

West Hull Ladies Running Club Constitution

1. Title

The Club shall be known as West Hull Ladies Running Club (the Club).

2. Objectives

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. To encourage the practice, promotion, development and participation of running in Hull and the wider community.
- b. To provide training and coaching for members.
- c. To organise teams to represent the Club in championships and Leagues and in such other competitions as the Committee shall decide.
- d. To be affiliated to national and regional amateur athletic bodies, as the Committee consider appropriate, in order to carry out the objectives of the Club.

3. Membership

- a. Membership of the Club shall be open to ladies who are amateurs as defined by the UK athletics governing bodies at that time, regardless of age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. For young people under the age of 16 a parent or guardian is to be entirely responsible for their attendance at all Club activities.
- b. Each membership application must be made to the Secretary using the web site application form. The appropriate subscription must accompany the application for membership.
- c. Honorary life membership of the Club may be conferred upon any member by a majority vote of those present at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in recognition of someone who has performed an outstanding service, or has made an outstanding contribution to the Club.
- d. Any member leaving to join another club should inform the Club by email in order to alert the membership secretary to the change appearing in England Athletics.

4. Subscriptions

- a. Annual Subscriptions shall become due for payment by 31st March each year, with the amounts being determined by the Committee at the meeting prior to the AGM.
- b. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

c. Members joining after 30th September shall pay a reduced subscription for that year. The Committee will determine this amount.

d. Any member failing to make payment by 31st March will not have their England Athletic subscription paid and, therefore, will no longer be insured for racing under the name of West Hull Ladies. Any races they have booked must have additional insurance paid should they not make the club payment prior to the event.

5. Management

a. The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee that shall consist of the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be Officers of the Club together with a maximum of twelve other members. All the foregoing shall be elected at the AGM and remain in office until the conclusion of the AGM the following year.

b. Five elected Committee members are required for a quorum for a Committee meeting to take place providing the Chair, Secretary or Treasurer is present.

c. The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies if they arise and to co-opt members for particular projects, but co-opted members shall not have a Committee vote.

d. The Committee shall also have the power to establish any sub-Committee deemed appropriate to assist in meeting the objectives of the Club, and to delegate to these sub-Committees such duties as may be considered appropriate.

e. The Committee shall have the power to appoint individuals to perform specific duties on behalf of the Committee and to delegate to those individuals such duties, as they consider appropriate.

6. Annual General Meeting

a. The AGM shall be held in the months of either March or April as dictated by the practical circumstances applicable at the time.

b. At the AGM the meeting will:

i Receive the Annual Report of the Chair.

ii Receive the financial statements and the Treasurer's report.

iii Elect the Officers and Committee for the following year.

iv Consider any amendment to the Constitution of which notice has been given to all members. The Secretary must receive any proposed change to the Constitution at least seven days preceding the meeting in order that all members shall have sufficient notice of the proposal.

v Transact any other notified business.

c. At least 21 days' notice shall be given to members of the date, venue and agenda items for the AGM.

d. All registered members of the Club at the meeting who are aged 18 years or more shall have one vote. In the case of equality of votes, the Chair will have a

second, casting vote. Voting shall be by a show of hands unless the Chair decides voting shall be by ballot.

7. Extra-Ordinary (EGM) Meeting

a. An EGM may be called by the Committee to discuss changes to the Constitution and Rules or any other Club business too urgent to wait for the AGM.

b. An EGM must be called if 25% of voting members so petitions the Secretary in writing.

c. Three weeks' notice of an EGM must be given to all members by email or in writing, together with the motions to be discussed. No other business shall be conducted.

d. Procedures for voting shall be as used for the AGM.

8. Finance

a. The financial year of the Club shall end on 31st December.

b. All funds belonging to the Club shall be deposited with a bank or building society in accounts that shall carry the Club title. All accounts shall operate on two signatories, one of whom will be the Treasurer and the other either the Chair or Secretary or other persons nominated and agreed by the Committee.

9. Property and Funds

a. The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the Rules and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club.

b. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

- i Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment.
- ii Remunerate members for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present.

c. The committee shall have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

10. Winding Up

a. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

b. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

c. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

- i To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity or
- ii To another Club with similar sports purposes which is registered to UKA or
- iii To the Club's national governing bodies for use by them for related community sports.

11. Alterations to the Constitution

The Constitution may be altered but only by a resolution passed by two thirds of those present and voting at an AGM or an EGM called for that purpose.

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