

# Worthing Hockey Club – Club Rules 2021

1. The Club shall incorporate the Worthing Men's Hockey Section and the Worthing Ladies' Hockey Section.
2. The Club shall consist of Playing, Non-Playing, Honorary and Temporary Members. All non-playing Family of Playing Members shall be entitled to Family Membership. All members of visiting teams and umpires shall be admitted as Honorary Members of the Club for the days on which they take part in matches on home grounds.
3. Application for Membership shall be made through any existing Member or directly through the Membership Officer. New Members can be confirmed by any member of the Management Committee of the Club – subject to ratification by the Management Committee meeting. New Members will be allocated a Membership Number and have their Membership confirmed in writing by the Membership Secretary.
4. Any Member desiring to resign from the Club shall give the Club Secretary written notice thereof. The Management Committee of the Club shall have power to suspend or expel any Member from the Club whose subscription remains unpaid after the same becomes due or whose conduct is considered contrary to the best interests of the Club. In such cases the Member concerned shall be advised of the reason for such proposed suspension or expulsion and given reasonable opportunity of appearing before the Committee or its representatives & answering the complaint against said Member.
5. The Annual Subscriptions shall be agreed by the Management Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting. They must be paid in full by 30th September.
  - a) i) Any subscription not paid in full by 30<sup>th</sup> September, (or within one month of joining WHC) shall mean that the Member MAY NOT be considered for Team Selection.  
  
ii) Members may make payment by 12 monthly payments provided they commit to make all payments before 30<sup>th</sup> September and have done so by the following 31<sup>st</sup> August. If members join during the year they may commence payments from the month they join.
  - b) Any variation in individual subscriptions will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.
6. In addition to the Annual Subscription, a match levy will be payable for matches. The amounts to be agreed by the Management Committee and approved at the Annual General Meeting.
7. The general management of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall consist of the following:-

The Chairperson, Club Secretary, Operations Manager, Clubhouse Manager, Mens Club Captain, Ladies Club Captain, Strategic Development Officer, Fixtures Officer, Membership Officer. The election of officers shall, as far as possible be equally representative of the Ladies' Section and the Men's Section. The Management Committee may choose to vary these roles from time to time at its own discretion.

8. The Management Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies that may arise, and to appoint any Club Member or Members to represent the Club at any meeting or function to which the Club or its representative(s) have been invited. The Management Committee shall also nominate three of its Members to represent the Club on the Management Committee of the Principal Club.
9. The Management Committee shall be entitled to delegate its powers upon such terms as it may think fit to such sub-committees as it shall appoint. The Management Committee may choose to appoint or dissolve any sub-committee at its own discretion
  - a) There shall be one Selection Committee for the Ladies' Section and one Selection Committee for the Men's Section. Each Selection Committee shall comprise the Team Captains and such other members as the Management Committee shall decide. The Chairperson from the Selection Committees shall be the representative on the Management Committee.
  - b) There shall be a sub committee responsible for the Management of the Clubhouse.
  - c) There shall be a sub committee responsible for the Strategic Development of the Club
  - d) There shall be a sub committee responsible for the Financial Management of the Club
  - e) Matters of discipline shall be referred to the relevant officer.
10. A General Meeting of the Club shall be held each year between the end of one playing season and the beginning of the next playing season (but so that not more than fifteen months shall elapse without a General Meeting) to transact the following business:
  - a) To receive & if approved adopt Officers' Reports.
  - b) To approve the Annual Subscriptions for all classes of members and match fees for the ensuing year.
  - c) To elect any new Life Vice Presidents and any new Vice Presidents
  - d) To elect / approve the appointment of the Officers of the Club as listed in Rule 8 who will take on the role of the Management Committee
  - e) To approve all other appointments (as required)

f) Vacancies arising at any time may be filled at the discretion of the Management Committee.

11. A Special General Meeting of the Club may be summoned at any time by the Management Committee or by not less than 7 Members. A minimum of 14 days written notice of any General Meeting must be given to all Members specifying the matters to be dealt with and at such a Meeting a quorum shall consist of 15 Members. Any Member desirous of moving any resolution at the AGM shall give notice in writing to the Club Secretary not less than 8 days before the date of such Meeting. Any nominations for Chairperson shall be forwarded in writing to the Club Secretary no less than 7 days before the date of an AGM.
12. The Club Colours are old gold shirts with navy trim, blue shorts/skirts and blue socks with old gold tops, excepting that the combination of old gold and blue may be varied for any specific game provided such combination is approved by the Management Committee.
13. These Rules may be amended, added to or repealed by a resolution at any AGM or Extraordinary Meeting called for that purpose. Such alterations must secure a two-thirds majority of those present.
14. The Management Committee, by a majority vote at a quorum meeting, may decide to dissolve the Club. They must then call a Special General Meeting giving a minimum of 14 days written notice to all Club Members. If at the SGM, the motion is passed by a majority vote, the Club is then dissolved. Voting rights as at the AGM pertain. Upon dissolution, any funds remaining after all debts have been met will be donated as follows: 75% to the Sussex Hockey Association and 25% to the England Hockey Association.