



Tile Hill Trojans Basketball Club

Club Constitution

Name of the Club: The name of the Club shall be Tile Hill Trojans Basketball Club

Affiliations:

The Club shall be affiliated to the following: -

- ❖ Warwickshire Basketball Association (WBA)
- ❖ English Basketball Association (EB)

Objectives:

The Club shall hold the following as its aims and objectives and strive to fulfil these aims and objectives in the course of its commitment to its membership.

- ❖ To promote and encourage the playing of Basketball
- ❖ To produce men's, women's and junior teams of the highest possible standard to compete in the WB and various competitions.
- ❖ To develop the Club in terms of size of membership, level of competition and number of competitions entered.
- ❖ To develop the Club in terms of its responsibilities towards officiating and coaching
- ❖ To promote the development of the sport at all levels, within the constraints of the funding available.

Membership:

Membership of the Club shall be limited to the following fully paid-up persons: -

- ❖ Full members
- ❖ Associate members including Juniors, Non-playing members and those who do not participate in competitive teams.
- ❖ Trustees, Vice Presidents or Life members such as may be appointed by the Committee.
- ❖ Any honorary members designated by the Committee.

Members shall be bound by the terms of this constitution.

Any person who wishes to join the Club can do so by completing a membership application. The Committee whose decision will be final will consider all applications.

Resignation:

A member of the Committee or Club may resign at any time by writing to the Club Secretary.

Officers:

A Committee who shall consist of the following shall govern the Club: -

- ❖ The Chairman of the Club
- ❖ The Vice Chairman of the Club
- ❖ The Treasurer of the Club
- ❖ The Secretary of the Club
- ❖ A minimum of Four Committee members
- ❖ The immediate past Chairman of the Club

Officers will retire annually but they will be eligible for re-election

The Club membership at the Annual General Meeting shall elect all members of the Committee.

All Committee members must be members of the Club.

Any person wishing to be considered for a Committee position should advise the current Committee in writing at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Committee:

- ❖ The Club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of the officers appointed at the AGM.
- ❖ The Management Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and held no less than six times per year.
- ❖ The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be four
- ❖ The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the Club
- ❖ The Management Committee will have the power to appoint subcommittees as necessary and appoint advisors to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business
- ❖ The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Club rules and regulations or constitution.

Subscriptions:

All members will be required to pay an annual subscription and any additional costs i.e. officiating fees that may be decided by the Committee.

The full amount due from the member must be paid by the end of October of that year otherwise the member may be suspended from all Club programmes and activities until all monies are received.

Special dispensation to over ride this suspension may be given by the Committee should any member wish to make application. This should be done in writing to the secretary.

Annual General Meeting (AGM):

An Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Chairman of the Club each year giving at least 30 days written notice to it's members to decide on the following: -

- ❖ To elect officers for the forthcoming year.
- ❖ To receive and approve the officers reports for the past year.
- ❖ To consider any proposed amendments to the constitution – All proposals must be submitted to the Committee at least 14 days prior to the meeting
- ❖ To consider any matter that any member of the Club may wish to discuss - All proposals must be submitted to the Committee at least 14 days prior to the meeting

As Chairman of the meeting, the Chairman shall not vote except to take a casting vote, in the event of a tie.

A quorum shall be one quarter of the membership or 5 members (whichever is the greater).

Officers are to be elected by nomination. Any individual receiving a simple majority of those present is to be considered elected.

Should an insufficient number of people be nominated for Committee positions the Committee may co-opt members of the Club to fill the positions required.

The term of office of co-opted members will cease at the end of the year in which they were co-opted. They may then stand for election in the normal manner.

All members are entitled to attend the AGM, but only fully paid up Club members are able to vote at the meeting.

Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM):

In the event of a proposal from the committee or at least five members which requires full membership approval the Chairman will call an EGM of the Club giving a minimum of 14 days notice in writing to it's members where the following will take place: -

- ❖ To receive and discuss the item(s) that require decisions to be made.

All members are entitled to attend the EGM, but only fully paid up Club members are able to vote at the meeting.

Finance:

The Committee shall ensure that the income and property of the Club shall be applied solely for the purpose of achieving the aims of the Club.

- ❖ All monies received by the Club shall be delivered to the Treasurer and deposited in a bank account held in the name of the Club
- ❖ The Treasurer will at each AGM report on the financial standing of the Club.
- ❖ The Committee will take decisions over the use of the Club's funds.
- ❖ The Club's bank/building society accounts will require two signatories for the issuing of funds. The Committee will nominate those people with authority.
- ❖ The financial year will end on 31st March

Health and Safety

The Club acknowledges its duty of care to its members and will abide by Health and Safety policies

Equality:The Club is committed to ensuring that equality is incorporated across all aspects of its development. It operates an Equality Policy (THT05) In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equality:

Sports equality is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All Trojans Basketball Club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to established club disciplinary procedures.

Child Protection:

The Club operates a child protection policy (THT03) which is designed to give all children taking part in Club activities total protection. The Policy is detailed on the Club website

Discipline:

The Club operates a Code of Conduct (THT04)

All complaints about behaviour should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 7 days of a complaint being lodged.

The Committee has the power to take appropriate action including termination of membership.

Members may be expelled or suspended for the following reasons: -

- ❖ Behaviour viewed as wholly unacceptable by the Committee.
- ❖ Persistent non-payment of subscription fees.

Members may only be expelled by a majority decision of the Committee, unless the Member in question is a member of the Committee, whereby he will be excluded from this vote.

Any member who is disciplined/expelled from the Club will be informed in writing within 7 days of the Committee's decision and the member will then have 14 days to appeal. This appeal must be in writing addressed to the Club Chairman. A date will then be set within a further 14 days to hear the appeal when evidence can be submitted.

Following this appeal the decision made by the appeals Committee will be final and no further correspondence will be entered into.

The Appeals Committee will be made up of 5 members of the Club – two of which shall be Committee members.

Constitution:

Any two members of the Club may propose amendments to the Constitution and these must be submitted to the Club Secretary in writing at least 28 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. This Constitution may only be amended at an Annual General Meeting.

Constitutional changes must be carried by a two-thirds majority of those attending at a general meeting. There must be at least a quorum present.

Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of a dissolution, any assets of the Club will become the property of Warwickshire Basketball Association and dealt with by them in the best interests of the sport in Warwickshire

Declaration

The Constitution shall be binding on the Club officers and members from 1st July 2009

From 1st July 2009 all previous Basketball Club constitutions are hereby revoked

This constitution has been approved and accepted as the constitution for the Basketball Club on 1st July 2009

Signed:

Date:

Name: Ross Alexander
Position: Club Chairman

Signed:

Date:

Name: Mike Maddox
Position: Club Secretary

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