



WOKING BLACKHAWKS BASKETBALL CLUB

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Constitution (Agreed July 2018)

1. Title

- 1.1. The organisation shall be called Woking Blackhawks Basketball Club hereafter to be referred to as "the Club" and shall be affiliated to the National Governing Body (England Basketball and The Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association)

2. Objectives

- 2.1. To foster and promote the sport of Basketball at all levels, providing opportunities for recreation and competition.

3. Membership

- 3.1. Membership of the Club shall be open to any person, regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation or ability, who completes a membership application form and pays the relevant subscription/joining fee as determined by the Annual General Meeting of the Club Members.
- 3.2. The classes of membership available shall be.
 - 3.2.1. Full Member (over 18 years of age)
 - 3.2.2. Junior Youth Member (under 18 years of age)
 - 3.2.3. Non playing Volunteer Full Member.
 - 3.2.4. Occasional Full Time Student – for over 18's in full time education playing during the holidays only
 - 3.2.5. Full member - (Over 18 wheelchair)
 - 3.2.6. Junior Member - (under 18 wheelchair)
 - 3.2.7. Honorary life member (see cl 14)

4. Officers

- 4.1. The Officers of the Club shall be as follows:
 - Chairperson
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Head of Youth Basketball
 - Head of Seniors Basketball
 - Head of Wheelchair Basketball

5. Election of officers

- 5.1. All Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, from, and by, the Members of the Club.
- 5.2. All Officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year.

6. Executive Committee

- 6.1. The affairs of the Club shall be controlled by a Executive Committee comprising the Officers of the Club . The Executive Committee shall meet at agreed intervals and not less than four times per year.
- 6.2. The Executive officers of the Club may co-opt other Club members onto the Executive Committee as Officers to undertake specific roles including, but not limited to, Membership Secretary, Fundraising, Information Officer, Welfare Protection Officer.
- 6.3 the Exec shall appoint a Safeguarding Officer and Data Protection Officer who will be invited to attend as non-voting members of the Executive



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6.4 Section Heads of Youth, Senior and Wheelchair Basketball may nominate members from their respective sections to represent specific membership groups within their section. Such nominated members may attend executive meetings as non-voting members.

6.5 In the event that a Chairman of the Executive Committee is not elected then the Head of Youth Basketball, Head of Senior Basketball and Head of Wheelchair Basketball shall act as Chairman of the Executive Committee on a rotating basis.

Unless otherwise agreed between the respective Heads of Section, The Head of Youth Basketball will act as Chairman for the first executive meeting of the year, Chairmanship will subsequently rotate between the Heads of Sections, changing at the start of each Executive Meeting.

7. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be:

- To control the overall affairs of the Club on behalf of the Members and to coordinate matters between the various sections`
- To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer. These should be available for reasonable inspection by Members
- The Treasurer should ensure an Independent Inspection of the accounts is performed prior to the Annual General Meeting

6.2.3 To co-opt additional members of the Committee as the Committee feels this is necessary. Co-opted members shall not be entitled to a vote on the Committee.

6.2.4 To make decisions on the basis of a simple majority vote. In the case of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

8. Section Committees

8.1. At the discretion of the Head of each section, a Section committee can be formed to undertake and implement the programmes and activities of the section concerned.

8.2. The structure of the committee will be at the discretion of the Head of section and members will be co-opted by the Head of Section

8.3. Sections may operate their own Bank account (see #9.2)

9. Bank Accounts

9.1. The Club shall maintain a bank current account(S) and the Officers shall be authorised to sign Club cheques: two from the Executive Officers (Chairperson; Treasurer and Secretary) or one Executive Officer and one other Officer.

9.2. If a section operates a Bank Account then the Head of Section, Section Financial Manager and Club Treasurer will be authorised to operate the account. Cheque authorisation will require two signatures from those Authorised to sign. The signatories shall be ratified by the Executive Committee who may also authorise additional signatories as deemed appropriate.

9.3. Should the section cease to operate an account all funds will be returned to the main Club account

9.4. The section Financial Manager shall provide to the Club Treasurer all details of account for inclusion in the main Club accounts



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10. . General meetings

10.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the end of June each year. 21 clear days' written notice shall be given to Members of the Annual General Meeting by circulating a copy of the notice to every member at their home address (or via email if they have agreed to receive communication in this manner) and posting the notice on the Club website. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of any business to be moved at the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days before a meeting. The Secretary shall circulate or give notice of the agenda for the meeting to Members not less than 7 days before the meeting.

10.2. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be to:

10.2.1. Confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any General Meetings held since the last Annual General Meeting.

10.2.2. Receive the Club accounts for the year from the Treasurer.

10.2.3. Receive the annual report of the Committee from the Secretary.

10.2.4. Elect the Officers of the Club i.e. Chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer; Head of Sections as cl4.1.

10.2.5. Transact such other business received in writing by the Secretary from Members 14 days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda.

NOTE: The agenda can provide for "Any Other Business", but Members are encouraged to refer other items to the General Committee and give the required notice for important Annual General Meeting business.

10.3. Special General Meetings may be convened by the Executive Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing from not less than 25 Full Members of the Club. At least 21 days' notice of the meeting shall be given.

10.4. Nomination of candidates for election of Officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary at least 10 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by Full Members and must be seconded by another Full Member.

10.5. At all Executive Meetings, the chair will be taken by the Chairperson or, in their absence, by a deputy appointed by the Club or by Full Members attending the meeting.

10.6. Decisions made at a Executive Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those Full Members attending the meeting. In the event of equal votes, the Chairperson shall be entitled to an additional casting vote.

10.7. A quorum for a Executive Meeting shall be 3 Officers of the Club including 1 from the Chairperson; Secretary and Treasurer.

10.8. Each Full Member of the Club shall be entitled to one vote at General Meetings.

11. Alterations to the Constitutions

11.1. Any proposed alterations to the Club Constitution may only be considered at an Annual or Special General Meeting convened with the required written notice of the proposal. Any alteration or amendment must be proposed by a Full Member of the Club and seconded by another Full Member. Such alterations shall be passed if supported by not less than two-



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thirds of those Full Members present at the meeting, assuming that a quorum has been achieved.

12. Dissolution

- 12.1. If, at any General Meeting of the Club, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- 12.2. If, at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two-thirds of the Full Members present at the meeting, the General Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club.
- 12.3. After discharging all debts and liabilities of the Club, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Full Members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to some other voluntary Club having objects similar to those of the Club.

13. Child Protection

- 13.1. The club will comply with the child protection policy and procedures of the National governing body (Basketball England and The Great Britain Wheelchair Basketball Association).

14. Honorary Life Membership

- 14.1. Life Membership may be granted by the Club Executive committee to individuals of the Club in recognition of their service or other meritorious action.
- 14.2. Life Members may attend meetings of the executive Committee with right to speak but not to vote. Life members are entitled to attend and vote at Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meeting