

THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS FAN CLUB INC.
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS FAN CLUB, INC.
CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be known as THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS FAN CLUB, INCORPORATED. It shall be referred to as “the club” or “PFFC.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be to promote and advance the sport of ice hockey, and in particular, the team known as THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS, referred to herein as “the team”, by:

A. encouraging an interest in the team and the players of the team;

B. encouraging an interest in said sport in general and in the teams and players participating;

C. encouraging goodwill, understanding, and sociability among all interested individuals and groups of this club and other hockey fan clubs;

D. encouraging understanding between the club members and the players and management of the team;

E. assisting the Philadelphia Flyers organization in any way possible.

ARTICLE III – NATURE

This club shall be **ABSOLUTELY** non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-profit, and shall not be used for the dissemination of partisan principles or for the promotion of the candidacy of any person seeking public office or personal gain. All masculine references are equally applicable to the feminine gender and are not meant to be prejudicial.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons willing to cooperate within the prescribed purposes of the club. Members will be classified in accordance with Article II of the Bylaws of this club and, once classified, will pay the dues and have the rights and privileges of that class of member.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS

The following officers, as elected in accordance with Article V of the Bylaws of this club, shall begin their term at the Executive Board Transitional Meeting, held prior to the first general meeting of the season.

A. President – Two-Year Term

B. Vice-President

C. Membership/Corresponding Secretary

D. Recording Secretary

E. Treasurer

F. One-Year Trustee

G. Two-Year Trustee

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors, referred to herein as "the Executive Board" and "the Board", shall consist of the elected officers listed in Article V of this Constitution, the immediate Past-President for a term of one (1) year in an advisory role and either one (1) or three (3) elected Members-At-Large. The Club Liaison, immediate past president, Newsletter Editor, Website Coordinator, Social Media Manager, and Parliamentarian shall serve as non-voting members.

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

A. Regular meetings shall be scheduled monthly throughout the NHL regular season in accordance with the Philadelphia Flyers Team schedule.

B. The annual meeting will be the regular meeting in April, at which elections shall be held.

C. Special meetings may be called by two-thirds (2/3) of the Board of Directors or on written request of five (5) regular members. All members must receive written notice fifteen (15) days in advance of a special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to this Constitution or the following Bylaws of the PFFC may be proposed by the Executive Board, the standing Constitution Committee, or by individual members who have filed a written petition for amendment with the Board, which has been signed by fifteen (15) adult members.

B. Such amendments shall be read and discussed at two (2) consecutive general membership meetings and read and voted upon at a third consecutive general membership meeting.

C. All members with voting privileges shall be advised by written and/or electronic communication fifteen (15) days in advance as to the date and purpose of any meeting which will include a vote on a proposed amendment.

D. An amendment will be considered as part of the Constitution or Bylaws if two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members present at said meeting vote in favor of the amendment.

ARTICLE IX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

On any matter where a question arises in this Constitution or the Bylaws which is not covered herein, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the parliamentary authority.

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THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS FAN CLUB, INC.
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The organization existing under these Bylaws shall be known officially as **THE PHILADELPHIA FLYERS FAN CLUB, INCORPORATED**, hereinafter referred to as "the club" or "PFFC."

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

SECTION A. – MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING

A member in good standing shall:

1. Complete the current membership form(s) and pay the appropriate dues for their membership classification.
2. Return any funds or unsold items due to the PFFC as a result of fundraising activities.
3. Remit any overdue payments to the PFFC related to club activities.
4. Abide by all club rules and regulations.

SECTION B. – TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

There shall be five (5) types of membership: **Adult**, **Junior**, **Family**, **Senior**, and **Honorary**.

1. **Adult Members**: Must be at least eighteen (18) years old at the time dues are paid to be eligible for participation in all PFFC functions as allowable by law. Adult members will have full voting privileges and the ability to hold office.
2. **Junior Members**: Any person under eighteen (18) years of age at the time dues are paid. Junior members will have the same privileges as Adult members, except for the annual election of officers. Junior members automatically transition to Adult status on their eighteenth birthday and assume all associated privileges and responsibilities.
3. **Family Membership**: Family members must reside in the same household. All privileges are the same as individual memberships. If a newsletter is requested, only one copy will be sent to the household.
4. **Senior Members**: Any person aged fifty-five (55) years or older at the time dues are paid.
5. **Lifetime Club Members**: Honorary members are exempt from paying dues, do not have voting privileges, and cannot hold elected office. Lifetime Club members are any member recognized for outstanding service to the club. Honorary membership is granted at the discretion of the Board. Honorary members may pay dues to gain voting privileges or eligibility to hold office.
6. **Caregiver Exemption**: Caregivers may accompany members needing special assistance at PFFC functions as a non-voting guests without having registered as PFFC members. If caregivers wish to participate as a full voting members, they shall be required to register at the appropriate membership category listed above.

