

STILTON STRIDERS CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The name of the Club is the STILTON STRIDERS RUNNING CLUB.

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) The objectives of the Club are to encourage running on all surfaces, at all levels and for all ages, to provide regular training sessions for its members and to encourage participation in running events throughout the country.
- b) To provide good training facilities.
- c) To observe the England Athletics Laws and to affiliate to England Athletics and other appropriate organisations.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership of the Club commences when the signed club membership application form is approved by the Secretary.
- b) Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone over the age of 8 years. Children aged between 8 and 16 years may only join with the consent of their parent/guardian. Upon joining the Club a member agrees to abide by the Rules of the Club during their membership. All persons wishing to join the Club must be amateurs as defined by England Athletics.
- c) Definition of Amateur – An amateur is a person who competes for the love of sport and as a means of recreation, without any motive of securing any material gain from such competition.

4. GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held each year when all matters relating to finance and administration in the past year, and for the future may be discussed. The election or re-election of committee members and officers will also take place at the AGM.

If any matter should arise during the year that requires the sanction or opinion of the members of the Club then the committee may call an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM). Adequate notice of an AGM or EGM will be given to all members. Only paid-up members over 16 years of age of the Club are eligible to vote at these meetings.

Voting at AGM/EGM:

- a) A quorum shall be the lower of 30 members or 20% of the total membership.

- b) Decisions shall be made on a simple majority rule.
- c) No proxy votes shall be allowed.
- d) Voting shall be by show of hands, but any member may ask for a ballot.
- e) In the case of a tie in voting, Chair to have the casting vote.
- f) As the AGM occurs early in the new affiliation year and subscriptions are approved at the AGM, technically no one is a fully paid-up member at that point. Therefore only members that were fully paid-up by the preceding 31st March are eligible to vote.

5. OFFICERS

The Club shall be managed by a committee consisting of not less than five members. Officers of the Club will be elected each year at the AGM. Only first claim members that were fully paid-up by the preceding 31st March are eligible for election and they must pay-up promptly for the following year or the committee can remove them from their post.

Notice will be given of any committee positions to fill prior to the AGM and any members willing to fill those positions will express their interest to the Chair or Secretary prior to the meeting.

These officers shall consist of a Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and any other officers the Meeting may decide to appoint. In the event of a vacancy and no one declares their interest in advance of the AGM, any members attending the meeting may put themselves forward at that point.

The committee may elect another member to fill any vacancy occurring during the year.

A quorum for a committee meeting shall be five delegates, with decisions made on a majority rule. In the case of a tie in voting, the Chair shall have a casting vote.

Meetings shall be held at regular periods to provide smooth running of the Club.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS

Club subscriptions will be determined annually at the AGM. Categories are:

Adults
Family
Juniors
Second claim

Reduced rates will be agreed for first claim members joining between 1st January and 31st March and for members with long service (20+ years continuous membership). Lifetime members are given free membership.

7. OVERDUE SUBSCRIPTIONS

For existing members, subscriptions will be paid promptly after the AGM.

Prospective members will be allowed to attend a maximum of three club nights before being required to pay membership fees.

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is six months in arrears provided a months' notice in writing shall have been sent to such member by email or a registered or recorded delivery letter, addressed to their last known address informing of the proposed action of the committee.

8. LIABILITIES

The Club, committee or its officers will not be responsible for any loss or injury occurring during club meetings, training runs or races attended or promoted by the Club. It is a condition of membership that members attend entirely at their own risk. The Club Committee will ensure that Stilton Striders have adequate Public Liability Insurance.

9. CLUB FUNDS

All monies belonging to the Club shall be paid into a bank account in the name of the Club by the Treasurer. All cheques shall be signed by two members of the Committee. The Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring a proper account of the Club Funds. The accounts of the Club are to be audited annually and the auditors report read at the Annual General Meeting.

10. ALTERATION TO THE CONSTITUTION

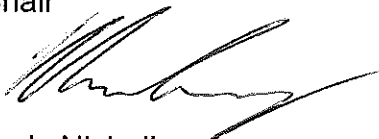
No alteration or amendment to the Constitution shall be made except at the AGM or an EGM called for such purpose.

11. CLUB COLOURS


White and blue vest/t-shirt.

Updated at the 2019 AGM from the previous unsigned Constitution of April 2009.

Shane Sharkey
Chair



Andy Nicholls
Secretary

 29/4/2019