

Hyde Village Striders Running Club Club Constitution

1. Name, Affiliation and Colours

The name of the club will be 'Hyde Village Striders Running Club' (Hereinafter will be referred to as The Club), and may also be known as Hyde Striders.

The club will be affiliated to the North of England Athletic Association in order to carry out the objectives of the club.

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The club colours will be turquoise blue vests, with royal blue side panels, and black shorts.

2. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:-

- a. To encourage the practice and development of Amateur Athletics;
- b. To provide coaching for the members, and to organise competitions;
- c. To organise teams to represent the club in championships and leagues, and other such competitions, as the Management Committee see fit. The club will select in which of the five athletic disciplines it wishes to compete for team competition, and notify the North of England Athletic Association annually. The five disciplines being road running, cross country running, fell and hill running, track and field, and race walking;
- d. To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club;
- e. To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone;
- f. To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment.

3. Membership

Membership will be open to persons who are amateurs, as defined by UK Athletics, and there will be a minimum age entry of 18 years old. Each applicant must complete the official application form

Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in running, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any codes of conduct that the club has adopted.

Members will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.

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Individuals shall not be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection of any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Club committee.

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4 Sports Equity

- (a) This Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

- (b) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- (c) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- (d) All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- (e) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

5 Committee

The management of the club will be vested in a Management Committee, which will consist of a Chairperson, Honorary Secretary, Head Coach, Membership Secretary, Club Welfare Officer, Social Secretary and Honorary Treasurer, who will be officers of the club. The Management Committee, together with sufficient club members as General Committee members who represent the whole club, will make up the General Committee, hereafter known as the Committee.

Only Committee Members will have the right to vote at meetings of the Committee.

All will be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and will remain in office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting the following year.

The Committee will have the power to fill vacancies when they arise, with full voting rights.

The Committee will also have the power to co-opt members for particular projects, but co-opted members will not have a Committee vote.

The Committee will be convened by the Secretary of the club and hold no less than four meetings per year.

The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee meetings will be: eight.

The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

The Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

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6 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held each year for the purpose of:-

- a. Receiving the Annual Report of the Committee;
- b. Receiving the audited statement of accounts and balance sheets;
- c. Electing the officers and Committee for the ensuing year;
- d. Electing the Honorary Auditors;
- e. Considering any amendments to the constitution rules, of which due notice has been given to all members. Any proposed change to a constitution rule by a member must be received by the Chairperson or Honorary Secretary at least **7** days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting, in order that all members will have sufficient notice of the proposal.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to members of the date, venue and agenda for the Annual General Meeting, and each fully paid up club member present at the meeting will have one vote.

The quorum for the AGM will be 25% of the current club membership.

The Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM) outside the AGM.

Procedures for an EGM will be the same as for the AGM.

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7 Annual Subscription

Members will pay an annual subscription fee at the commencement of the club year, on 1st April.

The level of fees shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

The annual subscription must accompany the application for membership.

8 Finance

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. The financial year of the club will end on: 31 December.

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting. Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer and Chairperson.

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All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

9 Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

If deemed necessary a meeting of at least three members of the Management Committee may rule to suspend a member temporarily, for a maximum of 21 days.

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[until the Committee can meet to decide upon the matter.](#)

The Committee will meet to hear complaints within 21 days of a complaint being lodged.

The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within three days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Committee following [announced member being advised of disciplinary action.](#) The [member has seven days to appeal and the Committee will consider any such](#) appeal within seven days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

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Any concerns that club members have about the conduct of other members should be reported verbally to a member of the Committee or a Coach.

The Committee will have the power to expel any member whose subscription is six months in arrears, providing one months notice in writing will have been sent to such a member by registered or recorded delivery, informing him/her of the proposed action of the Committee.

The name and address of any person so expelled from the club shall be recorded and sent to the territorial association.

Every person whose name has been so recorded will be suspended from competing at any meeting held under UKA rules, until the liability causing the expulsion, (which shall not exceed one year's subscription), shall be discharged.

10 Resignation

Any member wishing to resign must do so in writing, addressed to the Chairperson or Honorary Secretary.

The resignation shall be considered by the Committee within one calendar month of receipt, and will be effective on the date of tendering.

Resignations will not be accepted if the member is indebted to the club (has not paid his/her subscription for the current year), and acceptance will be withheld until the debt is discharged.

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11 Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting will be called by the Honorary Secretary or Chairperson within one month of receipt of a requisition signed by at least 25% of the membership, stating the purpose of the meeting.

At least 14 days notice will be given to all fully paid up members of the date, venue and purpose of an Extraordinary General Meeting.

No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting.

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12 Amendments to the Constitution

No constitution rule may be altered or deleted, except at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose – and then only by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

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13 Dissolution

(a) A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

(b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any clubs funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will become the property of ANOTHER CLUB WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES or North of England Athletic Association

14 Declaration

Hyde Village Striders Running Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

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Signed:

Date:

Name: Dominic Sexton
Club Chairperson

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Date:

Name: Sally Gubbins
Club Secretary

