



FALKLAND ISLANDS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Association Statutes approved by the Committee on 09th November 2015

Association Mission

1.1 The Falkland Islands Hockey Association strives to provide excellent hockey playing opportunities to all from youth to the highest senior levels regardless of age, gender and ability. The Association also aims to provide a warm welcome to everybody, including supporters, and to be recognised as the most socially and family oriented Club in the Falklands. The Association will also promise to guide, teach and support children.

2. General

- 2.1 The Club shall be known as 'The Falkland Islands Hockey Association'. The purpose of this club is to promote good standards of Hockey by all means it may deem appropriate.
- 2.2 The Association shall be managed by a Committee who shall be elected each year by a General Assembly of its members
- 2.3 The working language of the Association shall be English for the purposes of general Association documentation and communications
- 2.4 Amendments to these statutes may only be made at a General Assembly of Members
- 2.5 All members of the Association are required to abide by these statutes
- 2.6 The season lasts from March to September in the same year. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members shall be held in September of each year. The financial year-end shall run from AGM to AGM.
- 2.7 The Committee shall co-operate with the Falkland Islands Overseas Games Committee in all aspects related to international competitions

3. AGM

- 3.1 The outgoing Committee shall convene that AGM at least 20 days in advance of the meeting. The notice shall be sent to the last known mail address or e-mail address of each member. The notice shall include a proposed agenda, date, time and venue.
- 3.2 In order for an AGM to be held validly, at least 15 or 20% of the members entitled to vote must be present. If this quorum is not met, the outgoing Committee shall convene a new AGM, with 10 days advance notice, and the quorum for this AGM shall be 10 members.
- 3.3 The Chair of the outgoing Committee shall chair the AGM until the new Chair is appointed
- 3.4 The AGM shall elect a new Committee and shall appoint an Auditor. The outgoing Committee shall present the agenda and report on the previous season. All items on the agenda shall be approved, amended or rejected as appropriate by a simple majority of members present or validly represented. New items may be added to the agenda at the request of any member entitled to vote, unless opposed by a majority of the members present.

4. Voting

- 4.1 Entitled to vote are Hockey players with valid memberships, this includes all youth members.
- 4.2 Voting shall be by a show of hands unless a majority of the members present request a secret ballot for all or part of the agenda items. Proxy votes must be given unambiguously and in writing and no member may hold more than 3 proxy votes. Results of votes shall be communicated immediately to all members present and sent out to all members within 2 weeks of the date of the AGM
- 4.3 Members entitled to vote may make nominations to the Committee. Each appointment to the Committee shall be nominated by a Member (self-nominations are acceptable) and seconded by another Member

5. Committee

- 5.1 The Committee shall consist of not less than five and not more than nine members with at least one youth member. The Committee shall normally serve for a period of one year or until a new Committee is elected. The Committee shall appoint a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Statistics Coordinator and other officers as needed
- 5.2 No Committee Member shall be eligible for re-election if he or she has served for three complete consecutive years unless there is no other candidate for the office
- 5.3 If the Annual General Meeting fails to fill a Committee vacancy then the Committee may do so and may fill vacancies and may co-opt additional Members
- 5.4 Committee Members are obliged to act in the best interests of the Association at all times. Committee Members are not permitted to hold executive positions in other Hockey clubs. They shall be required to declare any conflicts of interests to the Committee
- 5.5 The Committee may convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time for any agenda it deems appropriate. The Committee must convene an Extraordinary General Meeting if at least a third of the Members make such a request. The rules of notice, quorum and voting shall be the same as the AGM

6. Financial

- 6.1 The Treasurer shall present the audited accounts to the Committee before submission to the AGM
- 6.2 All cheques and payment orders shall be signed by any two members of the Committee

7. Club Rules and Practices

- 7.1 The Committee is responsible for making decisions for the day to day running of the Association. To facilitate this, the Committee may maintain an 'Association Rules and Practices' document. There shall be no point of conflict between this and the Statutes approved by the AGM. In case of any conflict, the Statutes take precedence
- 7.2 The 'Association Rules and Practices' will define as appropriate the roles of all officers, meetings, financial management, expenses, social events, league relations, prizes, court assignment and play, coaching and training, teams, publicity, insurance, privacy or any other aspects necessary to run the Association.

7.3 The 'Association Rules and Practices' and any changes shall be communicated to all members, who shall have a period of 21 days to make comments for consideration by the Committee

8. Teams

8.1 The Committee shall select Team Captains and participate in team selection from those who have expressed interest in playing in Hockey teams

8.2 Team Captains shall be responsible for reporting on matches and for finding substitutes where necessary, however all substitutes must be approved by the Committee to ensure fairness

8.3 The 'Association Rules and Practices' should be followed when picking Dek Hockey teams

8.4 Youth teams selection will be selected by at least three committee members and coach. Players will separated by skill level and drawn in lots to ensure fairness.