

Hooked On Fishing Club Malta , Registered at :

Fishin Fever, Triq il Konti Ruggieru, Rabat Malta, RBT 1583



The Statute

1. Name

- (a) Hooked On Fishing Club Malta shall be the only name given to the Club
- (b) 'Incorporation date of the organisation' Friday 1st November 2013.
- (c) No member of the Club is allowed to make use of the name of the Club in any published article, without written permission of the Club's committee.

2. Objectives

- (a) Hooked On Fishing Club Malta shall be a non-political, non-ideological or religious Association, consisting of persons who have special interest in fishing and to help members improve their standards in the achievement of the excellence in their field.
- (b) To improve and encourage the sport of angling giving special attention to fish conservation.
- (c) To share knowledge about fishing with members of the club and hold educational seminars for members about their hobby.
- (d) The Hooked on Fishing Club Malta is a voluntary and non-profit organisation as defined in the Voluntary Organisations Act (Chapter 492 of the Laws of Malta).
- (e) The Club organises minimum 3 Competitive Leagues a year with different techniques used and various other matches including Charity events & youth sessions.
- (f) Minimum the club takes part in 2 competitions abroad & also compete in fresh water tournaments occasionally.

3. Membership

- (a) Membership is open to all.
- (b) Members must fill in an application form.
- (c) Members under 16 years of age must have their parents' consent.
- (d) The Committee has the right to refuse any application for membership for any justified reason.
- (e) Membership can be terminated by the Committee after discussing the case with the Board of Discipline on such matters as discipline, non-adherence to competition rules, infringement of statute and/or any other justified reason.

4. Subscription Fees

- (a) Members shall pay an annual fee as laid down by the rules of the Club.
- (b) The payment of the Subscription fee does not, in any way, imply that membership may not be terminated.
- (c) Members wishing to join must pay the annual subscription upon application to join.

(d) Members wishing to renew their membership must pay subscriptions before the start of an AGM. This gives the member the right to vote at the AGM in January and the right to take part in all activities for the concerning year.

(e) Members wishing to renew their membership or enter as new members can do so in any time of the year as long as they pay the membership fee.

5. Administration

(a) Hooked On Fishing Club Malta shall be governed by a Committee of at least five members.

(b) Always ensure that a quorum is set during all committee meetings.

(c) The elected committee shall hold office for two years.

(d) There shall be a minimum of the following in the committee President, vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relation Officer.

(e) All committee members may discuss move and second motions and they all have the right of one vote. The President has also a casting vote. Provided that no member asks for a secret ballot, voting on all motions shall be conducted by a show of hands.

(f) The posts of the committee are selected by the committee itself during the first Committee meeting held after its election, likewise the duty of these posts. Each member of the committee should not hold more the one of the posts mentioned in article 5 (c).

(g) The newly appointed committee shall hold its first meeting within one month from election date.

(h) During a Committee meeting voting shall be done by a show of hands.

(i) The committee shall hold a meeting at least once a month.

(j) Any decisions which would require the consent of the members should be taken by vote during an AGM or EGM according to circumstances, with a 50%+1 votes.

(k) If a committee member fails to attend three consecutive committee meetings without giving a valid reason in writing, he may be replaced.

(l) Outgoing committee members must hand over all records, correspondence, funds, equipment and belongings of the Club to the committee.

(m) At any time the first runner up will take a vacant post in the committee but if a committee member resigns in the last two months of the term, the committee has the right to co-opt a member to replace him if there are no reserves, but has no right to vote.

6. Annual General Meeting / Extraordinary General Meeting

(a) An Annual General Meeting shall be held in January of each year.

(b) Voting for a new committee at an AGM shall be by ballot.

(c) A simple majority carries all motions.

(d) Committee members shall be over 18 years of age and eligible for election if their subscription for that year has been paid.

(e) Candidates for the new committee must be proposed and seconded and nominations must reach the committee two weeks before elections.

(f) Results of the new committee shall be given by the Commission at the same meeting.

(g) An Extraordinary General Meeting, commonly abbreviated as EGM, is a meeting of members of an organisation, official members of the club that occurs at an irregular time. The term is usually used where an issue arises that requires the input of the entire membership and is too serious or urgent to wait until the next AGM. Members must be informed of the purpose of the EGM so that they may attend in a position where they can discuss and exercise intelligent judgment, or else any resolutions passed are invalid. Procedure: Before the EGM the Committee of the Club will have agreed upon one or more resolutions that will be put to the members for approval at the EGM. The wording of the resolution is sent to the members with a note about its importance. The theory is that the board has a better knowledge of the situation, and the resolution is in effect

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their ideal solution, but it may not be in the interests of individual shareholders. Usually, the President is the chairman of the EGM reads out and recommends the resolution to those present for approval, takes questions about the resolution from those present, supervises the vote and declares the result.

7. Vote of Non-Confidence

- (a) A vote of non-confidence requires a majority of 2/3 of the total number of Subscribed Members of the Association. This shall entail the automatic resignation of the committee.
- (b) A letter carrying 50% of the members' signatures can call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) any time during the year except the last two months.

8. Property and Funds

- (a) A financial statement detailing all income and expenditure is to be kept by the Treasurer.
- (b) These accounts may be seen by the President and/or Secretary at any time required.
- (c) The Treasurer must also keep an inventory of the all property and equipment held by the Hooked On Fishing Club Malta. This inventory should always be present during the Annual General Meeting for all members who care to check it out.
- (d) All expenditure must be approved by the Committee. An expenditure of over € 1500 requires the consent of the majority of all members so these must be approved during an AGM..
- (e) All the funds/accounts shall be banked.

