

# THE CONSTITUTION OF MILTON KEYNES JUNIOR ICE HOCKEY CLUB

(Amended July 2022)

## **1. Name and title**

The name of the club shall be Milton Keynes Junior Ice Hockey Club (hereafter called “The Club”, or “MKJIHC”) also known as MK STORM.

## **2. Location**

The Club shall be based at Planet Ice Milton Keynes, 1 S Row, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 1DL and this shall be its registered address for service of all legal documents.

## **3. Aims and Objectives**

The aims and objectives of MKJIHC shall be:

- 3.1 To foster and promote the sport of ice hockey at all levels within the Milton Keynes community and surrounding areas
- 3.2 To organise, develop and promote junior ice hockey, consistent with the aims and objectives of the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA)
- 3.3 To raise and provide financial support directly or indirectly for the benefit of junior ice hockey and the club in particular
- 3.4 To ensure a duty of care to all playing members of the club and provide all of its services in a way that is equitable.

## **4. Playing Membership**

4.1 Membership will be open, irrespective of gender, religion, race, colour, nationality or disability to:

- 4.1.1 Persons who qualify by age and ability to participate in junior ice hockey overseen by the English Ice Hockey Association and/or the appropriate National Body of the sport and
- 4.1.2 Persons who are duly registered following payment of the membership fees currently in force

4.2 The membership of the club shall be organised in accordance with the age groups currently recognised by the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA)

- 4.2.1 Once accepted a member has the right to membership for the current season or until disqualification by age or by another clause of this Constitution
- 4.2.2 All playing members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and by joining MKJIHC will be deemed to accept these regulations and Codes of Conduct as set out in the Players registration Pack.

## **5. Equal Opportunities Statement**

5.1 The Club shall have no political bias or affiliation, shall be inter-denominational and provide ice hockey for all members regardless of race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, mental or physical disability or age and will not tolerate behaviour from its members that is contrary to this ideal. However, in order to operate all players must be able to demonstrate the minimum level of ice-skating ability as prescribed by the English Ice Hockey Association (EIHA) Level 6 standard.

## **6. Safeguarding**

- 6.1 The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) shall also be responsible for ensuring that all coaches, team representatives, club officials and anyone else who has direct contact with the junior members aged 18 or younger has a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) Check.
- 6.2 All safeguarding issues will be recorded and notified to the Designated Safeguarding Lead; Designated Safeguarding Leads details are available on the Club's website.
- 6.3 The Executive Committee will appoint a Designated Safeguarding Lead who shall ensure that all child protection legislation and guidelines are complied with (The Children Act 19\*\*)

## **7. Voting Membership**

- 7.1 The voting members of the club shall be
  - 7.1.1 Players aged 16 years and over
  - 7.1.2 The parents/guardians of playing members under 16 years of age, on the basis of one vote per family at an AGM or EGM
  - 7.1.3 All members of the Executive Committee

## **8. Termination of Membership**

- 8.1 Membership of the club will be deemed terminated if the registration fee or monies from a previous season, or monthly training fees are not paid within the allocated time
- 8.2 The Executive Committee shall have the right, for good and sufficient reason to terminate the membership of any member, provided that the individual member, along with their parent/guardian/representative has had the right to be heard by a subcommittee of non-conflicted committee members, where necessary and by exception can include head coaches or managers as appropriate, before the final decision is made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the member may be suspended at the discretion of the Executive Committee pending the outcome of an investigation.

## **9. Subscription**

- 9.1 All playing members shall pay such subscriptions at the level determined by the Executive Committee
- 9.2 The membership year for the club shall run from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> July
- 9.3 Annual subscriptions must be paid in accordance with the payment timetables laid out by the Executive Committee
- 9.4 The Executive Committee will set the membership fees annually prior to the AGM.

## **10. The Executive Committee**

- 10.1 The policies and general management of MKJIHC and the review and amendment of such policies and management practices shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall meet once per month. All committee members will be deemed to be members of the club on their election. The following table shows the roles of the Executive Committee.

Role
Chairperson
Vice Chair (Job share considered)
Club Secretary (Job share considered)
Club Treasurer
Committee Member
Committee Member

- 10.2 The Executive Committee positions shall normally be held on a voluntary basis. However, where the club finances allow and there is a justifiable need to obtain specific experience, skills or capability, the Executive Committee may elect to consider the paid employment of one person to fulfil any executive role. Any person employed shall not vote on matters relating to their appointment, their fees, expenses or remuneration, or any other matter which would result in an actual or perceived conflict of interest.
- 10.3 The Executive Committee shall have the power to convene a subcommittee to aid in fulfilling the aims and objectives as defined in section 3.
- 10.4 The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt non-voting members on to the committee by majority vote.
- 10.5 Volunteers for Team Manager are to be forwarded to the Executive Committee for selection and approval by the Executive Committee and team coach.
- 10.6 The Director of Coaching role is appointed by the Executive Committee as defined in their contract
- 10.7 The term of office of elected officers of the Executive Committee shall run from the AGM of election until the following years' AGM, with the exception of the Director of Coaching (see section 10.6)

## 11. The Annual General Meeting

- 11.1 The AGM shall be held annually between the 15<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> July. Notice of date, time and venue, having been decided by the Committee, shall be publicised to all members no less than 28 Calendar days prior to the AGM
- 11.2 The quorum of the AGM shall be 5% of the voting members. All votes require the agreement of a simple majority (greater than 50% of those present)
- 11.3 Where fewer than 5% of the voting members are in attendance, then at the Chairpersons discretion the meeting may proceed with those present
- 11.4 The purpose of the AGM shall be:
- 11.4.1 Receive the annual report of the Executive Committee
  - 11.4.2 Receive the annual audited statement of the accounts
  - 11.4.3 Resolve notices of motions
  - 11.4.4 Election of the Executive Committee Members
  - 11.4.5 Notices of motions for the AGM should be made to the Club Secretary, in writing at least 10 days before the commencement of the meeting. All notices of motions shall have a proposer and a seconder from the voting membership of

the club. Details of notices shall be distributed to all voting members by the Club Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM

**12. The Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)**

- 12.1 The Executive Committee, or a group of 50% or more voting members, may call an EGM by submitting a written request to the Executive Committee
- 12.2 The Executive Committee must arrange for the EGM to be held within 28 calendar days of the receipt
- 12.3 Nominations, Notices and voting processes for an EGM shall otherwise be in accordance with the requirements for an AGM defined in section 11.
- 12.4 The EGM may not be called to try and overturn a decision of the AGM unless the AGM is found to be non-compliant with the terms set in section 11.
- 12.5 The Quorum of the EGM shall be 50% of the voting members. All votes require the agreement of a simple majority (greater than 50% of those present)
- 12.6 Where fewer than 50% of the voting members are in attendance then the Chairperson shall declare the meeting closed without resolution. A further EGM shall not be held in the agenda items unless there have been significant new developments in the intervening period.

**13. Dissolution**

- 13.1 A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the full membership. Any member not able to be present at such a meeting may vote electronically through the Club Secretary on this resolution only.
- 13.2 In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with club funds. Any assets of the club that remain will become the property of another club with similar objectives or the English Ice Hockey Association.

**14. Declaration**

- 12.1 MKJIHC aka MK Storm hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of its members.

Committee Position	Name	Signature	Date