SECTION C. – DUES AMOUNT

1. The club's administrative calendar year shall be defined as September 1 through August 31.

2. Dues for each membership category shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors at the Executive Board Transitional Meeting.

SECTION D. – DUES PAYABLE

Membership dues paid during the period from March 1 through August 31 cover the balance of the current year and the entirety of the following year. Voting privileges are limited to those who joined the club before February 1 of the current year.

SECTION E. – NON-MEMBERS

Non-members may attend no more than one (1) club meeting per year without joining the PFFC and paying dues.

SECTION F. – MEMBERSHIP IDENTIFICATION

New and renewing members will receive a membership card upon request and welcome email within 30 to 45 days of registration.

SECTION G. – SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION

The Board may temporarily suspend a member for violating the Constitution or Bylaws. A review by the Board within thirty (30) days will determine if the suspension should stand, be modified, or if the membership should be revoked. If a majority vote of the board determines that the suspension should stand, be modified, or if the membership should be revoked, a hearing will be called.

1. **Notice and Hearing**

   The member subject to removal shall receive written notice of the reason for the hearing and the date, time, and place of the hearing at least fifteen (15) days in advance. The member shall have the right to present evidence, call witnesses, and respond to the allegations before the board.

2. **Vote required for Removal**

   Following the hearing, removal shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board Members.

3. **Effect of Removal**

   Removal under this Article shall be effective immediately upon the Executive Board's vote.

SECTION H. – CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Any member may request a copy of the current Constitution and Bylaws from any Board member. An electronic copy of the Constitution and Bylaws will be available on the club website.

ARTICLE III – OFFICERS

SECTION A. – PRESIDENT

1. The President shall ensure the enforcement of the Constitution and Bylaws.

2. The President shall preside over all club meetings.
3. The President may sign checks.
4. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, except the Nomination and Election Committee, and shall appoint a non-President chairperson for each committee.
5. The President coordinates with the Board all meeting dates and times.

SECTION B. – VICE-PRESIDENT

1. The Vice-President shall preside over meetings in the President's absence and assist the President as needed.
2. The Vice-President may countersign checks.

SECTION C. – MEMBERSHIP/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

1. The Membership/Corresponding Secretary shall maintain accurate and up-to-date membership records, distribute membership materials, and ensure members are classified correctly.
2. The Membership/Corresponding Secretary shall maintain a list of non-members attending general meetings and assist Members-At-Large in verifying membership.
3. The Membership/Corresponding Secretary shall verify eligibility for voting during the annual meeting.
4. The Membership/Corresponding Secretary shall handle internal correspondence among Board members and ensure members are notified of meetings.
5. The Membership/Corresponding Secretary shall be entrusted with safeguarding the personal information and data of club membership.

SECTION D. – RECORDING SECRETARY

1. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate records of proceedings for all general and Board meetings.
2. The Recording Secretary shall present the minutes from the previous meeting at each meeting. These minutes must be provided to the President at least one week in advance of the following general meeting.
3. The Recording Secretary shall maintain and have available, upon request, the current Constitution and Bylaws and *Robert's Rules of Order Revised*.

SECTION E. – TREASURER

1. The Treasurer shall be responsible for receiving and managing all funds of the club.
2. The Treasurer shall sign all checks and ensure bills are paid promptly.
3. The Treasurer shall provide a financial report at each general meeting.
4. The outgoing Treasurer shall submit a complete financial report to the newly elected Treasurer and present it at the Executive Board Transitional Meeting.
5. The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining insurance policies, overseeing the annual NHLBCC dues, and notifying the Board of upcoming renewals.
6. The Treasurer is responsible for filing the annual 990 form with the IRS.

SECTION F. – TRUSTEES

1. The Trustees shall oversee the annual audit of the club's books, provide a report to the Recording Secretary, and present the audit results to the general membership.
2. The One-Year Trustee shall, in case of officer vacancy, take possession of all club books and equipment from the outgoing officer.
3. The Two-Year Trustee shall verify eligibility for all nominees and inform the Nomination Committee within one week if a nominee is found ineligible.

