

Constitution

1 Name of Club

The club will be called *Meltham Athletic Club* (Hereinafter will be referred to as The Club), and may also be known as *Meltham AC*. *Meltham Athletic Club* will be affiliated to England Athletics.

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer competitive opportunities in *Road, Trail and Fell running*.
- To promote the club within the local community and *Road, Trail and Fell running*.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

3 Membership

- (a) Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in promoting, volunteering or participating in Road, Trail and Fell running.
- (b) The membership shall consist of the following categories:
 - Full member
 - Social member (non-running)
- (c) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.
- (d) Members in each category will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Individuals shall not be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection of any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Club committee.

4 Sports Equity

- (a) This Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

- (b) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and shall treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, disability, gender, gender reassignment, race (including ethnicity and nationality), religion, belief, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, maternity or social/economic status.
- (c) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

- (d) All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- (e) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

5 Committee

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee, comprising specified officers who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, together with committee members and any club members who attend committee meetings.
- (b) All committee members must be members of the Club.
- (c) Executive committee members are Chair, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Welfare Officer and Membership Secretary
- (d) If required, the committee shall elect a Vice Chair from among its members.
- (e) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (f) If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- (g) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- (h) The Committee will have powers to appoint any advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (i) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution/code of conduct. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
- (j) The committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and be held no less than 10 times per year.
- (k) Only the Committee members as elected at the AGM, will have the right to vote at committee meetings (Executive, Named Officers and Committee Members)
- (l) The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be 3 members.

6 Finances

- (a) The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- (b) The financial year of the club will run from 1st April and end on 31st March.
- (c) All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- (d) An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the treasurer plus up to two other officers or as deemed by the account being used.
- (f) All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

7 Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings

- (a) General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- (b) The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of March to:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
 - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Receive a report from those responsible for certifying the Club's accounts.
 - Elect the officers on the committee.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - Deal with other relevant business.
- (c) Notice of the AGM will be given by the club secretary with at least 28 days' notice to be given to all members.
- (d) Nominations for officers of the committee will be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM or received at the AGM.
- (e) Proposed changes to the constitution shall be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate them at least 7 days before an AGM.
- (f) All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (g) The quorum for AGMs will be 5 members of the usual committee.
- (h) The Chairman of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.
- (i) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the committee members.

(j) All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

8 Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

9 Discipline and appeals

- (a) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- (b) The Executive Committee will meet to hear complaints within 30 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- (c) The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 30 days of the hearing.
- (d) There will be the right of appeal to the Executive Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 10 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10 Dissolution

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- (b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any club's funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will become the property of *ANOTHER CLUB WITH SIMILAR OBJECTIVES* as decided by the committee.


11 Declaration

Meltham Athletic club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name	Nigel Thomas	Position	Chair
Sign		Date	03/02/2019

Name	Jeff Miller	Position	Secretary
Sign		Date	03/02/2019

V 2.0	Amendments as per EGM		10/10/2023
Name	Jeff Miller	Position	Secretary
Sign		Date	15/10/2023

V 2.1	Amendments as per EGM 4/6/24		4/6/24
Name	Brian Hutson	Position	Secretary
Sign		Date	10/6/24