



# Murrayfield Ice Skating Club

## CONSTITUTION JUNE 1994

(last amended 24th September 2006)

- 1 The Club shall be called the Murrayfield Ice Skating Club, hereafter referred to as "the Club".
- 2 The object of the Club shall be the promotion and cultivation of Ice Skating in all its branches
- 3 In furtherance of its objectives, the Club shall arrange for the use of the Murrayfield Ice Rink at such times as may be arranged between itself and the Management of Murrayfield Ice Rink.
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  - 4.1 Full membership of the Club shall be open to eligible people in skating as defined by the rules of the ISU.
  - 4.2 Associate Non Skating Membership of the Club shall be open to persons who wish to further the objectives of the Club.
  - 4.3 Recreational membership of the Club shall be open to non-skating eligible people who take an active part in the Club. Recreational members will have all the rights of Full Members. When a recreational member ceases to play an active part in the Club, they will have the option of becoming a Full (on payment of the difference in the fees) or Associate member.
  - 4.4 Honorary life membership of the Club may be conferred at General Meetings on any member who has given outstanding service or loyalty to the Club.
  - 4.5 Associate Skating Membership will be open to skaters who wish to participate in the Club's skating activities but who skate no more than 5 times at the Club session. Skaters who train or skate regularly at Murrayfield Ice Rink are not considered visitors and, as such, are not eligible for this category of membership.
  - 4.6 Student membership of the Club shall be open to eligible 16 year olds and over in full-time further and / or Higher Education.
  - 4.7 All applications for membership shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Club, supported by a proposer and seconder who are Full or Recreational Members of the Club and accompanied with an application fee and the appropriate membership fee. The Executive Committee shall have the power to accept or reject such applications without giving any specific reason therefor. When such applications are ratified any member who has no access to the club website can request copy of the constitution.
  - 4.8 The Executive Committee shall have the power to re-classify a recreational member if, in their opinion, they cease to play an active role in the Club.
  - 4.9 If, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, it is desirable, in the interests of the Club, that any member thereof should cease to be a member, the Executive Committee, after giving such a member an opportunity of being heard before them, may request such a member to resign from the Club. If the member shall not resign within 21 days after such a request, the Executive Committee shall have the power to expel such a member from the Club.
  - 4.10 Membership is open to all and no application for membership shall be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of race, occupation, sex, or religious, political or other opinion.
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  - 5.1 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in September or October of each year.

- 5.2** A Special General Meeting of the Club shall be held should the Executive Committee by a simple majority pass a Resolution calling for such a meeting or should a request be made in writing by 10 or more Full or Recreational Members of the Club, 16 years of age and over, for a Special General Meeting to be held for a specific purpose.
- 5.3** Notice of all General Meetings, together with the Agenda thereof, shall posted on the Club website and displayed on the Club notice-board in Murrayfield Ice Rink, at least 21 days before the date of the meeting..
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- 6.1** At the Annual General Meeting in each year there shall be elected, if necessary by ballot:-
- 6.1.1** From the Full or Recreational members of the Club, 18 years of age and over, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and seven members of the Executive Committee. The office-bearers shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Committee and of any sub-committees appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 6.1.2** If so decided by the members, Honorary Presidents of the Club.
- 6.1.3** If so decided by the members, Honorary Vice Presidents of the Club.
- 6.2** Voting powers at all General Meetings shall be restricted to Full or Recreational members 16 years of age and over. Non Skating Associate, Associate Skating & Student members may attend and speak at meetings, but they shall not be entitled to make or to speak for or against any motion or be elected to the Executive Committee.
- 6.3** Office-bearers of the Club who have served for three consecutive years must retire at the end of this period for at least twelve months, after which they may be eligible for re-election. Any such member so retiring would still be eligible for the Executive Committee but would not serve in any official position. If, under exceptional circumstances, there is no member willing to undertake a post, then an existing office-bearer may, at the request of the members of an A.G.M., serve for a further period of 12 months.
- 6.4** A Member must be nominated as an office-bearer, or to the Executive Committee, by at least two Full or Recreational members and the nomination shall be forwarded to the Secretary fourteen days prior to the A.G.M. A list of such nominations shall be placed on the Club notice-board at least 12 days before the A.G.M. Candidates may be nominated for more than one office and for the Executive Committee, but may only hold one post.
- 6.5** The management of the Club shall be in the hands of the Executive who shall meet at least seven times a year. Five Executive Members will constitute a quorum.
- 6.6** Should a casual vacancy occur on the Executive Committee the remaining members being of a quorum number, may co-opt suitable Full or Recreational Club member(s) over 18 years of age who shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6.7** The Executive Committee shall have the power to organise the Club in such sections, and to appoint such sub-committees as it may from time to time see fit.
- 6.8** The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint from its own members such sub-committees for such specific purposes as may be required. These sub-committees will have the power of co-opting additional Full or Associate Members of the Club, but not to exceed two in any such sub-committee.
- 7** The rate of Annual Subscription for Full, Recreational, Associate Non Skating , Associate Skating and Student Members of the Club shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting and all such subscriptions shall be paid by the 31st November in each year. Failing payment by that date, membership will be deemed to have lapsed.
- 8** The Club shall be affiliated to the National Governing Body.
- 9** The Club may also be affiliated to, or associated with, any other organisation with similar objectives to the Club, as may be decided by the members at an Annual General Meeting.

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- 10.1** All monies received by the Executive Committee or Members in connection with the Club shall be handed to the Treasurer who shall pay same into an account(s) in the name of the Club with such bank as may be specified by the Executive Committee.
- 10.2** The money standing at the credit of said account shall be applied as the Executive Committee may decide in the running expenses of the Club.
- 10.3** Payment of outstanding accounts shall be authorised by the Executive Committee. All cheques will be signed by two signatories on the accounts. The executive committee will ensure there are at least 4 members of the committee who are signatories on the accounts and revise this as necessary.
- 11** The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint an Assistant Treasurer if they deem this is necessary. The assistant Treasurer need not be an Executive Committee member (if the appointee is not an Executive Committee Member, they would be permitted to attend Executive Committee meetings but in an advisory capacity only.
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- 12.1** The Executive Committee shall be responsible for ensuring that true and sufficient Accounts of the Club are kept by, or under the supervision of, the Treasurer.
- 12.2** The said Account shall be prepared in the form of a balance-sheet and Income and Expenditure Account or in such other form and shall be made up and balanced to 30th August each year or to such other date or dates as may from time to time be determined or approved by the Executive Committee.
- 12.3** The Accounts shall be audited by the Club Auditor who shall make a report thereof to the Annual General Meeting.
- 12.4** The Treasurer will prepare and submit an Income and Expenditure statement for each Executive Committee meeting.
- 13** The Executive Committee shall execute a public liability insurance policy.
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- 14.1** Any alterations to this Constitution can only be made at a General Meeting of Members, any such alterations to be made by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting.
- 14.2** Any alterations to the Constitution should be submitted in writing to the Secretary 28 days prior to a General Meeting of Members.
- 14.3** All proposals for changes to the constitution shall be signed by two members eligible to vote at a General Meeting
- 15** Dissolution  
The Club may be dissolved at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of those present and voting. Should such a resolution be carried, the balance of the property and funds of the Club, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities, shall be given to whichever Club(s) or Organisation(s) having objectives similar to those of the Club, as the meeting may decide..