9. Records

- (a) All records and minutes of all activities and the register of members are to be kept by the Secretary. Photocopy of such, i.e. correspondence shall also be kept by the President.

10. Meetings

- (a) Reasonable advance notice shall be given to all members. Not less than 1 week notice should be given to all committee members for a committee meeting.
- (b) Persons attending the Club activities as guests should be accompanied by a member.
- (c) The member shall be responsible for the guests' behaviour.
- (d) At the end of the year, after all matches have ended, a meeting will be held to discuss the following year's competition between members and the committee.

11. Statute

- (a) A copy of the statute will be given to every member.
- (b) Amendments to statute are to be made at an AGM.

12. Resignations

- (a) Resignations from any post or membership must be made in writing to the secretary.
- (b) If a committee member resigns his post, all members will be advised.

13. Correspondence

- (a) All correspondence is to be made in writing to the Secretary of the Club.
- (b) In return the Secretary shall acknowledge the correspondence in writing.

14. Board of Discipline

- (a) All members are to show self-discipline during all activities and should follow all regulations in the statute.
- (b) The Board of Discipline shall be a means of defence for any member accused of lack of Discipline. The Decision of the Board of Discipline is final.
- (c) The Board of Discipline shall be composed of two members of the committee,

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two other members and the President of the Club.

15. Reviewer

(a) A Reviewer shall be elected at each AGM to review the financial report presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.

16. Dissolution of the Club.

(a) Dissolution of the Club shall be made possible by the approval of 2/3 of the total subscribed members.

(b) In this case the committee shall appoint a legal representative to dispose of the Club's Funds and property.

(c) In the event of dissolution all property and funds shall be donated to non-profit charitable organisation.

17. Financial

(a) The annual accounts of the organisation are to be drawn up for a financial period commencing on 1st January and ending on 31st December of each year.

(b) Copy of the Financial Report is to be presented to its members, after being audited for transparency's sake.

18. Powers and duties of committee members.

(a) President / Chair committee meetings, Lead on the development of the club, Ensure activities are in line with policies , Main representative of the club (internal and external) , Ensure that all constitutional committee roles are filled , Appointing trip/activity leaders (in conjunction with rest of the committee), Financial decision making (in consultation with committee) , Other, club specific, duties as required

(b) Secretary / Schedule club committee meetings and notify members, Take minutes/action points at meetings and email to the group, Ensure club is affiliated to the appropriate National Federation, To produce/update new member information pack , Lead on registration and membership , Other, club specific, duties as required

(c) Treasurer / Manages and records all income (membership fees, match fees, sponsorship, fund-raising, grants etc.), Manages and records all expenditure (invoices, petty cash, personal claims etc.), Reports to the committee and club members on a regular basis, Liaises with committee and ensures institution-specific, legal and financial regulations are adhered to.

(d) Vice President / The Vice-President deputises for the President whenever the latter is unable to fulfil his/her duties. In the event of the President resignation, the Vice President will act as a temporary President until the latter position is replaced at a general meeting of the membership. In the Presidents absence, the Vice- President will carry out the duties outlined mentioned in 18(a)

(e) PRO / Web Editor / The PRO is responsible for publicity relating to the Club, such as posters, leaflets, email, texts, Internet, social media and other mediums used to advertise the Club or Societies activities. The PRO should produce these in consultation with the Committee. The PRO is also responsible for all publicity outside of the Club in relation to the Club or Societies activities, contacting members of the media and other people deemed appropriate by the Committee.

(f) Match Coordinator / Scouting /Venues Organise training sessions for new and existing members to equip them with the skills needed to participate in the sport or society activity. Continually looking for new potential members to take under his wing & help them out improve in the sport. Ensures that the competition matches meet the rules & regulations & coordination with regards to venues etc. When Venues are assessed need to take the safety aspect in considerations into the planning, facilities around the area , practicality of the venue amongst other considerations to be taken.

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19. Anti-Doping - Hooked On Fishing Club Malta shall:

(a) Agree to observe, abide by and implement the provisions of the Anti-Doping Policy and the Anti-Doping Rules in respect of our affairs and activities.

(b) Condemn the use of doping in sport. We will recognize the right of all our Anglers to participate in a sport that is free from the misuse of drugs. The Club is committed to educate, as appropriate, participants competing within the Club so that it remains a drug-free sport.

(c) If in any case it is found that an Angler has failed to abide by the above mentioned he/she will be subject to appear in front of the Board of Discipline and subject to Section 14 : (a) , (b) & (c) procedures.

20. Anti-Corruption - Hooked On Fishing Club Malta shall:

(a) Demonstrate a strong commitment, within own organisation, to countering corruption and to improving standards of integrity, transparency and accountability in sport.

(b) Endorse, within own organisation, a strict zero tolerance policy against all forms of corruption.

(c) Publicly speak out against corruption

(d) Hold to account, within own organisation, those in positions of power who abuse these positions for private gain.

(e) Ensure that corrupt practices do not develop in relationship with the sponsor companies they partner.

(f) Increase awareness among their leaders and administrators, as well as among the members and sponsors of the issue of corruption and its consequences.

21. Legal Representation.

The parties here to have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favouring or disfavouring any party by virtue of the authorship of any provisions of this Agreement. The headings preceding the text of articles and sections included in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of this Agreement or be given any effect in interpreting this Agreement.

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