

## **WESTON ATHLETIC CLUB – CONSTITUTION & RULES**

*(Adopted at the Annual General Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> April 1998)*

### 1. **NAME**

The name of The Club shall be Weston Athletic Club. (Hereafter referred to as The Club).

### 2. **OBJECT**

The Object of The Club shall be to provide and foster amateur athletics in Weston-super-Mare and the surrounding districts.

### 3. **MANAGEMENT**

- a) The affairs of The Club shall be conducted by a committee numbering not less than four nor more than ten.
- b) The committee will meet as required.
- c) The committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and shall include a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, (referred to hereafter as officers).
- d) The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies that occur among officers until the next Annual General Meeting.
- e) The committee shall have the power to co-opt extra members as required; such members to be without voting rights.
- f) Voting on all decisions will be a majority vote, the Chairman having the casting vote.

### 4. **MEMBERSHIP**

- a) Members of The Club shall be confined to individuals who meet the status requirements defined by the relevant governing bodies responsible for the administration of athletics in the United Kingdom.
- b) An applicant for membership must apply in writing on a form provided for the purpose and his or her election be considered at the next committee meeting. Applicants will be informed of their acceptance or rejection in writing. There is no right of appeal against an application for membership being rejected by the committee and reasons may not necessarily be given for a rejected application.
- c) Following the Annual General Meeting, members will be advised in writing to their last known address of the current year's subscription and the final date for receipt of such subscription. This date will be two months from the date of notification. The committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is not paid by the required date. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid by the final due date will be notified in writing that their membership has terminated. A list of expelled members will be provided by The Club to the relevant governing bodies.

5. **RESIGNATIONS**

A notice of resignation must be in writing to an elected officer and shall be considered by the committee at its next meeting. Membership shall be held to have ceased on the actual date of the notice being tendered unless the member is financially indebted to The Club, in which case the acceptance may be withheld until the indebtedness has been met. The Club will inform the relevant governing body of a member's resignation.

6. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- a) The annual subscriptions shall be decided by majority vote of members at the Annual General Meeting, the Chairman having the casting vote if required.
- b) Subscriptions will be payable on election to membership and on an annual basis for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March thereafter.
- c) No refund of subscriptions will be made should membership be terminated during the year for whatever reason.

7. **COLOURS**

The Club may have two sets of Club colours which shall be decided by the committee and advised to members in writing. Appropriate Club colours as so advised shall be worn by members at all competing races.

8. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) A General Meeting shall be held within three months of the end of each financial year to receive the committee's report and financial statement, elect officers and members, set subscriptions and deal with any other business relating to The Club's transactions.
- b) Members shall be given fourteen days notice of the meeting in writing.
- c) Notice of any other business which a member desires to be placed on the agenda must be given in writing to the Secretary or Chairman at least seven days prior to the meeting.

9. **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a) A Special General Meeting must be called by the Secretary on receipt by him/her of a request in writing signed by six members of The Club, stating the business to be brought before such a meeting.
- b) A notice convening the meeting shall be sent to all members not later than fourteen days after receipt of the request and the meeting shall be held within twenty-one days of the said receipt.
- c) No business other than that for which it was convened shall be discussed at the meeting.

10. **EXPULSION**

The committee shall have the power to expel from The Club any member whom they deem guilty of conduct detrimental to the interest of The Club, or to amateur athletics generally.

11. **FINANCIAL YEAR**

The financial year of The Club shall be from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> March, both days inclusive.

12. **BANK ACCOUNTS**

- a) Appropriate accounts with recognised banks or building societies as decided by the committee will be maintained in the name of The Club.
- b) All cheques payable on the account must be signed by the Treasurer and either the Chairman or a nominated committee member.

13. **AUDITORS**

Two members The Club, not being eligible to sign cheques, shall be appointed as Auditors at the Annual General Meeting.

14. **ALTERATION OF RULES**

- a) No alternation or addition shall be made to the rules except at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose and passed by a two-third majority of those members attending the meeting.
- b) Notice of any proposed amendment must reach the Secretary in writing at least seven days before the meeting.