

Club Constitution

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1. Terms and abbreviations used throughout the constitution

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| 1.1 | SJIHC | Slough Jets Ice Hockey Club |
| 1.2 | SJIHSC 88/89 | Slough Jets Ice Hockey Supporters Club 88/89 |
| 1.3 | AGM | Annual General Meeting |

2. General Statement

- 2.1 Whereas Slapshot (All reference to Teal and White was replaced with Slapshot. Amended in 2005) have absolute responsibility for the management and finance of the SJIHC, it is Slapshot's wish and order that the SJIHSC 88/89 be a separate and independent organisation, save that Slapshot will allow the SJIHSC 88/89 to use the Ice Arena as their headquarters.

3. Functions and Purpose of the SJIHSC 88/89

- 3.1 Encourage members of the public to support the SJIHC by attending home and away games and joining the SJIHSC 88/89
- 3.2 Wherever possible to provide extra financial assistance for the SJIHC by means of fundraising activities at the Committee's discretion
- 3.3 Where possible and with the agreement of Slapshot to obtain publicity and sponsorship for the SJIHC and players
- 3.4 To give encouragement and support to all the SJIHC players and management.

- 3.5 To provide our membership with money saving opportunities where possible, through travel, merchandise and social events.
- 3.6 To provide a two way link between Slapshot and the SJIHSC 88/89 membership.
- 3.7 To use the forum, emails, newsletters, the game programme and publicity within the arena to keep membership of SJIHSC 88/89 up to date with news and events. (amended in 2005 to include use of electronic media)
- 3.8 To publish no fewer than two newsletters per season.

4 SJIHSC 88/89 Committee

- 4.1 The Committee for the SJIHSC 88/89 will consist of the following positions with full voting powers at Committee meetings:

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer
Social Secretary
Travel Secretary
Junior Secretary (amended in 2005 when post became permanent)
Merchandise Representative

- 4.2 The appointment of any Committee position with voting powers will be for a period not exceeding twelve months, running from one AGM to the following meeting. (amended 2005)
- 4.3 If for any reason the elected Committee member is unable to fulfil their term of office a temporary appointment may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson for the remainder of the time left until the next AGM.

- 4.4 The position of Honorary Chairperson and Honorary Vice Chairperson is awarded on a permanent basis at the discretion of the SJHSC 88/89 Committee. As these posts are permanent and not open to re-election, they have no voting rights with respect to committee meetings, other than to those pertaining to ordinary members at the AGM.
- 4.5 The Committee shall meet at least four times a year at the times and places designated by the Chairperson, who shall give reasonable notice to all Committee members.
- 4.6 The Committee can appoint a new position on an emergency basis. This position, should it be necessary to retain it, will come up for election at the next AGM.

5 Membership and Discipline

- 5.1 Membership for all members of the SJHSC 88/89 with the exception of Life Members will run for a period not exceeding twelve months from the 1st June to 31st May the following year. (dated clarified. Amended 2006)
- 5.2 SJHSC 88/89 membership is at the discretion of the Committee, which is in power at the time of application for membership. SJHSC 88/89 reserves the right to refuse membership to any applicant for reasons, which may be disclosed at the time of refusal.
- 5.3 SJHSC 88/89 reserve the right to suspend membership of the SJHSC 88/89 for any member who brings the game of ice hockey and or the names of SJHC or SJHSC 88/89 into disrepute.
- 5.4 All appeals against suspension must be made in person to the SJHSC 88/89 Committee within four weeks of the activation of any suspension. No appeal will be considered against any decision made by Slapshot, or the Ice Arena Slough management where such a decision involves eviction and/or ban from the Ice Arena Slough.

6 Annual General Meeting and Committee Elections

- 6.1 The AGM is to take place within four weeks of the last scheduled function of the season. This is irrespective of any post-season matches, which may be scheduled.
- 6.2 The current Committee will decide the date and location of the AGM at least eight weeks beforehand. The date for notification of any AGM is to take into account the time factors required under rule 6.3
- 6.3 Notification of the AGM will be placed at the Ice Arena Slough on the SJHSC 88/89 notice board during home games before the AGM takes place. In addition notification will be included inside the programme for a minimum of two home games and in the Supporters Club newsletter immediately prior to the AGM. Sufficient time is to be made available after notification of the AGM in the newsletter to allow for motions and nominations to be made, prior to the AGM.
- 6.4 The agenda for the AGM is to include the following items:
 - 6.4.1 Review minutes form previous AGM
 - 6.4.2 Chairperson's Report
 - 6.4.3 Secretary's Report
 - 6.4.4 Treasurer's Report
 - 6.4.5 Questions from the floor on the reports presented
 - 6.4.6 The appointment of Auditors for the following season
 - 6.4.7 Official nominations for the election to office
 - 6.4.8 The election of officers to post for the following year
 - 6.4.9 Votes on motions submitted before the AGM
 - 6.4.10 Other items of business
 - 6.4.11 Handover of SJHSC 88/89 to the new Committee

7 Voting, Rules and Procedures

- 7.1 All current members of SJHSC 88/89 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 the club and any proposals at the AGM.

