



# **Complaints Policy and Procedure**

Belper Ladies Hockey Club (BLHC) is committed to providing a quality service for its members and guests and working in an open and accountable way that builds trust and respect. We work hard to get things right the first time but we understand that occasionally things go wrong. If you have a complaint about the service you have received from BLHC please let us know so that we can review our processes.

We recognise that many concerns will be raised informally, and dealt with quickly. An informal approach is appropriate when it can be achieved. But if concerns cannot be satisfactorily resolved informally, then the formal complaints procedure should be followed.

We have a two stage complaints procedure which includes an internal escalation process to senior committee members. We normally expect to resolve your concern at Stage One but if you are not happy with our response please contact our Chairperson at [dutchgirl\\_007@hotmail.com](mailto:dutchgirl_007@hotmail.com).

## **Stage 1**

In the first instance, if you are unable to resolve the issue informally, please write (letter or email) to the captain of the team with which you had the problem with, or their manager, so that he or she has a chance to put things right. In your letter/email you should set out the details of your complaint, the consequences for you as a result, and the remedy you are seeking. We will acknowledge your complaint within 5 working days and send a full response within 20 working days.

If you make a complaint in person to a member of our club, we will record your complaint in writing within 3 working days, and acknowledge it within 5 working days thereafter. We will then deal with your complaint in accordance with our policy for written complaints.

Contact details can be found on the Belper Hockey Website: [www.belperhc.co.uk](http://www.belperhc.co.uk)



## **Stage 2**

If you are not satisfied with the initial response to the complaint then you can write to the BLHC Chairperson and ask for your complaint and the response to be reviewed. You can expect the Chairperson to acknowledge your request within 5 working days of receipt and a response within 15 working days.

It is our aim to resolve all matters as quickly as possible. However, inevitably some issues will be more complex and therefore may require longer to be fully investigated. Consequently timescales given for handling and responding to complaints are indicative. If a matter requires more detailed investigation, you will receive an interim response describing what is being done to deal with the matter, and when a full reply can be expected and from whom.

Belper Ladies Hockey Club is committed to equal opportunities and our aim is to make our complaints policy easy to use and accessible to all of our members, guests and visitors. We will take reasonable steps to accommodate any reasonable adjustments you may have to enable you to access this policy or receive responses to complaints in other formats, and provide such assistance as you may reasonably require.

All complaints about our service and requests for review under our complaints procedure should be sent as follows:

By post: **BLHC, ChristChurch Meadows, Belper, Derbyshire, DE56 1BA**

Via our website: [https://belperhc.clubbuzz.co.uk/contact\\_us](https://belperhc.clubbuzz.co.uk/contact_us)

If you are unable to contact us in writing as above, and require a reasonable adjustment because you are a disabled person, you may contact us as follows:

**Telephone:** 07770 535007

**Confidentiality:** Except in exceptional circumstances, every attempt will be made to ensure that both BLHC and the complainant maintain confidentiality. However the circumstances giving rise to the complaint may be such that it may not be possible to maintain confidentiality (with each complaint judged on its own merit). Should this be the case, the situation will be explained to the complainant.

**Monitoring and Reporting:** BLHC will record and monitor complaints and their resolution to maintain our commitment to continuous improvement.