



**CLUB CONSTITUTION**  
(Agreed 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018)

# **St Albans Striders Club Constitution**

## **1. The Club**

- The Club is called “St Albans Striders”
- The headquarters of the club is Westminster Lodge, Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts, AL1 2DL
- The object of the club is to promote, encourage and provide facilities for the Amateur sport of road and cross country running.
- *“An Amateur is one who has never knowingly competed for a money prize or monetary consideration in any athletic sport or game or been in anyway interested in a staked bet or wager made in connection with any athletic competition in which they were an entrant or competitor; or in any way exploited their athletic ability for profit;”*

## **2. Membership**

- Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone aged 18, or 16 if accompanied by an adult, interested in the sport of road and cross country running. We aim to ensure that no one is treated less favourably than another on the grounds of age, disability, gender, gender identity, race, religion or belief, sex; or sexual orientation and ability. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable, on a non-discriminatory basis.
- This is subject only to:
  - i) Returning a completed and executed Club Membership Form together with any Annual Subscription due and payable
  - ii) The Club Committee having the discretion whether to approve such membership for any persons who will be under the age of eighteen years on the date of the next Annual General Meeting or who is not considered to be an Amateur, as defined above.
- The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

### **3. First & Second Claim Membership**

- As a First Claim Member:
  - i) May fully participate in Club affairs
  - ii) Can vote on any issue put to the Membership
  - iii) Can hold the position of a Committee member of the Club
  - iv) Cannot be a First Claim member of any other club
- As a Second Claim Member:
  - i) May run and train with the Club
  - ii) May not vote on any issue put to the Membership
  - iii) Cannot hold the position of a Committee member of the Club
  - iv) Participation in St Albans Striders club events will be as a private entry and not eligible for any club award.
- Any member who resigns, leaves or changes from First Claim club, shall not be permitted to hold Club property, including trophies. A replica may be given, on the agreement of the Committee.

### **4. Subscription**

- The proposed Annual Subscription of Membership to the Club will be notified by the Treasurer annually and approved by the Committee, on behalf of the members. The Annual Subscription shall be payable for the 12-month period from 1st April.
- Membership is offered free of charge to members of the Committee, associate Committee members and elected Life members (Those who have been entered into the Hall of Fame).
- St Albans Athletic Club members are not required to pay an annual subscription to the St Albans Striders Club in order to race with the Club.

### **5. Misconduct**

- A copy of the Club rules and regulations shall be displayed either in the clubhouse or posted on the club website. The Secretary will, on request, mail out a copy to any member who has not ready access to either of the above.

- The Committee shall have the power to vote, on a majority, to refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause, such as:  
Any member infringing the laws of UK Athletics or any Rule or Regulation of the Club or whose conduct or character are likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute or in accordance with Article 18 (European Convention on Human Rights).
- Any Member deemed to infringe any of the above, shall be entitled to appear before the Committee to give his/her explanation, but shall retire while the Committee discusses the case, in confidence.

## **6. Management**

- The management of the club shall be vested in a Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and at least 5 other members, all who will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting, called for such purpose.
- Current Committee roles consist of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Road Captains (Male & Female), Cross Country Captains (Male & Female), Social Secretary, Webmaster, Coaching & Development Leads and Kit.
- The Committee shall have the power to add to its numbers as necessary and all decisions of the committee, on matters concerning the management of the Club, or in the case of any dispute, shall be final and binding on all members of the Club.
- No financial matters shall be agreed by the Committee in the absence of the Treasurer. This shall not preclude the discussion of financial matters for reference to the Treasurer at a later date.
- Further to the Committee, there shall be Committee associates, as agreed by the Committee. These roles can be appointed at any time by the Committee but do not hold the same voting rights as the Committee.
- Committee associates can attend Committee meetings at the discretion of the chairperson. Committee associates will be entitled to vote on committee matters, only if they are attendance or only if the matter pertains to their role.
- Committee meetings will be held every six weeks, unless it is agreed otherwise and/or as necessary and no less than four times per year.

- The Committee shall be responsible for the rules of the club. Any rules or procedures not covered within the constitution can be agreed and set by the Committee. Such agreement must be by a two-thirds majority.

## 7. **Financial**

- The Club shall be operated on a non-profit making basis and any surplus income or profits generated from the activities of the Club shall be retained within the Club and used to promote either:
  - i) The object of the Club; or
  - ii) Another Community Amateur Sports Club; or
  - iii) A registered charity
- 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.
- No surplus income or profits shall be distributed to any Club Member or other third parties.
- The Club Treasurer shall prepare audited financial statements each year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August and after agreed by the auditors, make these available on request from any Club Member, Inland Revenue, any governing body to which the Club is affiliated and accountable or to any other relevant statutory body.
- Upon formal dissolution of the Club, agreed by two thirds of voting members present at an Annual General Meeting, any assets shall be granted or transferred only to either:
  - i) Another Community Amateur Sports Club; or
  - ii) A registered charity; or
  - iii) The governing body to which the Club is affiliated and accountable.

No surplus assets shall be distributed to any Club Member or other third parties.

## 8. **Sporting & Social**

- The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching courses, insurance cover, 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:
  - i) Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment
  - ii) Reimburse Committee and associate Committee members for providing good and services, agreed by the Committee.
  - iii) Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests
  - iv) Indemnify the Committee and other 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)

## **9. Annual General Meeting**

- The Annual General Meeting of members of the Club shall be held during the month of September or October every year, to receive the Club Committee's reports and financial statements, to elect Committee members and to deal with any other matters specified on the agenda.
- The secretary must give every member 21 days' notice of the meeting. Notice of any business which is desired to be placed on the agenda, must be given in writing to the secretary, at least 7 days prior to the meeting.
- No alteration or amendment to the Constitution of the Club shall take place except at a Special General Meeting for that purpose, or at the Annual General Meeting. No change of Constitution shall be effective unless it receives a majority vote of at least two thirds of those present at the General Meeting.

## **10. Special General Meeting**

- A Special General meeting must be called by the secretary within 14 days of the receipt, by the Secretary, of a written requisition, signed by a minimum of 20% of the Club Membership, or at the request of a simple majority of the Club Committee. The Secretary shall give at least 7 days' notice to every Club Member of the time and the place of such a meeting and the business to be dealt with. No other business will be discussed at any such meeting.