

WESTWARD WINTER CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

League Constitution

1 Title

The League shall be called The Westward Winter Cross Country League (WWL)

2 Responsibility

The League is registered with UK Athletics and the member clubs of the league will be registered with England Athletics and must conform to their rules as specified.

3 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the WWL are:

- a to encourage and promote cross country running
- b to encourage competition for both sexes from the age of eleven to increase their interest and enthusiasm in cross country running for those clubs affiliated to the league

4 Membership

Membership for the League is open to all subject to their being affiliated to England Athletics. All scoring participants must be registered with England Athletics. Any non affiliated runner may compete as a guest but has to pay an extra £3

The League's Managing Committee must approve all applications for membership of the League.

5 The League Managing Committee

The League Managing Committee shall consist of the officers of the league, who are

Chairman

Treasurer

Secretary

Results Secretary (to a maximum of two)

The election of the Management Committee will be held at each Annual General Meeting (AGM). In the event of a position becoming vacant the Committee can co-opt a replacement until an AGM election is held.

6 Finance

The financial assets of the League shall be held in the name of the League in a bank account approved by the AGM. Each cheque shall be signed by one of the three main officers (Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary).

An annual financial statement shall be presented at each AGM. This shall be independently verified prior to the AGM.

7 Affiliation Fees

Annual affiliation fees will be agreed at the AGM, payable by the first race meeting of each season

8 Arrears of Affiliation Fees

Any club failing to pay their affiliation fees before the 2nd fixture will be notified in writing. If payment remains withheld the offending club will be expelled from the League for the following season.. No refunds will be given.

9 Safety

All member clubs must acquaint themselves and their athletes with the hazards of cross country running. They must always co-operate with officials and consider the safety of fellow athletes.

Host clubs will conduct a course risk assessment prior to the event commencing and have a race permit approved by UK Athletics displayed on the day of competition.

10 Discipline

The Management Committee is empowered to deal with any disciplinary matter that directly involves the conduct of the League and will notify their action to clubs involved.

11 Resignation

Resignation to be submitted in writing. Affiliation fees will not be refunded.

12 Voting Rights

Each club affiliated to the League will have one representative vote at the AGM or EGM. There is no restriction on numbers of club members attended the AGM.

The members of the Managing Committee in their own right irrespective of their club association will have one vote each. In the event of a tied ballot the Chair shall have the casting vote.

13 General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting should be held before the end of July to receive the Management Committee's reports and financial statement, to elect the officers and to deal with other specified matters on the agenda.

Items for agenda should be noticed either in writing or by e-mail at least one week prior to the AGM.

14 Extraordinary General Meetings

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary on receiving a request signed by five member clubs and stating the object of the meeting, or on being directed to do so by the Management Committee. The Secretary shall give at least four weeks notices of such an EGM to all members entitled to vote at the meeting. Such notice shall state the object of the meeting

15 Amendments to the Constitution

No alternations or additions may be made to the Constitution except at the AGM or at any EGM called for the purpose.

The League Constitution may only be changed by a two-thirds majority of the qualified voting members in attendance at the meeting

16 Liability

The League accepts no liability for loss or damage to the property of any of its members nor for any personal injury sustained by any member received while participating or competing in any of the League's activities.

17 Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the League can only be passed at an AGM or EGM by a two-thirds majority of the qualified voting members in attendance at the meeting.

In the event of dissolution any funds and effects of the WWL remaining after all debts have been met will be used in the furtherance of amateur athletics in the region.

This Constitution was adopted at the AGM held on 26th July 2014

Signed

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Chairman

Dated

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Secretary

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