SECTION G. – MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

1. Members-At-Large shall serve as liaisons between the general membership and the Executive Board, assisting and advising the officers.
2. Members-At-Large shall verify the membership status of attendees at general meetings and retain the right to request proof of membership from any individual.

SECTION H. – ALL OFFICERS

1. All officers must attend the majority of general membership and Executive Board meetings unless there are extenuating circumstances. Absences may result in resignation or removal by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
2. Officers leaving office shall turn over all club information to their successor to maintain proper records and ensure a smooth transition.

ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION A. – NAME

The Board of Directors, also referred to as "the Executive Board," shall consist of all elected officers, the immediate Past-President for a term of one (1) year, and one (1) or three (3) elected Members-At-Large. The Past President has an advisory role and is a non-voting member. The Board has the option of appointing a club liaison approved by the Flyers Organization. The Club Liaison, immediate past president, Newsletter Editor, Website Coordinator, Social Media Manager, and Parliamentarian shall serve as non-voting members.

SECTION B. – MEETINGS

1. The Executive Board shall meet at least every other month during the hockey season.
2. All Executive Board meetings shall be restricted to members, except for those invited by the President for specific club-related business.
3. Executive Board members will be contacted about decisions between meetings.
4. Both outgoing and incoming Executive Board members must attend a transitional meeting during the offseason.

SECTION C. – DUTIES

1. The Board may approve Honorary members annually.
2. The Board will fill officer vacancies by appointing a member in good standing, except for the office of President, which will be filled by the Vice-President.

3. Outgoing correspondence must be approved by a Board member before being sent.
4. All expenditures for fan club business over $200 must be approved by the Executive Board prior to commitment.
5. The Board assists the President in enforcing the Constitution and Bylaws.
6. The Board may temporarily suspend a member for violating the Constitution or Bylaws. A review by the Board within thirty (30) days will determine if the suspension should stand, be modified, or if the membership should be revoked. The process for suspension and expulsion of a club member appears in Article II Section G of the bylaws.
7. Recommendations made by the Board must be reported to the general membership at the next meeting.
8. Member of The Board of Directors (also known as "The Executive Board" or "The Board" can have two roles:

    a. An ELECTED member of The Board with a vote (president, vice president, membership/corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, one year trustee, two-year trustee, members at large). A member of The Board must only hold ONE voting position.

    b. NON-ELECTED member of The Board with no vote: A chair of the committees listed in Article VI or Club Liaison, immediate past president, Newsletter Editor, Website Coordinator, Social Media Manager, and Parliamentarian

9. If The Board chooses to designate a liaison, their duties will be to coordinate meeting dates and guest speakers when possible.

SECTION D. – RESIGNATION

The resignation of an Officer of the PFFC shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors.

SECTION E. – IMPEACHMENT

Any Officer may be impeached for improper conduct prejudicial to the welfare of the club using the following procedure:

1. A written petition must be signed by fifteen (15) Adult members of the PFFC and be presented to the Executive Board.
2. A meeting shall be called within thirty (30) days for a vote by the general membership. All members shall be advised fifteen (15) days in advance as to the reason for the meeting and the date, place, and time of said meeting.
3. A vote will be taken by secret ballot and require two-thirds (2/3) of those voting in favor of the petition to have the officer removed.

SECTION F. – REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS FOR MALFEASANCE

1. **Grounds for Removal**

    A Board Member may be removed from the Board for malfeasance or for intentional nonperformance of duties, which shall include, but not be limited to:

    a. Willful misconduct in the performance of duties;

b. Refusal to perform the duties of their office or to arrange for those duties to be performed by another party

c. Fraud, embezzlement, or misappropriation of organizational funds or assets;

d. Knowing violation of applicable laws, regulations, or the organization's governing documents;

e. Breach of fiduciary duty resulting in material harm to the organization;

f. Violation of Code of Conduct (Article XI)

2. **Initiation of Removal Proceedings**

Removal proceedings may be initiated by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the Executive Board at a duly called meeting.

3. **Notice and Hearing**

The Board Member subject to removal shall receive written notice of the alleged malfeasance and the date, time, and place of the hearing at least fifteen (15) days in advance. The Board Member shall have the right to present evidence, call witnesses, and respond to the allegations before the board.

4. **Vote required for Removal**

Following the hearing, removal shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board Members, excluding the Board Member in question.

