

HALTERWORTH HARRIERS CLUB RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1 TITLE

1.1 The name of the club is ' HALTERWORTH HARRIERS'.

2 HEADQUARTERS

2.2 The headquarters of the club is:

'Latchet', Halterworth Lane, Romsey SO51 9AB.

3 OBJECT

3.3 The object of the club is the promotion of Amateur Athletics.

4 AFFILIATIONS

4.1 The UK Athletics club shall be affiliated to the following;

South of England Athletic Association

Other Associations, which the club committee may from time to time, decide.

5 MANAGEMENT

5.1 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - The management of the CLUB is vested in a committee consisting of a Chair, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer as Officers and up to twelve club members all of whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. At a committee meeting three members, one of whom must be an officer, shall form a quorum. The committee has the power to fill any vacancy, which may arise.

6 FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

6.1 The committee shall have the power to appoint and delegate powers to sub-committees for any purpose considered desirable.

6.2 The committee may co-opt further non-voting members as and when considered necessary.

6.3 The committee shall make regulations for Club training sessions and for the club championships as necessary whilst adhering to the rules of the UK Athletics.

6.4 The committee shall elect or appoint representatives to any organisation to which the club is affiliated or any appropriate organisation.

6.5 The club is empowered to make a decision on any matter not expressly provided in these rules.

6.6 The committee as a body shall not be responsible for any personal financial commitment by any of its individual members.

7 MEMBERSHIP

7.1 A candidate for membership must apply in writing on a form provided for the purpose. The committee will consider the application at their next meeting and inform the applicant, in writing, of their decision.

7.2 Forms for applicants under 16 years must be signed by a parent or guardian in addition to the applicant's own signature. The rules of the governing body relating to membership of an athletic club and the rules relating to first claim membership should be fully explained to the applicant and signed to this effect.

7.3 Persons who are non-participating athletes may join the club as 'Associate Members' and

be bound by the club rules and constitution. The fee for associate members shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

8 RESIGNATION

8.1 A member wishing to withdraw from the club shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary. Their membership will terminate on the date of that notice unless they are financially indebted to the club, in which case the committee may withhold acceptance of the resignation until he/she has discharged their liability. A member not having tendered his/her resignation prior to 30 March shall be liable for the ensuing year's subscription.

9 SUBSCRIPTION

9.1 The annual subscription of the club shall be set from time to time at the Annual General Meeting and shall be payable on election as a member and subsequently on 1 January each year.

9.2 The committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is six months in arrears provided a month's notice in writing shall have been sent to their last known address informing them of the proposed action of the committee.

9.3 The name and address of any person so expelled from the club in the South of England AA shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the South of England AA who shall enter their name in a book - to be called 'The Suspension Book'- kept for that purpose. Every person whose name has been so entered shall be suspended from competing at any meeting held under UK Athletics laws until the liability causing the said expulsion, which shall not exceed one year's subscription, shall have been discharged.

10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

10.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the first quarter of each year (January to March). The meeting will receive the honorary secretary's report, approve the accounts, elect officers and committee members and deal with any other matters specified on the agenda. The honorary secretary must give every member 21 days notice of the meeting and notice of any other business requiring discussion. If a member wishes to place an additional item on the agenda then notice must be given, in writing to the honorary secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

10.2 Each paid up member of the FULL subscription and over the age of 18 shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting. The chair shall have a vote and the casting vote whenever necessary.

11 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

11.1 A special General Meeting must be called by the Honorary Secretary within 14 days of the receipt by him/her of a request in writing signed by at least TEN members of the Club stating the business to be brought before such a meeting.

12 FINANCES

12.1 The Treasurer shall receive and pay all amounts due on account of the Club. The Club's monies shall be banked or invested as the committee may from time to time decide. Cheques shall be drawn on the signature of the treasurer or of any person authorised by the committee.

13 ACCOUNTS

13.1 the Financial year of the Club shall close on 31st December each year. The annual statement of account and balance sheet shall be available to each member on request and shall be presented at the meeting.

14 BRINGING THE CLUB INTO DISREPUTE

14.1 Any member who carries out actions which are detrimental to the Club or conducts him/herself in a manner bringing the Club into disrepute shall be suspended from all competition automatically by the Committee for a period of six weeks.

14.2 Appeals against the Committee decision shall be heard by the Chairman within seven days of suspension.

15 ALTERATION OF THE RULES

15.1 No alteration or addition may be made to these rules except at the Annual General Meeting or by Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

15.2 Notices of proposed amendments must be given in accordance with the above rules.

16 DISSOLUTION

16.1 In the event of the affairs of the Club having to be wound up a Special General Meeting shall be called in accordance with the rules to deal with any matters outstanding and to dispose of any assets.

17 ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

All competitions under the Rules of UK Athletics (UKA) are confined to amateurs under the following definitions (hereinafter termed amateurs under UKA Rules):

(1) Definition of Amateur

An amateur is a person who is eligible to compete under the Rules of UKA.

(2) Restriction of Competition to Amateurs

Competitions under UKA Rules is restricted to amateur athletes who are under the jurisdiction of a Member of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) and who are eligible under the rules laid down by UK Athletics.

(3) Ineligibility to Compete

The following are ineligible to take part in competition under UKA Rules:

Any persons who:

(a) have taken part in any competition in which any of the competitors in any of the events were to their knowledge ineligible to compete under UKA Rules.

NOTE: This does not apply to any athletics meeting which is solely restricted to the Veteran age group.

(b) are ineligible to compete in competitions under the jurisdiction of any governing body of amateur athletics affiliated to the IAAF.

(c) take part in any athletics meeting, other than a Hill or Fell race, which is not sanctioned by UKA or one of its Territorial or National Associations.

(d) take part in any competition outside the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland which is not sanctioned, recognised or certified by the Member Association of the IAAF.

(e) have competed, or are competing in any sport for pecuniary reward, other than as permitted by IAAF Rules which have been accepted by UK Athletics.

(f) are suspended or banned for a doping offence by UK Athletics, or by the Governing Body of any other sport.

(g) ask for, or receive, directly or indirectly, any monetary consideration, reward

or employment for becoming or continuing as a member of a Club or any other athletic organisation.

(h) use the services of an Athletes' Representative other than one approved under Rule 11.

(i) have been suspended or banned for being in breach of Rules 16 or 17

(Advertising and Sponsorship or Clothing).

(j) have been declared ineligible to compete by the IAAF.

(k) have committed any acts or made any statements either verbally or in writing, or have been responsible for any breaches of the Rules, or other conduct which, in the opinion of a Territorial or National Association is considered to be insulting, improper or likely to bring the sport and/or UK Athletics into disrepute.

(4) Unless the period of ineligibility is stated in the relevant Rule or Regulation of the IAAF or UK Athletics, those ineligible under this Rule shall be deemed ineligible for a period set down in guidelines produced by the Executive Board of UK Athletics, or, in the absence of such guidelines, for such period as the Executive Board of UK Athletics (for doping matters) or the Territorial or National Association (for all non-doping matters) shall decide.

(5) If athletes compete whilst suspended or ineligible, the period of this suspension shall be deemed to recommence from the time they last competed as though no part of a period of suspension or ineligibility had been served.

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