

WEST CHESHIRE ATHLETIC CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1 Title

The club shall be called West Cheshire Athletic Club.

2 Club Colours

The Club Colours shall be purple vests and shorts.

3 Definitions and Objectives

The club is an amateur sports club that is open to the whole community without discrimination on grounds of race, sexuality, religion, age and ability (except as a necessary consequence of the requirements of any particular event).

The club is a non-profit making organisation such that any surplus income or gains shall be reinvested in the club and are not to be distributed to members or related third parties. On dissolution of the club, any residual net assets shall be applied for approved sporting or charitable purposes. The main objectives of the Club are:

- To provide facilities for and to encourage participation on an amateur basis in track, field and sportshall athletics, cross country and road running, fell and hill running and race walking.
- To provide coaching for the members and to organise competitions.
- To organise teams to represent the Club in Championships and Leagues, and in such other competitions as the Management Committee shall decide.
- To provide training facilities in both Chester and Ellesmere Port.

4 Affiliation

The Club shall seek to be affiliated to England Athletics in order to carry out the objectives of the Club.

5 Membership

The membership of the Club shall be as defined by UK Athletics (UKA) laws. There shall be a minimum entry age of 8 1/2 years. Each applicant for membership must complete the online registration process, and must be approved at a properly convened meeting of the Management Committee.

6 Subscriptions

Members will pay an annual subscription fee, which shall be due on the first of April each year, or any other date determined by the Management Committee.

The Management Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is six months in arrears. One month's notice, in writing, must be sent to such a member by registered or recorded delivery letter, addressed to the member's last known address informing them of the proposed action of the Management Committee.

The name and address of any person so expelled from the Club shall be recorded and sent to the Regional Association. Every person whose name has been so recorded shall 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) is discharged.

7 Resignations

Any member wishing to resign must do so by completing the online transfer process. The resignation shall be considered by the Management Committee within one calendar month of receipt and shall be held as effective on the date of tendering. Resignations may not be accepted if the member is financially indebted to the Club.

8 The Management Committee

The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee, which shall consist of:

President; Chairman; Vice-Chairman; Treasurer; Secretary; Membership Officer; Cross Country Officer; Road Running Officer; Track and Field Officer; Facilities Officer; Sponsorship and Liaison Officer.

The Management Committee shall consist of the above officers, all to retire annually at the Annual General Meeting.

Management Committee meetings must have a quorum of 5 Committee members.

Each member of the Management Committee shall have one vote at Committee meetings. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

9 Powers of the Management Committee

The Management Committee shall have the power to:

- Co-opt further members to the Management Committee as it deems necessary.
- Appoint other officers, as it deems necessary.
- Set up and delegate responsibilities to sub-committees.
- Fill vacancies, if and when they arise.
- Discipline members who behave in such a manner as is considered contrary to the best interest of the sport.

10 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

At least 28 days' notice shall be given to members of the date, venue and agenda items for the AGM, which shall be held in the month of November for the purpose of:

- Receiving the Annual Report of the Management Committee.
- Receiving the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.
- Electing the Officers and the Management Committee for the ensuing year.
- Electing Vice Presidents.
- Electing the Honorary Auditors.
- Setting the level of subscriptions for the following year.

- Considering any amendments to the Constitution or any other matter that has been proposed by the Management Committee.

No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting.

Each member shall be entitled to one vote provided that:

1. They are a fully paid up first claim member.
2. They are at least 14 years of age.
3. They are present at the meeting or have notified the Chairman or Secretary of their vote, in writing, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

Annual General Meetings must have a quorum of 15 members.

11 Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Management Committee or by a request signed by a minimum of 20 members who are entitled to vote at such a meeting. Any such request must be addressed to the Secretary and must state the purpose for which the meeting is to be called.

The Secretary shall, within one month of receipt of such a request, call an EGM, giving 28 days' notice to members of the date, venue and agenda for the meeting. No other business may be conducted at such a meeting.

Voting rights at an EGM are the same as for the Annual General Meeting.

12 Amendments to The Constitution

No part of the Constitution may be altered, added to or deleted except at a properly convened Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose and then only by a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

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