

CONSTITUTION

1 The Club shall be called INVERNESS HARRIERS AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB and shall be devoted to the promotion of running and field events

2 MEMBERSHIP- Membership is confined to persons eligible in accordance with the rules of Scottish Athletics Limited and UK Athletics. Membership shall be divided into the categories defined in 2.1 - 2.7 and membership fees for the following year shall be determined by the AGM which shall also have the power to impose concessionary membership fees for groups within these categories (e.g. adult students in full time education.) The AGM shall also have the discretion to fix and impose other fees such as a joining fee for new members.

2.1 LIFE - Any person, deemed by the club to be of sufficient merit, on the vote of the majority of the voting members present, may be elected at a General Meeting of the club as an Honorary Life Member.

2.2 ADULT - Over 17 on the 1st September preceding the start of the membership year in question.

2.3 JUNIOR - 17 or under on the 1st September preceding the start of the membership year in question.

2.4 COUNTRY - Any person resident out with a radius of 30 miles (straight line) from Queens Park.

2.5 ASSOCIATE - This category carries all membership rights except those relating to direct participation in athletic training and competition and the membership fee is nominal. Associate members have full voting, coaching, administrative and committee membership rights but are ineligible, except at the occasional discretion of the Committee, to use club facilities for the purpose of training or competition.

2.6 FAMILY - Subject to the above categories, any family group of three or more members shall be eligible for a 25% reduction in membership fees, after any extra payments such as levies to governing bodies have been deducted.

2.7 OCCASIONAL - The committee shall have the discretion to determine eligibility and fix fees for an "occasional" membership category to allow individuals to participate in training sessions only. Participants in this category will be deemed members of the club only for the duration of the training session concerned and shall have no voting, competitive or other membership rights.

2.8 NON TRACK MEMBER - Shall be full members of the club with access to all the rights and facilities of full membership except the use of the Queens Park track and field facilities at any club training session. Non-track members will be entitled to pay an additional fee on an occasional basis, to be decided from time to time by the committee, to allow use of track and field facilities for that session only. This category is only available to adult members of the club.

3 The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be a majority vote, determine the Annual Subscription and other fees for the coming year and that subscription will become due on the day immediately following the AGM

4 The Financial Year shall end on 31st August and the AGM shall be held during the last two weeks of September

4.1 The financial year shall run from 1st September until 31st August of the following calendar year. The AGM shall be held in September, on or after the 16th of the month.

4.2 Notice of the AGM shall be given to members at least fourteen days in advance of the date of the meeting.

4.3 The AGM shall receive reports on the year's operations, fill necessary appointments, consider proposed amendments to the Constitution and deal with such relevant business as may arise. Motions of amendments to the Constitution shall be lodged with the Secretary by August 31st.

5 Any member may speak at General Meeting of the Club but voting shall be restricted to members who have attained the age of 15 by the date of the vote (Hereinafter referred to as "Voting Members")

6 Full and final control of all Club business shall be in the hands of the General Committee

7 The General Committee shall consist of:

7.1 The Office Bearers - President - Vice President- General Secretary - Treasurer

7.2 The Membership Secretary

7.3 Twelve Committee Members

7.4 Two Juvenile Members to serve the interests of the Young Athletes

7.5 Committee members in the categories 7.1-7.2-7.3 shall be adult members of the Club and category 7.4 shall be juvenile voting members

7.6 The committee will appoint at the 1st Meeting after the AGM from the 12 members elected a person responsible for Cross Country Road and Hill- Coaching and Track and Field

7.7 The quorum for General Committee Meetings shall be five

8 General Committee Members shall be elected annually at the AGM and shall be eligible for re-election

9 The Committee has powers to co-opt members to fill vacancies in its membership which may arise

10 The following functions shall specifically come under the remit of the *General Committee*

10.1 *Disciplinary Action* - including suspension or exclusion for misconduct or arrears in any monies owed to the club.

10.2 *Fixing and imposing extra payments for travel, use of facilities etc but not including competition fees*

10.3 *Nomination of delegates or candidates for election to external bodies including the Governing Bodies of Amateur Athletics*

10.4 *The purchase of equipment or property and application for Grant Aid*

11 In the event of a tied vote the *Chairman* shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote as shall also be the case at *General Meetings*

12 One *Auditor*, not a *Committee Member*, shall be appointed at the *AGM* to audit the *Club Books and Accounts for the Year*

13 The *Secretary* or the *President* are authorised to call a *Committee Meeting* at any time.

14 A *Special General Meeting* of the *Club* may be called at any time on a requisition by:

14.1 *The Committee*

14.2. *Any 12 Voting Members*

14.3 *Any member expelled by the Committee from the Club under the terms of Law 17 for the purpose of appeal against such expulsion*

14.4 In each case the requisition which shall be signed by those making it, shall include a statement of business and only the stated business shall be discussed at the *Meeting*

14.5 The *Secretary* shall arrange for the *Meeting* to be held within 28 days of receipt of the requisition and 14 days notice shall be given to members

15 *Any Committee Member* who fails to attend three consecutive *Meetings* without adequate explanation may at the discretion of the *Committee* be expelled from its membership

16 The *Club Strip* shall consist of a gold singlet with a maroon diagonal band from right shoulder

17 *Any member* violating the rules of the *Club* may be expelled from the *Club* or suffer such other penalty as may legally be imposed by the *Committee*

17.1 *Expulsion* shall require a vote in favour of at least half the total membership of the *Committee* at the time of such a vote and any member so expelled shall have the right to appeal to a *Special General Meeting* of the *Club*, called at his/her request, in terms of Law 14.3

17.2 Expulsion shall then take place only as a result of a vote in favour of a majority of the voting members present

18 Monies belonging to the Club shall be lodged as deemed appropriate by the Club Committee and money shall only be withdrawn on the signature of two of the following -the Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer (should the committee decide to appoint one from among its numbers), Secretary or President. One of these must be the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer.

19 The Club shall not be disbanded except by the vote of at least seventy five per cent of the voting members present at *General Meeting* of the Club

19.1 In the Event of disbandment, the funds in hand will be disbursed as determined at the Meeting at which the decision is made

20 The President, Secretary and Treasurer and their successors in Office shall be empowered to act as trustees on behalf of the Club for the purpose of raising money by *Grant*

21 No alteration in or addition to this Constitution shall be made except at *General Meeting* of the Club and unless supported by at least two thirds of the voting members present

22 Notice of proposed alterations shall be made in writing to the Secretary in the case of a *General Meeting* on the requisition calling that Meeting and in the case of an *AGM* by 31st August

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