



**1. Title**

The Club shall be known as Ripley Running Club (hereinafter referred to as "the Club")

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a. To encourage the practice, promotion and development of all running disciplines as defined within the constitution of the Club.
- b. The Club should cater principally for the following running disciplines: Road Running, Cross-Country Running, Fell Running.
- c. To provide training and coaching for members.
- d. To organise open, club and club handicap races.
- e. To organise teams to represent the Club in championships and leagues and in such other competitions as the Members shall decide.
- f. The Club shall seek to be affiliated to National and Regional 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 persons who are amateurs as defined by England Athletics, regardless of gender, age, disability, gender re-assignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation.
- b. Members under the age of 18 attending training, races, or any other Club activity remain the full responsibility of their parent *or* Guardian.
- c. Membership application must be made using the Membership Application Form available from the Club Website. The appropriate subscription must accompany the application for membership.
- d. Honorary life membership of the Club may be conferred upon any member by a majority vote of those present at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in recognition of someone who has performed an outstanding service, or who has made an outstanding contribution to the Club.
- e. Any member wishing to resign from the Club must do so in writing or by e-mail to the Secretary by 1 April, falling which they may be liable for the next years subscription.
- f. Resignation shall be considered by the Secretary within one calendar month of receipt and will be held as effective from the date of tendering.

**4. Subscriptions**

- a. Annual subscriptions shall become due for payment on 1<sup>st</sup> May each year, with the amount being determined at the AGM.
- b. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- c. Members under 18 shall pay half rate subscriptions.
- d. **Members** joining after 1<sup>st</sup> March shall be deemed to have paid their subscription for the following year.
- e. Any member failing to make payment by 30<sup>th</sup> June shall cease to be entitled to the rights and privileges of membership and may be expelled provided that notice has been given twice to the members last known address or e-mail address.

**5. Management**

- a. The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee that shall consist of the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary who shall be Officers of the Club together with a



maximum of Seven other members. All of the foregoing shall be elected at the AGM and remain in office until the conclusion of the AGM of the following year.

- b. Four elected Committee members are required for a quorum for a Committee meeting to take place providing the Chairperson *or* the Secretary is present.
- c. The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies 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**

- a. The AGM shall be held in April or May as dictated by the practical circumstances applicable at that time.
- b. At the AGM the meeting will:
  - i. Receive the annual reports of the Chairperson and the Secretary.
  - ii. Receive the financial statements and the Treasurer's report.
  - iii. Elect the officers and the Committee for the ensuing year.
  - iv. Consider any amendment to the constitution of which due notice has been given to all members. Proposed changes to the constitution must be received by the Secretary at least 14 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 the members of the date, venue and agenda items for the AGM.
- d. All registered members of the Club at the meeting shall have one vote. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairperson will have a second, casting vote. Voting will be by show of hands except for where the Chairperson decides voting shall be by ballot.

## **7. Extra-ordinary General 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 petition the Secretary in writing.
- c. Three weeks notice of an EGM must be given to all members by e-mail or in writing together with the motion/s 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 the 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- b. All funds belonging to the Club shall be deposited with a bank or building society in accounts in the Club's name. All accounts shall operate on two signatories, one of whom will be the Treasurer.

## **9. Property and Funds**

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



**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 of the following:
  - i. To another Club with similar sports purposes
  - ii. To the Clubs National governing bodies for use by them for related community sports.

**11. Alterations to the Constitution**

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

**12. Revision History**

- a. This Constitution was formerly adopted at the AGM held on .22.04.2013 and amended at the AGM on 16.04.2018 and is now recognised as the Clubs original Constitution.