



SUNDERLAND STROLLERS RUNNING CLUB CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The title of the Club shall be **Sunderland Strollers Running Club**.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Club shall 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 in such other competitions as the Committee shall decide.
- d. The Club shall cater for:
 - i. Cross Country Running;
 - ii. Road Running;
 - iii. Road Relay Running;
 - iv. Fell and Hill Running;
 - v. Ultra Running.

3. CLUB EQUITY STATEMENT

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.

- a. 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.

- b. The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- c. All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- d. The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

4. MEMBERSHIP

There will be 3 different forms of membership, all members will be subject to the regulations of this constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and any codes of practice that the Club has adopted:

- a. Full Members – These are active members who pay the appropriate membership fee.
- b. Honorary Members – The Committee may invite long-standing, but no longer active, members and supporters of the Club to become Honorary Members. They will not be required to pay any membership fee but will have no voting rights at an AGM/EGM.
- c. Life Members – The Committee may invite any Full Member to become a Life Member, upon accepting Life Membership the individual will no longer be required to pay membership fees but the Club will continue to pay their UKA Registration Fee. A Life Member retains the same voting rights as a Full Member. On ceasing to be an active runner a Life Member will revert to become an Honorary Member.

5. MEMBERSHIP FEES

- a. Membership fees will be set annually by the Committee.
- b. Fees will be due by 31 March.
- c. Members new to running and joining the club after 1st January will not be required to pay fees for the following membership year.
- d. Members joining as 2nd Claim will only be required to pay the difference between the UKA Registration Fee and the Club Membership fee.

6. MANAGEMENT

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

- a. Chairman;
- b. Treasurer;
- c. Deputy Treasurer;

- d. Club Secretary;
- e. Deputy Secretary;
- f. Club Coach;
- g. Men's Captain;
- h. Men's Manager;
- i. Ladies Captain;
- j. Ladies Manager;
- k. Race Secretary;
- l. Deputy Race Secretary
- m. Membership Secretary;
- n. Kit Manager.
- o. Webmaster
- p. Publicity Rep
- q. Transport Manager
- r. Mental Health Officer
- s. Welfare Officer

Other Club members may be co-opted onto the Committee as required.

Committee meetings will be convened by the Club Secretary of the Club and held no less than four times per year. A quorum of 60% of the Committee will be required to be present for business to be conducted.

The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the Club. The Committee will have powers to appoint subcommittees 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.

The Committee may invite a Club member of longstanding to become an Honorary President. This position will not be part of the management of the Club but will invited to represent the Club at certain events.

7. 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 March. A statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

8. PROPERTY AND FUNDS

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.

The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away-match expenses, post match refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

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

- a. Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
- b. Employ members (though not for competing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;
- c. Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
- d. Make appropriate charitable donations;
- e. Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of running the Club against liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets)

9. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

The AGM shall be held in as soon after the end of the financial year as possible for the following purposes:

- a. Receiving the Annual Report of the Committee.
- b. Receiving the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet.
- c. Electing the Officers of the Club for the ensuing year.
- d. Considering any amendments to the Constitution of which due notice has been given to

all members. Any proposed change to the Constitution by a member must be received by the Chairman or Club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the date of the AGM in order that all members shall have sufficient notice of the proposal.

- e. At least 14 days notice shall be given to members of the date, venue and agenda items for the AGM. Each fully paid up member present at the meeting shall have one vote. The quorum for AGMs will be 10% of the membership.

10. AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall seek to be affiliated to such amateur athletic bodies as the Committee consider appropriate in order to carry out the Objects of the Club.

11. NON-PAYMENT OF FEES

The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member whose fee is 4 months in arrears, providing that one months notice (in writing) shall have been sent to such members last known address, informing them of the proposed action of the Club.

12. RESIGNATIONS

Any Member wishing to resign from the Club must do so in writing addressed to the Chairman or Club Secretary. Their resignation shall be considered by the Committee within one calendar month of receipt and will be held as effective on the date of tendering. Resignations will not be accepted if the Member is financially indebted to the Club, acceptance of Resignation will be withheld until the debt has been discharged.

13. DISCIPLINE AND APPEALS

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Club Secretary. The Committee will meet to hear complaints within 7 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 7 days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Committee following disciplinary action being

announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Club Secretary receiving the appeal.

14. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the Club Secretary or Chairman within one month of receipt of a request signed by at least 5 members stating the purpose of the meeting. At least 14 days notice shall be given to all fully paid up members of the date, venue and purpose of an EGM. No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting.

15. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

No Constitution Rule may be altered, added to, or deleted except at an AGM, or an EGM called for that purpose, and then only by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

16. DISSOLUTION

A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership. Any resolution to dissolve the Club must include details of the disposal of the current assets of the Club.

17. DECLARATION

Sunderland Strollers Running Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Interpretation of all elements of this constitution must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASCs (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002)

Signed:



Date:

11 Nov 19

Name: H Harrison

Position: Chairman

Signed:



Date:

11/11/19

Name: J Prater

Position: Club Secretary