

Constitution

1. Name

The name of the club shall be the “Strathaven Striders”.

2. Objectives

These are the aims and objectives of the club

- a) To provide a forum for friendship in running.
- b) To represent and promote Strathaven by running.
- c) To encourage all to run without discrimination by virtue of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil organisation, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or any such artificial barriers or prejudices.
- d) To provide equipment for race events and training undertaken by the club.
- e) To contribute to charity or special fund raisers where possible, when and to whom is agreed by the management committee.

3. Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated to Scottish Athletics in so far as the majority of members wish it.

4. Equalities

In relation to its objectives and aligned to the Equalities Act 2010 the Club will:

The Organisation will strive to avoid intentional and unintentional discrimination by virtue of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil organisation, pregnancy & maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation or any other such artificial barriers or prejudices;

5. Membership

All members are subject to the Constitution of the Club and the regulations of the National Governing Body.

- a) Membership is open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds.
- b) There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex; sexual orientation, political or other opinion.
- c) All applications for membership shall be accompanied by the appropriate annual membership fee.
- d) Membership fees will be reviewed and set annually in October and agreed by the Committee. Fees will be paid annually from November.

- e) Each fully paid-up member shall be entitled to attend and vote at General or Annual General Meetings.
- f) Fully paid up members may be elected and serve on the Management Committee.
- g) All new members will receive a copy of the relevant Code of Conduct, a copy of the Club's Child Protection Policy and a copy of the Constitution.
- h) Membership of the Club will be open to anyone in Primary 5 (aged 9) and older provided that their Club membership subscriptions are fully paid.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- full member
- second claim member
- junior member

6. Suspension, Refusal or Termination of Membership

- a) The management committee shall be entitled to:
 - i. Refuse any application for membership on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the club as set out in paragraph 2 of this constitution.
 - ii. Refuse or terminate membership of an applicant or member on the grounds of bringing the Club into disrepute.
 - iii. For good and sufficient reason to refuse renewal of any existing membership or terminate or suspend any membership provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the full management committee before a final decision is made.
- b) Any member who fails to pay their fees by the date required shall forfeit their right to representation on the management committee and at general meetings and shall be suspended from taking part in any event under the control of the club until such fees are paid.
- c) The management committee shall inform the member in writing of any decision to terminate their membership.
- d) Notification of the termination of a membership will be forwarded to the Governing Body.

7. General Meetings

a) Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The AGM shall be held each year at such time and place as determined by the management committee, at approximately twelve-monthly intervals, but no more than fourteen months after the date of the previous AGM. At each AGM the following business shall be conducted:

- i. Receive and confirm the minutes of the previous AGM.
- ii. Presentation of the club's financial accounts for the year.
- iii. Presentation of clubs projected financial situation for the forthcoming year, and the setting of all fees
- iv. Presentation of Presidents report.
- v. Election of officers to the management committee.
- vi. Any other business brought before the meeting which has been submitted in writing to the secretary not less than seven days prior to the AGM, and any other business deemed relevant by the President/Chairperson

Notice for an AGM shall be a minimum of 21 days. A quorum for an AGM shall be 8 members.

b) Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An EGM may be called upon the written demand of:

- i. 33% of the membership.
- ii. The President.
- iii. 2/3 majority of the management committee.

Notice for an EGM shall be of a minimum of 14 days and stating the business to be discussed.

8. Rules for General Meetings

- a) A minimum of 4 days notice in writing (e-mail) shall be given to all management committee members.
- b) The President, or in his/her absence a member selected by the meeting, will take the Chair.
- c) All members will register with the Secretary prior to the start of the meeting.
- d) Each member shall have one vote.
- e) All votes shall be determined by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair may exercise a casting vote.
- f) The quorum shall be 3 of those eligible to vote, or 55% such members, whichever is the smaller.
- g) The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings and record all proceedings and resolutions.

9. Election of Officers to The Management Committee

- a) The members of the management committee shall be drawn from the paid-up membership.
- b) Candidates shall be elected by a show of hands or a ballot if necessary, at the AGM and shall be members of the management committee from the conclusion of that AGM until the conclusion of the following AGM.
- c) All nominations of new candidates for election shall: have the consent of the nominee; be in writing; be seconded; be received by the secretary not less than seven days before the AGM.
- d) Uncontested posts may be filled by nomination(s) and election at the AGM.

10. Members of The Management Committee

- a) The Management Committee shall consist of the following Officers:
 - i. President
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - iv. Welfare Officer
 - v. Head Coach

and all such other officers the Club shall deem necessary to serve the interest of the Club and its Membership to make up a committee of no more than 8 members

- b) All the above shall be entitled to one vote each at General Meetings, except the Chair.
- c) The committee may co-opt any member to any unfilled post until the conclusion of the following AGM, providing that the number of co-optees shall not exceed one third of the total number of persons serving on the committee at that time.
- d) The management committee may appoint any sub-committees it may deem necessary to deal with the matters of the club, until the conclusion of the following AGM. The proceedings of all such committees shall report to the management committee by a representative elected by that sub-committee.

11. Rules for The Management Committee

- a) The President shall chair the meeting, or in his/her absence the Secretary or a nominee from the committee in the event of all those mentioned being absent.
- b) Seven days' notice of any meeting of the management committee shall be given by the Secretary, except when:
 - i. The date of the meeting had been agreed at the previous management meeting
 - ii. In an emergency the President may call a meeting at four days' notice.

- c) The quorum shall be four of those Officers entitled to vote, as listed at Rule 10.
- d) All votes shall be determined by a simple majority. In the event of a tied vote, the Chair may exercise a casting vote.
- e) Meetings shall be open to all members of the club.

12. Finance

- a) The income and property of the club, however derived, shall be applied solely towards the objectives of the club as set out in Rule 2, of this constitution.
- b) The club shall have the power to raise money by means of yearly affiliation fees as determined by the Management Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) The club shall have the power to raise money by means of race fees as determined by the Management Committee.
- d) All monies shall be lodged in a bank account in the name of the club.
- e) The President, Treasurer and Secretary shall be authorised signatories to sign cheques on behalf of the club, of which two signatories shall be needed.
- f) The financial year of the club shall run from 1st September and end on 31st August
- g) Annually, the treasurer will prepare an Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year together with a Balance Sheet as at the yearend. The annual accounts and other financial records will be subject to an Independent Examination by a suitable person or organisation appointed by the Management Committee.

13. Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Such complaints will be dealt with according to the Complaints Procedure.

14. Grievances

Grievances will be heard in accordance with the Complaints Procedure.

15. Amendments to the Constitution

This Constitution may only be amended by a proposal passed by a majority of members present and entitled to vote at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.

16. The Dissolution of The Club

- a) Any resolution to dissolve the club may be passed at any General Meeting provided that:

- i. the terms of the proposed resolution are received by the Secretary at least forty-two days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward, and that
 - ii. at least twenty-eight days of the proposed resolution shall be given in writing by the secretary to all members.
 - iii. such a resolution shall receive the assent of two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.
- b) If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Club there remains after the satisfaction of all the Club's debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects (that is, aims and activities) similar to the objects of the Club by Resolution passed at a General meeting at or before the time of the dissolution, and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable objects.

17. Declaration

It is hereby certified that this document represents a true and most up to date version of the Constitution of Strathaven Striders.

SIGNATURES:

President

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Date

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Secretary

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Date

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