

CONSTITUTION

Of the JAMAICA HOCKEY FEDERATION

1. NAME

- 1.1 The governing body in Jamaica is the Jamaica Hockey Federation (hereinafter referred to as “ the Federation”)
- 1.2 The official initials of the Federation are “JHF”

In this Constitution

“Association”	means any organized body of persons joined for the purpose of administration of sports in Jamaica appointed according to the Constitution;
“Club”	shall mean any group of not less than twenty persons who have come together for the purpose of participating and/or promoting the game of hockey;
“complaint”	shall mean a written report referring to field discipline, that is, conduct on the field of play and matters connecting thereto, or any act or conduct committed by an individual, official, player or club which act or conduct shall bring the game of hockey into disrepute or shall constitute a breach of the constitution and/or it’s Bye-Laws.
“Gender”	Unless the context otherwise provides words importing the masculine gender shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural.
“Hockey”	(Except where the context otherwise requires) “hockey includes “indoor hockey”.
“Member”	shall mean any corporate entity, either aggregate or sole, and any school, club, association, or body constituting more than one person any male or female individual.

2. OBJECTS OF THE FEDERATION

The objects of the Federation shall be:

- To foster, encourage, develop and be responsible for the administration of hockey in Jamaica.
- To be affiliated with the International Hockey Federation, the Pan-American Hockey Federation and the Jamaica Olympic Association and to comply with their Statutes and Bye-laws;
- To do such things as may be necessary for the attainment of the above objectives including making, maintaining and publishing rules and regulations and administering the funds of the Federation

3. MEMBERSHIP

Full Membership

- 3.1 (i) Membership of the Federation shall be open to any Club, Association, Corporate Body or individual wishing to participate in and /or promote the game of hockey in Jamaica.

Affiliate Membership

- 3.1 (ii) Affiliate membership shall be open to all schools

Honorary Life Membership

- 3.1 (iii) Honorary Life memberships may be conferred by the Board on any of its officers and others for special services.
- 3.2 Members should fulfil the conditions set out in the Bye-Laws.
- 3.3 Any member wishing to resign from the Federation shall give at least three months written Notice to the Honorary Secretary of his intention so to do.
- 3.4 Full and Affiliated members shall pay such fees to the Honorary Treasurer as specified in the Bye- Laws.
- 3.5 Any member not having paid outstanding fees within the prescribed time shall be suspended from participating in the affairs of the federation until
- (a) all arrears have been settled
 - or
 - (b) an arrangement to settle the arrears is approved by Council, failure to honour this arrangement will result in automatic suspension.

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Federation shall be held every year during the month of November at a date, time and place to be determined by the Board. The Annual General Meeting shall be the ultimate authority governing the conduct of the affairs of the Federation.

- (a) All full members in good financial standing shall be entitled to vote at the annual General Meeting of the federation in accordance with the Bye – Laws.
- (b) Election of officers shall be conducted annually in accordance with the Bye- Laws

5. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A Board of Directors (hereinafter referred to as “the Board”) shall be elected to manage the affairs of the Federation.

5.1 Composition

The Board shall consist of:

- (a) A President,
- (b) Two Deputy Vice-Presidents, one of either sex
- (c) Honourary Secretary
- (d) Honourary Treasurer
- (e) Two Directors
- (f) The Immediate Past President

The Immediate past President of the Federation shall sit as an ex-officio member of the Board.

5.2 POWERS OF THE BOARD

- (a) The Board shall manage and conduct the affairs of the Federation between General Meetings.
- (b) The Board shall appoint such Committees as set out in the Bye-Laws as are necessary to carry out the functions of the Federation and to delegate to the Committees such powers as it deems fit.

- (c) The Board shall direct and instruct the Council as to the manner in which and the authority with which the Council may carry out its duties hereunder and may revoke, vary or alter any such direction or authority at any time.
- (d) The Board shall furnish the Council with such information and reports with respect to the conduct of the affairs of the Federation in such manner and at such times as the Council may require.
- (e) In carrying out its duties and responsibilities, the Board shall comply with all resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting and shall not act contrary to any authority given to it by that body.
- (f) The Board shall appoint and/or employ such persons and engage such agent as may be necessary for the performance of its duties on such terms and condition as it deems fit.
- (g) The Board shall meet not less than four times in each Calendar year.

6. COUNCIL

(a) There shall be a Council of the Federation which shall be responsible for ensuring the proper performance and observance of the objects of the Federation, its Constitution, Bye-Laws, rules and regulations between General Meetings.

- (a) The Council shall meet at twice in each calendar year and at any other time, as it may deem necessary.

6.1 Composition

The Council shall consist of members of the Board, two Executive members from each club, two Executive members from each association affiliated with the Federation and individual members.

6.2 Powers of the Council

The members of the Council shall be entitled to pass resolutions at its meeting for consideration by the Board with a view for implementation.

7. COMMITTEES- MANAGEMENT, STANDING, AD-HOC

- (a) The Committees of the Federation, their structures, and their terms of reference are as set out in the Bye- Laws.
- (b) All Committees shall work within their budget as approved by the Board.
- (c) The Board shall have power to add, vary or redefine the terms of reference of any Committee and to instruct any such Committee to take or refrain from taking any action or decision, provided that the exercise of such power by the Board does not conflict with the Constitution.
- (d) Each committee shall have the power to appoint additional members to the Committee as becomes necessary and such additional members shall be non- voting members of the Committee.
- (e) The President of the Federation shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

8. MEETING

The conduct of meetings of the Federation, Board and Council shall be governed by the rules and regulations as set out in the Bye – Laws.

9. INDEMNITY

The Federation shall indemnify all employees and officers in respect of any obligation undertaken by them in the name of the Federation in the discharge of their duties.