5. **Effect of Removal**

Removal under this Article shall be effective immediately upon the Executive Board's vote. The vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article IV Section C of these by-laws

ARTICLE V – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION A. – NOMINATIONS

1. The Nomination and Election Committee shall be appointed in December and shall consist of a minimum of three (3) persons acceptable to the President and approved unanimously by the Board.
2. The Nomination and Election Committee shall submit nominees, in accordance with Article VI, Section F D of the Bylaws. Nominations from the membership will also be accepted at the February and/or March general membership meetings.
3. A candidate for office must be an adult member of the PFFC for at least one (1) year prior to February 1 and have attended at least two (2) meetings in the past year. The meeting requirement can be waived with the approval of the Board
4. No member shall be eligible to hold the office of President who has not served as a member of the Board of Directors for:

a. four (4) of the previous five (5) years and held at least two (2) elected offices

or

b. at least seven (7) of the previous ten (10) years on the Executive Board

5. No member shall be eligible to hold the office of Vice President who has not served as an elected member of the Board of Directors for at least one year in the previous two years.
6. All nominees for office must be present at the general meeting in February and/or March to accept their nomination, or the nominee must submit in writing to the Nomination Committee within five (5) days of notification, their willingness to accept the nomination.

SECTION B. – ELECTIONS

1. Officers shall be elected annually at the April meeting by secret ballot by the members who are eligible to vote. The new Officers shall be installed at the Executive Board Transitional Meeting and formally introduced at the first general meeting of the season.
2. A member in good standing, in accordance with Article II, Sections A (all) and Section B, Paragraphs 1, 3, and 5 of the Bylaws, who is unable to attend the annual meeting, may request an absentee ballot from the Nomination Committee.
    a. Requests for absentee ballots must be received within five (5) days before or after the March meeting.
    b. Absentee ballots must be received, electronically or in the numbered return envelope, by the April meeting.
    c. A record shall be kept by the Nomination and Election Committee of the numbered return envelopes and electronic ballots sent to each member to be used as a master list.
    d. The numbers on the return envelopes and electronic ballots shall be verified against a master list. Once verified, the envelope will be destroyed.
    e. Any numbered return envelope or electronic ballot containing more than one (1) ballot will be considered void.
    f. No person having submitted an absentee ballot shall be permitted to vote in person at the April meeting.
    g. Absentee ballots will be counted at the April meeting.
3. All ballots cast at the April meeting and those absentee ballots received in accordance with Article V, Section B, Paragraph 2 of the Bylaws, shall be tabulated by the Nomination and Election Committee before the end of the meeting and the Committee will announce the results. The ballots will be held for a period of three (3) months after the April meeting in case of any questions as to the election results.
4. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes cast for each office shall be considered the elected officers.
5. In the event of a tie for any office, a run-off election shall be held between the tying candidates at the same April meeting.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

SECTION A. – NAMES

There shall be the following standing committees:

1. Trips
2. Publication and Social Media
3. Nomination and Election

4. Convention
5. Constitution

SECTION B. – TRIPS COMMITTEE- WHEN NOT COORDINATED BY OUTSIDE VENDOR.

1. The Trips Committee shall be responsible for organizing and arranging excursions. It shall be the Committee's duty to try to get the lowest prices available so that the excursions are affordable to members.
2. The Chairman shall appoint as many persons as necessary to help make arrangements and check various packages.
3. The Chairman shall ask one (1) or more persons, depending on the size of the group participating, to act as a monitor or point of contact, to help solve any problems that arise during the course of the excursion.

SECTION C. – PUBLICATION AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

1. The Publication and Social Media Committee shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of the official PFFC newsletter.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for any other written materials that must be distributed to the general membership except for the ballots that shall be prepared and distributed by the Nomination and Election Committee.
3. The Committee shall publish a list of all Committee Chairperson's names and a means of contact in the official PFFC newsletter and other social media outlets. The Membership/ Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for providing the list to the Committee.

SECTION D. – NOMINATION AND ELECTION COMMITTEE

1. The Nomination and Election Committee shall consist of three (3) Adult members and will conduct the election of officers.
2. No officer or candidate for any office may serve on this Committee.
3. The Committee shall be responsible for listing a minimum of two (2) candidates for each office and getting them to agree to accept the nomination. In the case that only one (1) candidate can be secured by the Committee and no other candidates are presented by the general membership for a particular office, the duties of the Committee shall be considered fulfilled.
4. The Committee shall be responsible for preparing and tabulating all regular and absentee ballots in accordance with Article V, Section B, Paragraph 2 and 3 of the Bylaws.

