

Tadcaster Harriers Club Constitution

1. Name:

The name of the organisation shall be Tadcaster harriers. (hereinafter referred to as the club)

2. Objects:

The objects of the club shall be:

- a. To provide training and competition for member athletes in the following disciplines:
 1. Cross country.
 2. Track and road running.
 3. Fell running.
- b. Generally, to foster and promote amateur athletics.

3. Membership:

Membership of the club shall be open to any amateur male or female of a minimum age as agreed by the management committee. Membership shall be deemed to commence from receipt of the completed application form. Subscriptions from new members shall be due not later than 6 weeks from the date of application to join the club. The applicant upon being accepted as a member shall abide by all club rules and be termed an amateur as defined under AAA and WAAA rules. New applications for membership shall be dealt with in order of receipt and acceptance shall be subject to vacancies in the club structure.

4. Membership fee:

Each club member shall pay an annual fee which shall be decided at the annual general meeting and which shall become due at that meeting. The membership of any club member shall automatically lapse if the fee for the current year is not paid within 70 days following the annual general meeting. One month's notice in writing of the imminent lapsing shall be sent to the member.

5. Management:

The management of the club shall be vested in the following:
(hereinafter called the management committee)

Sections a) to d) inclusive shall be termed officers.

- a. A chairman.
- b. A vice-chairman.
- c. A secretary.
- d. A treasurer.
- e. Committee members (of not more than six persons).
- f. The number of members of the management committee to form a quorum shall be five including an officer.

6. Powers of the management committee:

The management committee shall have the power to:

- a. Control the finances of the club.
- b. Appoint sub-committees.
- c. Deal with all matters relating to membership and competitions.
- d. Call annual and extraordinary general meetings.
- e. Discipline or exclude from further membership any athlete felt to be contravening the objects of the club.
- f. Make proposals to a general meeting for the alterations of the constitution.
- g. Make proposals to the AGM on the membership fees for the ensuing twelve months.

7. Finance:

- a. All funds of the club shall be applied towards the furtherance of the club's objects. In the event of dissolution, any funds or property remaining shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the club in accordance with the policies of the AAA rules.
- b. The management committee shall cause accounts to be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the club and of the assets and liabilities of the club, and shall annually present to a general meeting audited accounts made up to a date not earlier than the final day of the previous year.

8. General meetings:

- a. At least once in every calendar year there shall be held an annual general meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the management committee, but not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the dates of two successive meetings. Such meetings shall normally take place in October.
- b. An extraordinary meeting shall be convened by:
 1. Resolution of the management committee.
 2. Notice being given in writing to the secretary by not less than 15 voting members, not less than 35 days prior to any meeting stating the business to be dealt with at such a meeting.

9. Notice of general meeting

Not less than twenty-one days' notice of every general meeting shall be given in writing to every member, addressed to the last known address of the member. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of, and the nature of the business to be transacted at such a meeting. Only members of the preceding year shall be entitled to vote, with the exception of jogging members and members under twelve years of age at the start of the current year.

10. Proceedings at general meetings:

- a. The business of any annual general meeting shall be:
 1. To receive and consider the report of the management committee, and the audited accounts.
 2. To elect the management committee.
 3. To consider any proposed alterations to the constitution rules.
 4. To agree upon the membership fees for the ensuing twelve months.
 5. To transact any other business of which at least fourteen days' notice in writing shall be given to the management committee if a vote is to be taken.
- b. The business of any other general meetings shall be confined to that business of which the required notice has been given to the management committee and to members.

11. Votes at general meetings:

- a. Each qualifying member (see para 9) and any elected officer shall be entitled to one vote per resolution. There shall be no proxy or postal votes.
- b. The method for voting for the election of the management committee will be determined by the chairman.
- c. Any amendment of the constitution or resolution to wind up the club shall require a majority of not less than two thirds of those entitled to vote – see para 9 (and who do so) in favour of the resolution.
- d. Any other proper business of a meeting shall be decided by a majority of those voting.
- e. The number of voting member to form a quorum at the general meeting shall not be less than twenty.