- 7.2 All nominations for officers of the Committee are to be made in writing to the Club Secretary at least 3 weeks before the AGM. Such nominations are to be made and seconded by current members of SJHSC 88/89. Nominees must be informed of their nomination by their nominator. (amended 2006)
- 7.3 All proposals for inclusion at the AGM are to be made in writing to the Club Secretary at least 3 weeks before the date of the AGM. All proposals are to be made and seconded by current members of SJHSC 88/89
- 7.4 The Club Secretary is to inform all members of SJHSC 88/89 of all proposals for the Committee or other proposals for the AGM in writing at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.
- 7.5 Where there is more than one nomination for a Committee position the members of the SJHSC 88/89 in attendance will be asked to vote in a secret ballot. The Chairperson and Secretary, providing it is not their position in question, will count the votes in private. They will ask a member from the floor to be an independent witness to this. Where these members are unable to be involved in the count, the Vice Chairperson and another Committee member will take the count. A secret vote will take place on slips distributed by the Secretary at the meeting and it will not be necessary to disclose the voter's name or membership number. All members of the SJHSC 88/89 who attend the meeting will be eligible to vote. Voting by proxy will not be permitted. (details clarified following issues raised at 2005-6 AGM)
- 7.6 At the AGM should a position remain vacant after Committee posts have been voted for, emergency nominations will be called for from the eligible SJHSC 88/89 members present. An additional secret vote will then be held. Should the place still remain vacant refer to 4.3 (details clarified following issues raised at 2005-6 AGM)
- 7.7 To be eligible for nomination to the Committee, membership of the SJHSC 88/89 must have been held since 1st January of that same season. (date clarified following issues raised at 2006-7 AGM)

- 7.8 Should a member wish to make an official complaint this should be put in writing and addressed to the Chairperson. They should expect a response within two weeks of the complaint being received. (Amended 2006) If the complaint is directly regarding the conduct of the Chairperson, the complaint should be addressed to the Vice Chairperson.
- 7.9 All members of SJIHSC 88/89 can request to view the minutes and the financial ledger kept by the Committee. Copies of the minutes, and the ledger, will be made available on request to any current member of SJIHSC 88/89. Requests should be put in writing and addressed to the Chairperson. The minutes or ledger will be made available to read within 2 weeks of receipt of the request. The only exception to this will be when the ledgers are sent away for audit, when a later appointment to view will be made. These documents will remain in the possession of the Committee and will not be reproduced without their express permission. Items minuted under Confidential Business will not be made available. (various points and dates clarified. Amended 2006)

8 Financial Accounts of SJIHSC 88/89

- 8.1 The financial reports for SJIHSC 88/89 will be independently audited each year by accountants appointed by the Committee for that purpose, at the previous years AGM. A report by the auditors will form part of the Treasurers Report during the AGM.

Code of Conduct - SJIHSC 88/89

The purpose of this code of conduct is to encourage support of the game of ice hockey by the example of its supporters. Friendly rivalry within the sport is to be encouraged, but it must not be allowed to develop into a situation which presents the wrong image to those outside ice hockey. Every spectator and supporter of ice hockey is an ambassador for the game and should act accordingly.

SJIHSC 88/89, in preparing this code, wishes to encourage all Slough Jets supporters to follow the spirit of the code. Anyone

found to be breaching the spirit of the code will be subject to the disciplinary rules as laid down in the Supporters Club constitution and/or the discretion of the rink management. This is irrespective of the offence occurring at the Slough Rink, or at an away game, or any rink being visited.

1. All those attending an ice hockey match are there to enjoy the game. Please do nothing to spoil their enjoyment.
2. Do not personally abuse any fellow supporters. This includes visiting supporters as well as supporters of your own team.
3. Do not threaten or abuse officials. They are there because they love the sport, and/or as a paid employee and should not be made to feel vulnerable to attack, be that physical or verbal.
4. Chanting support for your own team is encouraged. Shouting abuse at either teams and/or individuals, which may cause offence, will not be condoned.
5. Foul or abusive language will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
6. We anticipate and encourage all spectators to enjoy the game. Although we would like to see Slough Jets win all the time, this is not always possible. Please try to be appreciative of the efforts put into the match by both sides regardless of the final score.
7. Children remain the responsibility of the adult accompanying them to a game. They must ensure all minors adhere to the above code of conduct. (Added following complaints from fans. Amended 2006)

Thank you for your consideration

The Management of Slapshot and the Chairperson of SJHSC 88/89 will endorse this code of conduct, by their signatures in section 9.

9 Declaration

9.1 Having read the revised constitution of the Slough Jets Ice Hockey Supporters Club 88/89, we agree that the above constitution is acceptable as a framework for the club and hereby invoke the constitution of SJIHSC 88/89 to run with immediate effect from the date on this document.

Date: January 2008

Signed.....
Snapshot

Print Name.....

Signed.....
Chairperson - SJIHSC 88/89

Print Name.....