

## **ILKLEY HARRIERS CLUB CONSTITUTION**

1. Title & Club Colours. The title of the club shall be Ilkley Harriers Athletic Club (the “Club”). The Club colours shall be red and green vests.

2. Obiects. The objects of the Club shall be:

to encourage the practice and development of amateur athletics;  
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 all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.

The Club can cater for (and pay the affiliation fees to England Athletics):

Track and Field,  
Cross Country Running,  
Road Running,  
Road Relay Running,  
Race Walking,  
Fell and Hill Running.

3. Membership. There shall be two categories of membership, Full and Junior. Full membership shall normally be open to persons who are 16 years of age or older. Junior membership shall be open to persons between the ages of 8 to 16 years. Exceptionally persons under 16 years may be proposed for full membership and, if accepted, must be accompanied on all club training sessions by a responsible adult. Each applicant for membership must complete the official application form for consideration at a Committee Meeting. Election to membership would only be withheld if the Committee considered that there were very exceptional circumstances which were contrary to the best interests of the Club.

4. Management. The Management of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee which shall consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, an Honorary Treasurer and an Honorary Secretary, who shall be the Officers of the Club, together with a Committee of up to 9 further members. All of the foregoing shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and remain in office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the following year. The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies if and when they arise. The Committee shall also have the power to co-opt members for particular projects, but co-opted members shall not have a Committee vote. All Management Committee meetings shall be minuted and will require a quorum of 5 committee members (one of whom must be an officer of the Club) to be present.

The management of the Club's provision for junior members (the Junior Section) shall be by arrangements determined from time to time by the Management Committee.

5. Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September (or within one month of the end of the Club financial year) for the purposes of:
  - (a) receiving the Annual Report of the Committee;
  - (b) receiving the audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet (the end of the Club financial year shall be on the last day of August each year).
  - (c) electing the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year;
  - (d) electing the Honorary Auditors;
  - (e) considering any amendments to the Constitution Rules of which due notice has been given to all members. Any proposed change to a Constitution Rule by a member must be received by the Chairman or Honorary Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting in order that all members shall have sufficient notice of the proposal.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to members of the date, venue, and agenda items for the Annual General Meeting. Each fully paid up member present at the meeting shall have one vote. AGMs will be minuted and will require a quorum of 15 Club members.

6. Subscriptions. The amount of subscription paid to Ilkley Harriers (which shall include the element for the annual subscription to England Athletics) shall be proposed each year by the Management Committee and approved by the AGM. The annual subscription must accompany the application for membership and thereafter is due on the first day of October in each year.

A graduated scale of fees will be operated dependent upon the category of membership and which for new members will be proportionate to the membership year remaining.

7. Non-Payment of Subscriptions. The Committee shall have power to expel any member whose subscription is three months in arrears. The name and address of any person so expelled from the Club shall be recorded and sent to England Athletics. 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, shall be discharged.

The Management Committee shall also have the power to ban any member from representing Ilkley Harriers in competition whose subscription is overdue by three months, i.e. not paid by 31 December.

8. Resignations. Any member wishing to resign must do so in writing addressed to the Chairman or Honorary Secretary. The 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 i.e. has not paid his or her subscription for, the current year, and acceptance will be withheld until the debt has been discharged.
9. Extraordinary General Meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Honorary Secretary or Chairman within one month of the receipt of a requisition signed by at least three 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 Extraordinary General Meeting. No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting. All EGMs are to be minuted and will require a quorum of fifteen club members.

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

11. Dissolution. If the Committee decide that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Club, they shall call a meeting of all the members of the Club on not less than 21 days' notice, to consider a resolution authorising dissolution (stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed). If the resolution is passed by a two thirds majority of those attending and voting, the Officers and the Committee shall have power to realise any assets held on behalf of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other body having objects similar to the objects of the Club as the Committee shall propose and the members of the Club shall approve. Such proposal and approval must be given through the terms of a resolution to be proposed at the meeting to consider the resolution authorising dissolution, and passed by a like majority.

**Updated to show all changes effected up to and including those changes approved at the AGM of the Club held on 30 September 2008**