

# Great Britain Ice Hockey Supporters Club Constitution

Adopted constitution issued June 1993

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## 1. Terms and Abbreviations used through this constitution

- a. GBSC            The Great Britain Ice Hockey Supporters Club
- b. IHUK            Ice Hockey United Kingdom
- c. IIHF            International Ice Hockey Federation
- d. GB Teams      Unless explicitly stated, refers to all GB Teams competing at the U-18, U-20, Senior Men's and Women's
- e. AGM            Annual General Meeting

## 2. General Statement

- a. IHUK have absolute responsibility for the management and finance for the GB Teams according to the regulations of the IIHF. GBSC is a separate and independent organisation from IHUK, save that IHUK will allow GBSC the use of the Lion logo to help promote the activities of GBSC in accordance with the Functions and Purposes laid down by Section 3 of this Constitution.

## 3. Functions and Purposes of GBSC

- a. To endeavour to facilitate an increase in attendance to both home and away games by encouraging members of the public to support GB Teams and join GBSC.
- b. To actively liaise with the board members, management, and players of IHUK and GB Teams in order to foster constructive cooperation, dialogue and mutual understanding for the benefit of Team GB.
- c. To aim to provide extra financial assistance for IHUK to be used for GB Teams by means of fund raising activities at the GBSC Committee discretion, taking ideas from members of GBSC.

- d. Whenever possible offer support to IHUK in the organisation and staffing of events related to GB Teams.
- e. Where possible, and in accordance with IHUK guidelines, to obtain publicity and sponsorship for GB Teams.
- f. To give every encouragement and support to GB Teams players and management.
- g. To arrange travel, accomodation and tickets for all members of GBSC following GB Teams.

#### **4. GBSC Committee**

- a. The Committee will comprise of six members elected by GBSC membership. The Committee may recommend to the membership an increase or reduction in the size of the Committee as it deems necessary so as to enable it to best serve the interests of the membership.
- b. The Committee for GBSC will consist of the following officers:
  - i. Chairperson
  - ii. Vice Chairperson
  - iii. Membership Secretary
  - iv. Treasurer
  - v. Fund Raising/Lotteries
- c. All Committee officers hold full voting rights at Committee meetings.
- d. The Committee may, at its discretion, co-opt assistance from the membership to assist with special events and/or projects. Co-opted members of the Committee, or any sub-committee, shall have no voting rights.
- e. The appointment of any Committee position with voting powers will be for a period not exceeding twelve months in which time election to the post at an AGM shall have been sought.
- f. If for any reason an elected committee member is unable to fulfill their term of office, a temporary appointment may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson for the remainder of the period to the next AGM.

- g. The Committee shall meet at least twice a year at a time and place designated by the Chairperson, who shall give reasonable notice to all Committee members.
- h. Minutes of all meetings shall be taken by the Chairperson and approved by the Committee at the next meeting. Copies of the minutes will be made available on request to any current member of GBSC.

## **5. Membership and Discipline**

- a. Membership of GBSC will be open to any ice hockey supporter on payment of the annual subscription fee.
- b. There will be three categories of membership, full membership for those aged 16 years and above at 1st August; junior membership for those aged less than 16 years at 1st August, and family membership. Full members will be entitled to serve on the Committee; nominate or second a candidate for election; and vote at the Annual General Meeting or any Extraordinary General Meeting of GBSC. Junior members will not be entitled to serve on the Committee, nominate or second a candidate or enjoy voting rights.
- c. The annual subscription fee for membership of GBSC will be determined by the Committee periodically and will be proposed to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- d. Payment of the subscription fee will become due annually on the anniversary of the date of joining. Any member in default of payment of the annual subscription 6 months after their renewal date will be deemed to have relinquished their membership of GBSC. The prompt payment of subscription fees is encouraged, as these are required for the administration of GBSC including, but not limited to, the production of publications and the organisation of social events and tournament travel.
- e. GBSC membership is at the discretion of the standing Committee. GBSC reserve the right to refuse membership to any applicant for

reasons which must be disclosed, in writing, at the time the refusal is made.

- f. GBSC reserve the right to suspend membership of GBSC for any members who bring the game of ice hockey and/or the names of IHUK, GB Teams or GBSC into disrepute. The member shall receive a written explanation of the reason for suspension. Should GBSC be aware of the suspended members affiliation to an ice hockey club notification of the suspension shall be made to that club. IHUK will be informed by GBSC of all suspension decisions.
- g. All appeals against suspension must be made in person to the GBSC Committee within four weeks of the activation of any suspension. No appeal will be considered against any decision made by IHUK management where such a decision involves eviction and/or ban from Team GB games.
- h. Any member expelled from GBSC will have no entitlement to a refund of their membership fee in whole or in part.

## **6. Annual General Meeting and Committee Election**

- a. The AGM is to take place between the months of June and July unless prevailing circumstances are such as not to permit this.
- b. The date and location of the AGM will be decided by the standing Committee and published to members at least four weeks beforehand.
- c. The agenda for the AGM is to include the following items:
  - i. Review minutes from the previous AGM
  - ii. Chairmans report
  - iii. Treasurers report
  - iv. Approval of accounts
  - v. Appointment of the committee for the following year
  - vi. Any other points and questions from the floor
  - vii. Handover of GBSC to the new committee
- d. Any Agenda items for consideration at the Annual General Meeting should be notified to the Chairperson, or a nominated Committee Officer, not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting.

- e. Any nominations for the Committee must be lodged with the Chairperson or a nominated Committee Officer, not less than 14 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.
- f. Representatives of IHUK and Team GB will be invited to attend the AGM at the discretion of the Committee.

## **7. Extraordinary General Meetings**

- a. The Committee may at their discretion call an Extraordinary General Meeting of GBSC at any time.
- b. A minimum of 50 full members of GBSC who sign a motion to that effect which will specify the issue to which discussion will be confined may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Supporters' Club at any time.
- c. In the event an Extraordinary General Meeting is called, notice of the date, venue, and the issue to which discussion will be confined shall be delivered in writing not less than three weeks prior to the date fixed for the meeting.
- d. If members of GBSC call for an Extraordinary General Meeting they shall give notice to the Chairperson.

## **8. Voting Rules and Procedures**

- a. All full members of GBSC present at the AGM will be allowed to vote in any votes called for during the AGM. This is to include all votes for officers of GBSC and any proposals presented at the AGM.
- b. All proposals for inclusion at the AGM are to be made to the Chairperson at least three weeks prior to the date of the AGM. All proposals are to be proposed and seconded by current full members of GBSC.

## **9. Financial Accounts of GBSC**

- a. The financial year-end for the accounts of GBSC shall be 31st May.
- b. Audited accounts will be circulated and reported upon at the Annual General meeting of GBSC.

**10. Dissolution**

- a. In the event of the dissolution of GBSC, any finances or property remaining will be donated to IHUK for the benefit of GB Teams.

**11. Constitution**

- a. The Constitution of the Supporters' Club can only be amended at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, and subject to two-thirds of the members attending voting in favour at any such meeting.

**12. Declaration**

- a. Having read the constitution of the GBSC, we agree that the above constitution is acceptable as a framework for the club and hereby invoke the constitution of GBSC to run with immediate effect from the date of this document.

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2005

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