



Whitley Bay Ice Skating Club (WBISC) Constitution

The name of the Club shall be the Whitley Bay Ice Skating Club, hereinafter referred to as WBISC

1. OBJECT: the promotion and advancement of Ice Figure Skating in the technical and artistic field.

2. MEMBERSHIP:

(a) The membership of the Club shall be confined to amateurs – as defined by British Ice Skating, U.K. hereinafter referred to as BIS.

(b) There shall be three categories of membership – Senior, Junior and Family.

i. Junior Member – A person under the age of 18 years with no power to vote.

ii. Senior Member – A person of 18 years and over with the power to vote.

iii. Family Member – Parent(s)/Legal Guardians and all the children in their family UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS. Only parent(s)/Legal Guardians have the right to vote.

(c) Annual membership fees will be determined at the AGM each year and will become due immediately for existing members. Fees for new members must be paid with the application for membership. Members must have paid their annual fee before they can participate in Club events and activities. Members failing to pay their annual fees shall cease to be members.

(d) Club membership is necessary to be able to skate on Whitley Bay Ice Rink patch sessions and to take part in W.B.I.S.C. competitions.

(e) The Committee shall have the power to confer Honorary Life Membership on a Club Member or a previous Club Member, for Long Service, attaining a certain age, or have rendered special service to the Club. Such Life Member shall be entitled to all Club rights and privileges.

(f) A copy of the constitution will be displayed on the Club Notice Board at all times, other copies will be available from the committee.

3. AFFILIATION: The W.B.I.S.C. shall be affiliated to BIS, and affiliation fee shall be paid on the due date each year.

4. GENERAL MEETINGS:

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the W.B.I.S.C. shall be held in January each year or, in special circumstances at some other time by Committee decision.

Paid up members and parent(s)/legal guardians of paid up members may attend. Only paid up members are allowed to vote.



- (b) The Annual General Meeting will be convened by posting of an Agenda 14 days before the due date.
- (c) The only persons entitled to vote are Senior Members and Parents/Legal Guardians of a Family Membership who are not in arrears with their subscription to W.B.I.S.C.
- (d) The method of voting, with the exception of the election of the officers, which will be ballot if and when necessary, shall be by the show of hands.

5. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION:

- (a) There shall be no alterations or additions to the Constitution of W.B.I.S.C. unless passed by two thirds of the voting members present at the Annual General Meeting and any such alteration shall not be retrospective.
- (b) When it is desired to alter rules at a General Meeting, notice must be given to the members in accordance with the rules. Alteration of rules cannot be included in such items as "General" or "Any other business".

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- (a) The Committee will consist of:
 - i. A Chairman
 - ii. A Treasurer
 - iii. A Secretary
 - iv. A Competition Secretary
 - v. A Fundraising Secretary
 - vi. An Honorary President
 - vii. A Child Protection Officer
 - vii. A Maximum of 20 Committee Members
- (b) An Officer will be elected for a term of 1 year without challenge, and will be fully empowered to conduct the management of W.B.I.S.C. If an officer wishes to resign their position early, this must be officially done at the Annual General Meeting and notice must be given of at least 6 weeks to allow ballot for a new officer.
- (c) The minimum age of an Officer or Committee member shall be 18 years.
- (d) A quorum shall be decided by an incoming Committee at its Inaugural Meeting.
- (e) Nomination Forms for a new Officer will be available from the Secretary.
- (f) The Proposer and Seconder will sign the nomination form together with the Nominee who must indicate willingness to accept nomination.



- (g) All nominees must be fully paid up members of W.B.I.S.C.
- (h) No member shall be eligible to stand for a committee member position if he/she has resigned from his/her previous position within the last year.
- (i) **Nominations will close 7 days** prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

7. WELFARE:

The Club acknowledges the duty of care to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults who are members of the club and is committed to ensuring safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, government guidance specifically the Child Protection Procedures (England and Wales) and complies with BIS Policy for officials.

8. GRIEVANCES:

Should any member/parent/legal guardian have any concerns regarding the running of the W.B.I.S.C. then their concerns must be put in writing, signed and sent/given to the W.B.I.S.C. The item will be discussed at the committee meeting following receipt and a written reply will be given shortly after.

9. CONDUCT OF MEMBERS:

Any member deemed to bring the Club into disrepute due to any inappropriate action on their part will have their membership revoked at the discretion of the committee in consultation with the Whitley Bay Rink Management and Coaches.

10. DISOLVEMENT:

Should the Club cease to operate for a period in excess of 2 years the balances of any accounts held in the Club's name will be donated to a local children's charity, at the decision of the Committee.