

# **FLYERS ICE HOCKEY CLUB**

**(the “Club”)**

**EST. 2006**

## **Constitution**



### **Mission Statement**

The Club is committed to fostering, developing and promoting the sport of Ice Hockey in accordance with the wishes and desires of its members.

The Club and its Officers are committed to conducting the business and affairs of the Club in an open, democratic, transparent and accountable manner.

The Club shall be developed and managed in a tolerant, respectful and non-discriminatory and non-sectarian manner.

The Club shall provide equal opportunities to all people.

The Club acknowledges the significant role played by sport in local, regional and national affairs. In particular the Club recognizes the right of children to participate in sport free from any and all interference or threat of interference.



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## **Club Name**

- Article 1: The name of the Club shall be FLYERS ICE HOCKEY CLUB.
- Article 2: This Club shall be established as a not for profit association in accordance with the Companies Act 1963-2005.
- Article 3: The Club shall hold all rights and entitlements to and be the sole beneficiary of all profits that may be generated or derived from all names, logos, brands of the Club.

## **Legal Liability**

- Article 4: The Club shall take all necessary steps to reduce and prevent exposure to liability of its members and officers.
- Article 5: The Committee shall be responsible for adopting such measures that are required to safeguard, protect and keep indemnified the Club and its members.

## **Club Objectives**

- Article 6: The main objectives of the Club are:
- 1) The Flyers Ice Hockey club aim's to promote the sport of Ice hockey In Ireland, to provide opportunity for all potential Ice hockey players to take up the Sport.
  - 2) We will affiliate with the governing body of Ice Hockey in Ireland namely the Irish Ice Hockey association
  - 3) We aim to ice teams at all levels from Senior to Pee Wee hockey including Ladies Teams.
  - 4) We want to be Ireland's Number 1 Ice Hockey Club
- Article 7: The Club shall be non sectarian and non political.
- Article 8: The Club shall as far as possible provide a safe, accessible and affordable playing environment.
- Article 9: Where applicable, the Club shall adhere to and implement all Policies and Procedures established and amended by the Irish Sports Council.

## **Club Objectives Contd.**

Article 10: The Club shall develop in an equal manner a program of play irrespective of age, gender, sex, religion and ethnic origin.

Article 11: The Club is committed to the provision of quality leadership. The Club shall endeavor to provide its members with suitably qualified, educated and experienced coaches and sports officials.

Article 12: The primary objective of any Club youth programme is the establishment, maintenance and provision of an enjoyable and safe environment in which children can be introduced to the sport of Ice Hockey.

## **Club Management**

Article 13: A Committee comprised of FIVE individual positions shall manage the Club.

Article 14: The Officers shall be:

President  
Vice President  
Financial Officer  
Public Relations Officer  
League Commissionaire

Article 15: Three Trustees shall be elected at a General Meeting and will serve for three years. Their function is to monitor the running of the Club and establish that proper records and books of account are being maintained.

Article 16: Members in General Meeting shall elect an Honorary President.

Article 17: Only paid up and fully subscribed members may vote and stand for election at the Annual General Meeting.

Article 18: The Executive Committee must sanction all Ad-hoc Committees.

Article 19: The quorum for all Committee meetings will be two thirds of the Committee.

## **Resignations**

Article 20: In the event of the resignation of an Officer, the Committee may appoint a replacement.

## **General Meeting**

Article 21: Each Club member will be provided with 28 days written notice (by post and/or email) of all General Meetings. A copy of the provisional Agenda will be made available not later than 14 days before such General Meeting.

Article 21.1: The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the period of time between the close of one season and the opening of the new season.

Article 22: Only paid-up members may attend and participate in General Meetings.

Article 23: All contested elections and sensitive resolutions shall be conducted by secret ballot.

Article 24: A two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting is required to pass a motion to amend or alter the terms of this Constitution.

Article 25: All special projects that are not connected or related to the normal playing activities or development or functioning of the Club must be endorsed or rejected by the members in General Meeting.

## **EGM**

Article 26: An Emergency General Meeting (EGM) may be called where two thirds of the memberships calls for such a meeting to be convened. This notice needs to be sent in writing (by post or by email) to the Committee. The Board shall then convene the EGM within 14 working days.

## **Finance**

Article 27: The Club shall open and maintain bank accounts in the name of the Club.

Article 28: The Financial Officer shall be responsible for the operation of the bank account.

Article 29: The Financial Officer shall maintain proper books of account. At the Annual General Meeting a statement of Accounts shall be made available to the members.

Article 30: The Club Trustees are entitled to review at any time the Club's financial books and accounts. The Trustees may call upon the President to call a Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) in the event that they are dissatisfied with the financial affairs of the Club.

## **Finance Contd.**

Article 31: The Club shall hold any and all assets that accrue or are generated from the ventures made or taken in the name of or in association with the Club.

## **Membership**

Article 32: The annual membership fees shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting.

Article 33: All members agree and consent to abide by the Constitution, Bye Laws, discipline code and rulings of the Committee.

Article 34: All members aged 16 or over are entitled to attend and vote at General Meetings of the Club.

## **Discipline**

Article 35: The Executive Committee reserves the right to revoke and rescind the membership of an individual.

Article 36: The Club shall establish and maintain a Code of Discipline.

Article 37: The Club shall establish and maintain an Anti-Doping Policy.

Article 38: The Club shall implement and enforce the Code of Ethics and Good Practice in Children's Sport.

## **Income and Property**

Article 39: The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards its main objectives outlined in articles 8 to 14. No portion of the Club's income and property shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Club. No officer shall be appointed to any office of the Club paid by salary or fees, or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the Club in respect of such office. However, nothing shall prevent any payment in good faith by the organisation of:

a) reasonable and proper remuneration to any member or officer of the organisation for any services rendered to the organisation (other than as an officer);

## **Income and Property Contd.**

- b) interest at a rate not exceeding 5% per annum on money lent by the officers or other members of the organisation to the organisation;
- c) reasonable and proper rent for premises demised and let by any member of the organisation (including any officer) to the organisation;
- d) reasonable and proper out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any officer in connection with their attendance to any matter affecting the organisation;
- e) fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which an officer may be a member holding not more than one hundredth part of the issued capital of such company.

## **Winding-up**

Article 40: If upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, it shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club. Instead, such property shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having main objectives similar to the main objectives of the Club. The institution or institutions to which property is to be given or transferred shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Club under or by virtue of the Income and Property Clause hereof. Members of the organisation shall select the relevant institution or institutions at or before the time of dissolution, and if and so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then the property shall be given or transferred to some charitable object.

## **Additions, alterations or amendments**

Article 41: No additions, alterations or amendments shall be made to or in the provisions of the main objects, Income and Property and Winding-up Clauses in the clubs' Constitution for the time being in force unless the same shall have been previously approved in writing by the Revenue Commissioners.