

THE RULES OF THE BUCKINGHAMSHIRE HOCKEY UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

- 1 The Association shall be called The Buckinghamshire Hockey Umpires' Association and shall be affiliated to the Southern Counties Hockey Umpires' Association under their Rules and to the Buckinghamshire Hockey Association under their constitution.
- 2 The objects of the Association shall be to stimulate interest in and improve umpiring within the County and make appointments as requested.
- 3 The Association shall be governed by a Council consisting of a President, Deputy-President, Chairman of Council, Hon. Secretary [who shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees], Hon. Treasurer, Mens Hon. Appointments Secretary, Ladies Hon. Appointments Secretary, Chairman of Selection/Coaching Committee and five Members, all of whom shall be elected by vote at the Annual General Meeting. Five members of the Council to form a quorum.
- 4 A candidate for election to membership of the Association must either:
 - (i) be nominated by the Captain and Hon. Secretary of a club affiliated to the Buckinghamshire Hockey Association or by two members of this Association, or
 - (ii) pass a written exam forming part of a Level 1 Umpires course run by, or on behalf of, the Association in which case the candidate will immediately become a member of the Association.
- 5 The annual membership subscription to the Association shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions shall become due as follows:
 - (a) in the case of 4(i) above on election and every subsequent on 1 October;
 - (b) in the case of 4(ii) above on 1 October in the calendar year following that in which the exam was passed.Any annual membership subscription still outstanding by the 1st November in the .year shall result in the member not being entitled to vote at a General Meeting of the Association and shall not then be entitled to receive appointments. If the annual membership subscription is still outstanding at 1st January in the ensuing year the Member shall be deemed to have resigned.
- 6 The Council shall have power:
 - to fill any vacancy during the year;
 - to appoint a Selection/Coaching Committee and other appropriate sub-committees and to co-opt on to same, members who are not members of Council;
 - to remove from the list of members the name of any member who is considered unsatisfactory;
 - to elect as members of the Association without nomination as in Rule 4 members of SCHUA residing in Buckinghamshire, or who is a member of, or associated with a Club in Buckinghamshire.
- 7(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held not later than 31st May each year not less than 21 days written notice being given to each member.
 - (b) The business of the Meeting shall be as follows:
 - to receive the reports of the Officers;
 - to receive the audited accounts for the year;
 - to set the annual subscription for the forthcoming year;
 - to consider any changes to the Association's Rules in accordance with Rule 9;
 - to elect the officers and Members of Council as defined by Rule 3;
 - to elect new honorary Life Members;
 - to elect the duly proposed Vice-Presidents;
 - to take matters from the floor at the President's discretion.
 - (c) Duly proposed and seconded nominations for Office shall be received by the Hon. Secretary not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting with nominations only being accepted from the floor of the Meeting if insufficient nominations were not received by the Hon. Secretary by the due date.
- 8 A Special General Meeting of the Association shall be called at the discretion of the Council or on the written request of not less than Four Members and within twenty-one days of the receipt of such requisition provided that the purpose of the Meeting is stated and this shall also be stated in the notice convening the Meeting and no other business shall be transacted at that meeting. Any Resolution to be moved shall be set out in writing, with the names of the proposer and seconder.
- 9 Rules may from time to time be altered and other Rules made by any Annual General Meeting by the vote of two thirds of the Members present and voting, provided that notice of any proposed alterations or additions have been sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than March 31st in each year, and that particulars of the proposed alterations or additions are given in the notice convening the Meeting.
- 10 Except as provided by Rule 9, every question at a General Meeting or Council Meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes, the Chairman having a casting vote.
- 11 The Hon. Secretary of the Buckinghamshire Hockey Association shall be an ex-officio member of the Association and of the Council.

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