

# Mohawks

## Ice Racing Club

### Club Rules & Regulations

#### Section A. Policy

1. That the Club be called The Mohawks Ice Racing Club.
2. The object of the club is to provide facilities for and promote participation of the whole community in the sport of ice speed skating
3. That the Club be affiliated to the NISA of UK Ltd, whose rules and regulations shall be preserved in every detail until such time as this association's policy is detrimental to the sport of speed skating.
4. That the Officers of the club comprise of: - President, Hon. Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Coach, Ass Coach(s), Fund-raising and Development Officers. These to be elected by a majority vote at the AGM. Elections to be nominated by ballot. Co-Options onto the committee posts by the said committee will have full voting powers on all club policies.
5. That the retiring committee calls an Annual General Meeting at the end of each season. A full ten days notice to be given in writing to bona fide members, stating, 'Date, Time and Place of Meeting'. The agenda to be ready for the commencement of the meeting. Each meeting to have a Chairman to whom all proposals and addresses to be made.
6. The quorum required for business to be agreed at management committee meetings will be three committee members. The quorum for general meetings will be three members.
7. Should club matters arise where the committee feel that the complete club should pass approval a 'Special Meeting' shall be called by the secretary, giving ten days notice in writing stating, 'Date, Time and Place for the Meeting'.
8. That an Extraordinary General Meeting be called on requisition signed by no less than ten members, whose names must appear on the summoning notice, together with the reason for which the meeting has been called. The Secretary then to inform all bona fide members in writing, giving ten days notice stating, 'Date, Time and Place of Meeting'.
9. That the appointed committee members meet at least every eight to twelve weeks to discuss matters accumulated since the previous meeting. The Secretary to give seven days notice in writing to all committee members stating, 'Date, Time and place of Meeting'.
10. That the committee be empowered to organize skating competitions.
11. The discretionary power is given to the appointed committee to deal with any matter not covered by the above and following rules, regulations and subsequent bylaws.
12. That none of the above or following rules be altered except by an AGM meeting called for that purpose. Due notice to be published by the secretary on the club notice board that particular rule is coming under discussion for amendment etc.
13. That the above and following rules, regulations and subsequent bylaws supersede all previous rules.

## Finance

- i. The club committee to appoint an Hon. Auditor if required by the Charity Commission.
- ii. Club monies to be banked in the clubs name as soon as possible.
- iii. The club books and accounts to be kept by the Hon Treasurer.
- iv. Payments to be authorized by the Hon. Treasurer and/or the club committee.
- v. Any bank balance which considered by the committee to be surplus to immediate requirements can be invested in interest bearing bank deposits.
- vi The income and property of the club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's object as set forth in these rules and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, to the Members of the Club.
- vii In the event of there being a deficiency of club funds, action to be taken will be decided by the club committee.
- viii In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to one or more of the following approved sporting or charitable bodies:
  1. A registered charitable organisation (s).
  2. Another short track speed skating club(s).
  3. The sports national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

## Section 'B' – Membership

14. President. This post will be offered to a person who is decided upon by the committee and will hold office until ensuing year, when it will come under review by the new committee. AGM 2001 – offered as Hon. life Position
15. Hon. Vice President. The membership to this post is to be unlimited and shall be approved by the committee. The office to be held until the ensuing year when it will come under review by the new committee. AGM 2001 – position not filled.
16. For Full Club Membership the fee shall be £30 per person. Enrolment to the NISA of UK Ltd, as a directed member must be obtained before any member can race in any matches on the national Fixture List.
17. All fees shall be paid by September 30 each season. In the event of a member not paying his or her subscription by this date he/she will no longer be entitled to race, train or take part in any club activities If by December 31<sup>st</sup> his/her subscriptions have still not been paid, he/she will no longer be a member of the club. Application in writing must be made to the committee should any such person wish to be re-instated.
18. Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons irrespective of ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, or beliefs; or of age, sex or disability except as necessary consequence of the requirements of ice speed skating as a particular sport.
19. The committee may refuse membership or expel from membership only for good and sufficient cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against such a decision may be made to the Club's members and decided by the majority vote.
20. Appeal against any adverse decision may be made to the members in accordance with **Section "B"** Membership.

