

Grosvenor Hockey Club Constitution

Revised and adopted on 02 April 2009

1. The Club shall be called *Grosvenor Hockey Club*.
The aims of the club are to promote the sport of field hockey and provide a range of community activities to people which will improve their general health and well being, through fitness and enjoyment.
2. The affairs of the Club shall be entrusted to a *Management Committee* as hereinafter provided.
3. The *Annual General Meeting* shall be held by/in *May* of each year. Fourteen days notice of a meeting shall be given to all registered members of the club. Only members who are 16 years and over at the date of the meeting and who have paid their fees for the previous club year ended 31 March are eligible to vote. Prospective members may attend but shall not have the power of voting. Ten members shall form a quorum at any *General meeting*.
4. The *Office Bearers* shall consist of the following:- *President, Vice-President, Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Match Secretary, Membership Officer, Press Officer, Social Secretary* plus three *Committee Members* all of whom shall be elected at the *Annual General Meeting*. All positions will be held for a period of one year, except the *President and Vice-President*, who shall preside for a period of two years.
5. No-one shall be eligible for election to the positions of *Club Captain, Club Secretary* and *Club Treasurer* who has not been a member of the Club for at least two years. The *Club Captain* shall have served at least one year on the *Management Committee*.
6. The *Management Committee* shall consist of *Club Captain, Club Vice-Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Match Secretary, Membership Officer, Press Officer, Social Secretary* and three others elected at the *Annual General Meeting*.
7. Nominations for *Committee posts* should be made in writing to the *Honorary Secretary* at least seven days prior to the *Annual General Meeting*. All nominations must be made with the prior knowledge and agreement of the nominee. The proposer and seconder must be members of the club who have paid their fees for the previous club year. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.
8. The *Club Captain* shall not necessarily be *Captain* of the team in which they play during the season. A *Special Meeting* will be held in *September* each year to elect individual captains.
9. Meetings of the *Management Committee* shall be summoned as often as may be found necessary.

10. Casual vacancies in the Management Committee may be filled by co-option and the members so co-opted shall take the place of the member who caused the vacancy.
11. The Management Committee shall have unlimited authority on the questions of order, and shall be the sole interpreter of the Rules of the Club.
12. The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse any application for Membership of the Club and to expel any member if at any time it shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club render this step necessary. The power of expulsion thus vested in the Management Committee shall not, however, be exercised until after the member has been called upon by the Committee to resign.
13. The Management Committee may from time to time appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary or expedient.
14. Any member of the Management Committee who absents themselves from three consecutive meetings shall ipso facto cease to be a member of the Committee on which they served and their place shall be filled by co-option. That Committee, shall however have power to reinstate them if a satisfactory reason for non-attendance is given.
15. Subscriptions shall be such as decided from time to time **by the Management Committee**. Subscriptions fall due on the 1 April and should be paid to the Honorary Treasurer, or Membership Officer and/or CIYMS before 30 September or all Club facilities will be withdrawn and such persons will not be selected for teams.
16. The Honorary Treasurer shall administer a budget annually agreed by the Council of the Grosvenor Club. The Honorary Treasurer shall submit to the Annual General Meeting a Financial Statement made up to 31 March and audited by an Honorary Auditor approved by the Management Committee.

The income and property of the club from wherever it shall be obtained shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the purposes of the Club as set forth in its Constitution. Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper re-numeration to any employee of the Club or the repayment of out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the course of the club's business by any Officer or other member appointed on behalf of the Club. The Club shall cause proper books of accounts to be kept with respect to all sums of money received and paid out by the Club and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure shall take place.

17. The Senior Club Uniform should consist of:-
The colours blue, green, white or any combination.
Footwear and sticks must conform with the requirements of the Ulster Womens' Hockey Union.

18. Special General Meetings may be summoned by the Committee as often as may be deemed necessary or by the Secretary at any time on the request of six members subject to two weeks written notice.
19. No vote shall be taken on any motion at any General Meeting unless notice has been given by the Honorary Secretary to all members not less than fourteen days before the said meeting.
20. At all meetings of the Club, the President, Vice-President or Club Captain shall preside, or in their absence the member who shall be elected by the majority of those present.
21. These rules shall have immediate effect and can only be added to, repealed or amended by resolution of which seven days notice has been given to the members, at any Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting summoned for the purpose. The resolution must be carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members voting thereon.
22. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone wishing to participate in the activities of the Club whose application is approved by the Management Committee. Membership is open to all without distinction of sex, age, disability, race, political or religious opinion. Playing members by necessity will be female.
23. Trustees
The club may appoint and may terminate the appointment of not less than 3 people to act as Trustees for the purpose of holding any monies or property belonging to the club. The title to all or any such real and/or personal property which may be required by or for the purposes of the club shall be vested in the Trustees who shall hold such property in trust for the club. The trustees shall act under the instructions of the committee who shall, subject to the approval and consent of the club as determined by a general meeting, have power to fill vacancies among the Trustees.
24. Indemnity
The club shall indemnify every officer, member and volunteer of the club from and against all claims, demands, actions and proceedings (and all costs and expenses in connection therewith or arising therefrom) made or brought against the club in connection with its activities, the actions of its officers, members and volunteers or in connection with its property and equipment, but this indemnity shall not extend to liabilities arising from wilful and individual fraud, wrongdoing or wrongful omission on the part of an officer, member or volunteer sought to be made liable. The treasurer shall effect a policy of insurance in respect of this indemnity.
25. Dissolution clause
If the committee by a simple majority decides at any time that on the grounds of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the club, they shall call

a meeting of all members of the club who have the power to vote of which meeting not less than 21 days notice (stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed therat) shall be given.

If such a decision shall be confirmed by a simple majority of those present and voting at such meeting, the committee shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or in the name of the club.

Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar o the objects of the club as the Committee may decide.