



Mid Lancashire League

Constitution

Article 1 Name

1.1 The name of the association shall be the "Mid Lancashire League", hereinafter referred to as "the League".

Article 2 Object and Purpose

2.1 The object of the League shall be the encouragement of cross country and track and field athletics through inter-club competition within the League and in accordance with UK Athletics Rules for Competition.

2.2 In addition, the League shall draw up its own competition Rules for both cross country and track and field and shall publicise these to member clubs.

2.3 No alteration or addition to the Rules or this Constitution shall be made other than at the Annual General Meeting, the Annual Cross Country Meeting or an Extra-ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. Proposals for change must be announced to member clubs at least 10 days prior to the meeting at which the proposal is to be tabled.

2.4 In the event of any questions arising as to the interpretation of any of the League Rules, the question shall be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be conclusive and binding on all members.

2.5 The League shall operate on the basis of equal opportunities for all, ensuring no discrimination on grounds of gender, race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, disability or financial means.

Article 3 Powers

3.1 For the furtherance of these objects and purpose, the League shall:

- affiliate to England Athletics;

- provide competition between member clubs;
- fix and collect the members' subscriptions;
- raise additional money to pay for the League's activities, including by way of sponsorship;
- make purchases and make such payments as may be necessary;
- award trophies; and
- take any other actions for the benefit of the League.

Article 4 Membership

4.1 The League shall consider membership from clubs who apply for membership and are prepared to host, co-host or assist in promoting a League cross country or track and field fixture at least once every three years.

4.2 For the purposes of article 4.1, a club shall mean an individual club affiliated to England Athletics or a composite club formed by a number of clubs individually affiliated to England Athletics who have come together for team competition. A composite club may apply for membership of the League provided that they pay the affiliation fee appropriate to the sum of the membership of the component clubs.

4.3 Member clubs shall join for either cross country or track and field or both and shall pay a subscription based on the number of members within the club registered with England Athletics. The subscription bands shall be under 50 members; 51 to 100 members; 101 to 200 members; 201 to 300 members and over 300 members.

4.4 Subscription levels shall be set at the Annual General Meeting and shall be paid by the first cross country meeting of the subscription year. Subscription fees not paid in time shall be subject to a 25% increase.

4.5 Membership of the League shall lapse if subscription fees are unpaid. The League may also suspend or revoke membership if a member club is in breach of the League Rules.

Article 5 Management Committee

5.1 The Management of the League shall be vested in a Management Committee of persons elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall comprise the Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, Cross Country Secretary and the Track and Field Secretary, elected from member clubs.

5.2 The Management Committee shall be empowered to co-opt additional members as

necessary.

Article 6 General Meetings

6.1 An Annual General Meeting shall be held within 15 months of the previous Annual General Meeting, at which shall be presented and agreed;

- reports from the Cross Country Secretary and the Track and Field Secretary;
- the Treasurer's report and accounts for the preceding year.

6.2 At the Annual General Meeting there shall be elected a President, Vice President, Chairperson, General Secretary, Treasurer, Cross Country Secretary, Assistant Cross Country Secretary and a Track and Field Secretary.

6.2A The Annual General Meeting shall consider meritorious nominations from members of the Management Committee or a member club for Life Vice Presidents of the League.

6.3 An Annual Cross Country meeting shall be held in August for the purpose of arranging cross country fixtures for the following season.

6.4 An Extra-ordinary General Meeting shall be called by the General Secretary at the written request of at least 4 member clubs. At such a meeting no business shall be discussed other than that for which the meeting was called.

6.5 All items for inclusion on the agenda for any general meeting of the League must be received in writing by the General Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting. Subject to the Chairman's discretion, only items on the agenda shall be discussed at any general meeting.

6.6 Five member clubs shall be a quorum for all general meetings.

6.7 Each member club shall be entitled to two voting representatives at general meetings. All voting shall be by show of hands but a ballot may be called by the Chairman or as determined by the Meeting.

Article 7 Finance

7.1 The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the League. The Treasurer shall keep the Committee informed about the financial state of the League and advise member clubs at general meetings. The Treasurer shall advise the Committee on subscription levels and on spending.

7.2 The financial year for the League shall run from 16th September to 15th September.

7.3 One or more Bank or Building Society accounts shall be opened and maintained. Any two of Treasurer, Chairman or General Secretary shall be authorised to sign cheques and make

withdrawals from these accounts.

7.4 At the end of the financial year, the Treasurer shall prepare accounts which, after examination by an independent person appointed by the Annual General Meeting, shall be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

7.5 The funds of the League shall be used only for the purpose of the League and no payment shall be made to any member except as repayment of expense properly incurred on behalf of the League.

7.6 All assets, including trophies awarded annually, shall be the property of the League.

Article 8 Dissolution

8.1 In the event of dissolution, any assets remaining after satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be used for the benefit of athletics generally within Lancashire. In this respect the advice of England Athletics should be sought before assets are disposed of.

8.2 No individual member shall be entitled to gain from the disposal of League assets.

Declaration

The Mid Lancashire League hereby adopts and accepts this Constitution regulating its actions.

SIGNED: NW Stone DATE: 29/11/20

Name: NICK HUME
Chairman

SIGNED: Ron Scott DATE: 26/11/20

Name: RON SCOTT
General Secretary