## **Training Fees.**

21. Members and visiting skaters are to pay for training sessions attended, (including off ice when applicable). Mohawk members must pay for committed sessions agreed whether attended or not. The treasurer will advise the committee if there is a shortfall in funds and a requirement to increase subs to fulfill payments for ice time. Non members, (visiting skaters) pay the higher amount per session if costs vary.
22. Non Members pay per sessions with effect from September 2001.
23. Associate Membership & Non-Racing Membership This membership to be appointed at the discretion of the committee. The annual fee shall be £20.
24. Hon. Life membership. This position will only be offered to members or persons who have, in the opinion of the committee, and subject to the confirmation of the club, at the AGM, offered valuable assistance to the clubs good being during the past and present time. A person appointed this position would be offered everything 'Gratis'. The position to be for life, but should members actions be derogatory to the clubs good being, then by approval of the committee this membership can be forfeited.
25. That the committee be empowered to appoint members and non-members to positions of the non-committee status to fill vacancies of a workable position, i.e. Track stewards, lap scores, check lap scores, starters, timekeepers, judges etc, or other posts necessary to institute.

## **Section 'C' - Membership**

26. That a member shall not be allowed to take part (as a member of the Mohawks Ice Racing Club) in any Club Championship or other event, unless full subscriptions have been paid.
27. The position of Coach carries the necessary powers to: - Suspend or reprimand on the spot any member or members for breaches of club discipline in all aspects. But the said member or members reserve the right of appeal as stated in Rule 29.
28. All coaches and assistants must follow the current NISA/BIS Coaches Code of Ethics.
29. Any member acting in a manner derogatory to the clubs good being shall have his/her conduct dealt with by the committee in office, which shall afford the member concerned the opportunity of being heard.
31. The misuse of the club's property shall render the offender to the same justice in Rule 29.
32. Training sessions, Fridays and Sundays, times may vary and be altered as required.
33. Continued absence from training sessions must be explained to the Coach. Failing that, action will be decided by the committee.
34. Any member may have the right to appeal against any penalties handed out by the committee at a 'Special Meeting', called for that purpose.
35. Any member under suspension automatically loses all privileges, that is use of the clubroom and training facilities.
36. That no members be allowed to smoke in the clubroom or ice arena.

## **Section 'D' - Racing Dress**

37. Members chosen to represent the Mohawks Ice racing Club in a team event WILL wear a red race suit with the optional blue section on the back and white section on the legs. Mohawks lettering may be applied to the legs.
38. When racing in ALL individual events, members WILL wear the club race suit as above.
39. The club colours shall be known as Red, White and Blue.
40. Gloves. The wearing of gloves or mitts of leather or synthetic non-woven material is compulsory whilst training or racing.
41. Hard shell helmets, neck guards, knee pads and shin pads must be worn at all times during training and racing. Members will be asked to leave the ice if not compliant.
42. All blades must have plugs in the tubes with no sharp end to the blade. Blades must conform to regulation end dimensions.

### **Section 'E' - Insurance**

43. Club Civil Liability Insurance must be valid – in accordance with NISA regulations. Individuals may take out Personal Accident cover.

### **DATA PROTECTION ACT**

44. All computer data held on behalf of the club shall conform to the current act and it will be the responsibility of the committee to ensure that the club continues to conform to any new legislation.

### **CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING**

45. Two Safeguarding Welfare Officers to be elected, one of whom can be a coach and the officers to liaise between the club and all outside bodies and shall ensure the club and its members adhere to all existing legislation.
46. The Club and all members will adhere and promote the BIS 2019 Safeguarding Policy.

**As amended at AGM – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
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