

# CONSTITUTION OF EREWASH VALLEY RUNNING CLUB

## 1. NAME

The name of the Club shall be: EREWASH VALLEY RUNNING CLUB.

## 2. HEADQUARTERS

The headquarters of the Club shall be: 17, TROWELL ROAD, STAPLEFORD, NOTTINGHAM.

## 3. COLOURS

The Clubs' racing colours shall be a yellow vest with red and black stripes.

## 4. PURPOSE

To promote amateur athletics in the form of running events, amongst its members in accordance with the rules of England Athletics.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- c) The Club Committee may refuse membership or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

## 6. 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 provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, team expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- c) 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) Employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set out by the Committee without the person concerned being present.
  - iii) Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests.
  - iv) Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).
- d) The Committee will have due regard to the Law on disability, discrimination and child protection.

## **7. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The yearly subscription to the Club shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting, payable immediately after the Annual General Meeting.

Any member whose subscription is in arrears will be informed by letter or email, addressed to his/her last known address, informing his/her of the proposed action of the Committee.

## **8. MANAGEMENT**

The management of the club shall be vested in an organising committee, the number to be decided by members at the AGM.

The committee shall include a SECRETARY, to be responsible for the clubs' administration, a TREASURER, who will be responsible for the clubs' finances and a CHAIRMAN, to preside over meetings.

All committee members shall be elected at the AGM.

The committee may co-opt persons as they may consider advisable in the interest of the club.

The committee will be responsible for the complete management of the club, including all assets owned by the club at the time of the adoption of these rules. Any matter not specifically provided for in the clubs' constitution shall be dealt with by the management committee, who shall have the power to decide as to the interpretation of these rules.

The committee will ensure that the books of accounts are kept and submitted to the duly elected auditors, satisfactory to the membership of the club.

## **9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

An Annual General Meeting of the members of the Club will be held in the month of NOVEMBER each year, the date to be decided by the Committee.

Four weeks' notice of an AGM should be submitted, in writing, by letter or email, to all members.

Voting is by simple majority. NO PROXY VOTES.

Every paid up member attending the Annual General Meeting has a single vote of equal weight.

An Extraordinary Meeting must be called for change of constitution between Annual General Meetings. Voting is by simple majority.

The business to be transacted will include:

- a) A Chairman's report.
- b) The consideration of any matters concerning the business of the club, as may be necessary.
- c) The Club's accounts and Auditors certificate for the preceding year.
- d) The election of members of the Committee.
- e) Any proposed amendments to these rules, which should be submitted prior to the AGM, in writing, by letter or email, at least two weeks before the Annual General meeting...

## **10. DISSOLUTION**

If the Club shall pass in General Meeting, by a majority comprising three quarters or more of the members present and entitled to vote, a resolution of intention to dissolve the Club, the management committee shall arrange that, after discharging all debts and liabilities, the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the Club members but shall be given or transferred to:

- a) A Charity chosen by the majority of paid Club members.
- b) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity or is CASC registered
- c) To the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

If any debts remain then these will be equally split between all paid Club members at the time of dissolution.

#### **11. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

In the event of the need to call an Extraordinary General Meeting either a majority decision by the Club Management Committee or a petition to the Club Secretary containing signatures of at least 20% of the paid up members of the Club, will be required to initiate the process.

The notification and rules of the meeting will be as for the Annual General Meeting, i.e. four weeks' notice should be submitted, in writing, by letter or email, to all members, voting is by simple majority and NO PROXY VOTES will be accepted.

Every paid up member attending the Extraordinary General Meeting has a single vote of equal weight.