

## **ALMOST ATHLETES CLUB CONSTITUTION**

1. NAME This shall be Almost Athletes Club.
2. OBJECTS The object of the Club shall be to promote running for the enjoyment of runners of all ages and abilities.
3. CLUB COLOURS
  - (a) the colours of the Club shall be purple vest or tee-shirt with yellow trim and black shorts;
  - (b) the colours should be worn by all members representing the Club at every competitive meeting;
4. MEMBERSHIP
  - (a) the Club shall consist of amateur runners, according to the AAA/WAAA definition (or other similar body that maybe the controlling organisation from time to time) of an amateur;
  - (b) application for membership shall be made in writing to the Club Secretary and records of all members will be kept;
  - (c) membership shall be granted to all applicants, unless objected to by a majority of the committee;
  - (d) each member shall pay a subscription (except Life Members) in the form of an annual sum, the amount of which shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting (AGM);
  - (e)
    - (i) the Committee shall have power to expel members whose subscription is six months in arrears, such notice will be despatched by E Mail and a general notice published in the newsletter;
    - (ii) the name and address of any person so expelled from a Club shall be sent to the Hon Secretary of the appropriate Area Association,
  - (f) a member who, in the opinion of the Committee, has been guilty of conduct likely to bring the Club into disrepute may, on a majority decision of the Committee, may be excluded from membership;
  - (g) the Committee shall have the power to nominate and appoint an existing member to the status of Life Member. Life Membership is awarded to a member in recognition of that member's long term commitment and dedication to the Club. A Life Member is excused all future payment of annual subscriptions.

5. MANAGEMENT

- (a) the Committee of the Club shall consist of a Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Media Officer and up to 6 other members who shall be elected by the members at the AGM;
- (b) an Honorary President may also be elected at an AGM;
- (c) the Committee shall meet at least once every two months;
- (d) a quorum for the Committee shall be five members;**
- (e) all decisions of the Committee shall be made by a majority vote and the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie;
- (f) the Committee shall have the power to co-opt members for the purpose of creating sub-committees at its discretion;
- (g) an Auditor, who may not be a member of the Committee, may be appointed by the Committee as they see fit, to report on the accounts of the Club.

6. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The accounts of the Club shall be made up to 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (a) the AGM shall be held not later than 28<sup>th</sup> February in each year;
- (b) the following business shall be transacted at the AGM;
  - (i) the Chairperson's report shall be read and discussed;
  - (ii) the audited accounts shall be presented and discussed;
  - (iii) the Officers and Committee members shall be elected;
  - (iv) the subscription for the next twelve months shall be agreed and fixed;
  - (v) any other business;
- (c) each member whose subscription is paid up to date shall be entitled to one vote on each motion at the AGM;
- (d) notice of the AGM, stating the time and place of the meeting and enclosing the audited Annual Accounts and an Agenda of the business to be undertaken, shall be sent to each member not less than fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- (a) the Club Constitution may only be changed at an AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), due notice of which has been given in accordance with Rule 7(d);
- (b) an amendment shall require a majority of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote;
- (c) an amendment may be proposed by the Committee, provided that two-thirds of its members have voted in favour of the proposed amendment in committee;
- (d) ten members, whose subscriptions are paid up to date, may propose an amendment. Such proposal shall be in writing addressed to the Secretary and signed by those members proposing the amendment.

9. CLUB PLACES FOR THE LONDON MARATHON

- (a) Club Places shall be awarded to members of the club who fulfil the conditions set out below, by means of a ballot or draw. **A member who becomes unable to compete in the race and if not going to defer their place must return the place to the Club Secretary to be awarded to the reserve ballot place drawn.**
- (b) the draw for Club Places shall be divided into a number of categories that shall be determined by the number of places allotted to the Club by the race organisers and decided by the Committee;
- (c) to be considered for the ballot or draw, Almost Athletes must be the candidate's first claim club and the candidate must be a fully paid up member;
- (d) candidates must have been a member of the Club for the previous twelve months and remain a member until after the race has taken place;
- (e) **to qualify for the ballot candidates must a) have been rejected and be able to produce their rejection notice or b) have tried to apply on-line and not succeeded and added their name to the list in April of that year**
- (e) any candidate who successfully drew a place in the previous year's draw shall be ineligible for the current year's draw.

10. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- (a) the affairs and operation of the Club shall cease and be brought to an end, dissolving the Club, if a motion to do so is passed by the members at an EGM, convened for that purpose, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 7(d). The motion shall be passed if the vote in favour of dissolution has a majority of seventy-five percent or more of the vote. Following a motion in favour of dissolution, steps must be taken to realise any property and assets and discharge all liabilities of the Club.
- (b) any remaining assets belonging to the Club following the discharge of such liabilities shall be donated to a local charity nominated and agreed by the members present at the aforesaid meeting.

THIS CONSTITUTION was adopted at a General Meeting of the Club held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011

SIGNED .....DATE.....  
CHAIRPERSON

SIGNED ..... DATE.....  
SECRETARY