

#### **2.0 Membership**

2.1 Men's Hockey members will be members of Morpeth Cricket, Hockey and Tennis Club and will be bound by both the club and sections rules, these rules may only be amended by a General Meeting of the section (or club)

2.2 Playing membership is open to all individuals. Social Membership is open to individuals of any age. Membership is subject to the completion of a membership form, parental consent (when under 16) and the payment of appropriate fees.

2.3 Membership Levels are;

2.3.1 Hon. Life members. – Which may be conferred on those members whose past services have, in the opinion of the members, been of such value to the club as to merit their election. Such elections shall take place at the MCHTC AGM. Nominations may only be made to the MCHTC Committee.

2.3.2 Senior Playing membership – Those members who are willing to take part in the sporting activities of the Hockey Club, on payment of the appropriate subscription as determined at the section AGM.

2.3.3 Student/Unemployed Membership – As Senior Playing Membership but Receiving full time education or Unemployed.

2.3.4 Junior Membership – Shall be confined to those members under the age of 16 years of age on the 1<sup>st</sup> November on payment of the appropriate subscription as determined at the section AGM. Such members do not have the right to vote at an AGM/EGM, except for the position of Junior Captain.

2.3.5 Social Membership – For non-playing members on payment of appropriate subscription as determined at the section AGM. Such members do not have the right to vote at an AGM/EGM.



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### **3.0 Committee and Officers**

3.1. The affairs of the Club shall be managed by the Committee of MMHC except for matters reserved for the club in Annual General Meeting.

3.2 No member may become a Club Official if he owes outstanding subscription or match fees.

3.3 MMHC Committee shall consist of Chairman, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Team Captains, Junior Captain, Social Secretary and Publicity/Social media Officer, who shall be elected by the club at the Annual General Meeting. The period of office shall be one year, retiring officers may be re-elected.

3.4 MMHC committee may co-opt additional members to the committee as appropriate.

3.5 In the event of the resignation of a member holding any elective position or in the case of an unfilled vacancy, notice of such resignation or vacancy shall be advertised for a period of 14 days. Within those 14 days any member may be proposed and nominated to the Club Secretary. The committee have the right to make a temporary appointment for the interim period.

3.5.1 In the case of more than one nomination, MMHC Committee will call an EGM.

3.5.2 If after the two weeks there are no nominations received, MMHC Committee can appoint any full member to fill the vacant position.

3.6 MMHC Committee shall meet at least four times each year, provided that not more than three months shall elapse between meetings, to examine the accounts and arrange the affairs of the club. A quorum shall consist of five members

### **4.0 Payments or Benefits**

4.1 MMHC Committee may appoint paid staff for specific duties or projects. Such projects are at the complete discretion of MMHC Committee, however they must be MMHC projects.

### **5.0 Annual General Meeting**

5.1 An Annual General Meeting of the club shall be held before the 31<sup>st</sup> May every year.

5.2 Notice of the time of the Annual General Meeting (or EGM) shall be posted for a period of at least 14 days before the date of such a meeting.

5.3 An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by MMHC Committee or by three members making a written request to MMHC committee for such as meeting.

5.4 Members attending the AGM shall;

5.4.1 Receive reports on the years playing achievements, statement of income and expenditure and elect the officers of the club.

5.4.2. Members need to be nominated and seconded to stand for a position on the committee

5.4.3 Where there is more than one member nominated and proposed for a position. Voting should be done by written ballot. In the event of a tie, the Chairman will have the casting vote.



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5.4.4 All members who have paid in full, their appropriate Annual Subscriptions are entitled to vote, with the exceptions stated in Rule 2.3

### **6.0 Subscriptions & Match Fees**

6.1 Subscription & Match Fee charges for the club shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 Annual Subscriptions are due for payment before 31<sup>st</sup> October. Players who have not paid annual subscriptions by 30<sup>th</sup> November shall only be eligible to play at the discretion of MMHC Committee.

6.3 The Committee may authorise a reduced payment in appropriate circumstances. In the case of new members joining during a playing year, a pro-rata subscription will be payable.

### **7.0 Conduct of Members**

7.1 MMHC Committee must adopt and comply with the England Hockey policies and procedures and ensure all members of the club do also.

7.2 MMHC Committee may suspend the membership of any member whose conduct has been, in the opinion of MMHC Committee and in line with England Hockey Policy, contrary to the interests of the club.

7.3 MMHC Committee will follow the procedure as set out in MMHC Discipline Procedure.

7.4 Any member has the right to request a personal hearing with MMHC Committee to resolve any disputes.

### **8.0 Changes to the Constitution of the Club**

8.1 These rules may be altered, added to or revoked, in accordance with clubs and association law, by majority comprising two-thirds or more of the members present and entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

### **9.0 Playing Strip**

9.1 All members playing for Morpeth Men's Hockey Club shall dress appropriately. Outfield players shall wear Shirts and socks in club colours together with white shorts.

### **10.0 Dissolution of the Club**

10.1 A motion to dissolve the club can be made if the Club shall pass in General Meeting, by a majority comprising two thirds or more of the members present. The Management Committee shall take immediate steps to convert all the assets of the Club into money.

10.2 The proceeds of the conversion shall be used by the MMHC Committee first to discharge all of the debts and liabilities of the Club. Any balance shall be divided between member's pro-rata.



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We the undersigned, as elected officers of the Club, confirm the validity and accuracy of this constitution, with no changes;

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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