SECTION E. – THE NATIONAL HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB CONVENTION COMMITTEE (NHLBCC)

1. The Committee shall be responsible for providing all pertinent information about the convention to the general membership, including the dates where various payments are due.
2. The Committee shall be responsible for organizing the hospitality room including giveaways, food, beverages, and getting as many members as necessary to help set up and run the room.

3. The Committee shall nominate and select two (2) voting delegates and one (1) alternate delegate to the convention. The delegates do not necessarily need to be members of the Committee. At least one (1) of the delegates must have served as a delegate previously. The delegates shall be responsible for asking those attending the convention their opinions on issues to be voted upon at the delegates' meeting.
4. The delegates shall be responsible to report to the Board of Directors any unfinished convention business. The Board of Directors shall then present the unfinished business to the general membership who will then vote on any motions presented.
5. The delegates shall make a report to the general membership of the business conducted at the convention. The delegates will turn over any outstanding materials to the current President that are to be given to the ensuing delegates.

SECTION F. – CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

1. The Constitution Committee shall consist of at least five (5) adult members.
2. The Committee shall convene every five (5) years to review the Constitution and Bylaws of the PFFC. Any proposed amendments shall be presented in accordance with Article VIII of the Constitution.

SECTION G. – SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Special committees may be formed by the Board.

SECTION H. – ALL COMMITTEES

1. All committee members must be Adult members of the club in good standing, as previously defined in the PFFC Bylaws.
2. All committees shall perform their assigned duties within the specified time.
3. Poor conduct or performance on the part of any committee member shall result in that person's dismissal from said committee. Any dismissal shall be determined by majority vote of that committee and in turn approved by the Executive Board.
4. All Committee Chairmen, when necessary, shall make a report of the committee's activities at each general meeting.
5. All Committee Chairmen, when necessary, shall provide written information to the Executive Board

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

SECTION A. – GENERAL MEETINGS

General meetings shall be held in accordance with Article VII, Paragraph A of the Constitution. The general membership shall be notified of such meetings.

SECTION B. – SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings can be called in accordance with Article VII, Paragraph C of the Constitution.

SECTION C. – ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held in accordance with Article VII, Paragraph B of the Constitution.

SECTION D. – ORDER OF BUSINESS

The general meetings shall consist of an informal session and a business session.

1. INFORMAL SESSION
    a. Call to order (President)
    b. Guest speaker(s) when available followed by a question and answer period.
    c. Items of interest pertaining to the club.
2. BUSINESS SESSION
    a. Roll call of Officers
    b. Presentation of minutes of the preceding general meeting (Recording Secretary)
    c. Presentation of financial statement (Treasurer).
    d. Membership report (Membership/Corresponding Secretary)
    e. Reports from standing and special committees (respective committee chairmen)
    f. Old business
    g. New business
    h. Announcement of the time, place, and date of the next general meeting.
    i. Adjournment.

ARTICLE VIII – FINANCES

A. The fiscal year shall run from September 1 through August 31.

B. All outgoing payments must be made by check and all checks must be signed by the Treasurer or President and may be co-signed by the Vice President.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Petitions for amendments, additions, and deletions will be processed in accordance with Article VIII of the Constitution.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

On any matter where a question in this set of Bylaws or the Constitution that is not covered herein, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall be the parliamentary authority.

ARTICLE XI – CODE OF CONDUCT

As a member of the PFFC, it is each person's duty to recognize that he/she is a representative of the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club. It is also each individual's responsibility to project a favorable image in order not to discredit the club, the team, or the organization. Should the "Code of Conduct" be disregarded by anyone, action can be taken by the Board of Directors in accordance with Article II, Section G of the Bylaws.

All communications between the Philadelphia Flyers Fan Club and Philadelphia Flyers personnel shall be facilitated exclusively by the Fan Club President and/or the Club Liaison. No other Fan Club member shall be permitted to address a member of the Philadelphia Flyers front office or leadership personnel regarding matters of Fan Club business except upon the express request of the Fan Club President and/or the Club Liaison.

ARTICLE XII – DISSOLUTION

A. This club shall not be dissolved as long as there are at least twenty (20) members.

B. Should the number of members fall below twenty (20) members, all monies of the PFFC will be deposited in a bank account for a period of three (3) years. At that time, if the PFFC is not reorganized, said money will be donated to the Flyers Charities

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