

## **League Constitution**

*(Restructured as approved at the AGM held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016)*

### **1. Title & Objective**

- 1.1. The League shall be called the Oxfordshire Cross Country League.
- 1.2. A sponsor's name may be prefixed to or substituted for the name of the League as appropriate.
- 1.3. The objective of the League shall be the promotion of cross country running within the county of Oxfordshire.

### **2. Membership**

- 2.1. Membership of the League shall be open to all Athletics Clubs within the county of Oxfordshire that are affiliated to the national governing body for athletics.
- 2.2. Membership is also open to such Athletic Clubs from counties adjoining Oxfordshire, subject to the approval of the annual general meeting (clubs will be given the opportunity to present their case at the meeting), with priority given to clubs that have entered previously.
- 2.3. At least two-thirds of the member clubs at any time should be Oxfordshire clubs.

### **3. League Management**

- 3.1. The officials of the League should include the League Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officials (e.g. Results Secretary, Race Referees) as shall be agreed by the Annual General Meeting of the League.
- 3.2. These officials shall form the management committee of the League.
- 3.3. All officials of the league shall be elected annually and shall serve until the end of the following AGM.
- 3.4. Written notice of intention to stand in accordance with article 4.2 must be given for League Manager, Secretary and Treasurer.

### **4. General Meetings**

- 4.1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held not earlier than six weeks and not later than 12 weeks after the date of the last race in the preceding season.
- 4.2. The Agenda of the AGM, including any proposals tabled in accordance with this constitution, and the names of those standing for election as officials of the league shall be circulated to member clubs not less than 7 days before the meeting.
- 4.3. Each member club shall be entitled to send one voting delegate to the meeting.
- 4.4. Non-voting delegates may attend and speak.
- 4.5. Vote shall be carried by a simple majority of the voting delegates.
- 4.6. Neither proxy voting nor postal voting will be accepted.

- 4.7. The meeting should normally be chaired by the League Manager, who may exercise a casting vote in the event of a tied vote. Otherwise league officials should not have a vote in that capacity.
- 4.8. Proposals to change this constitution may only come from member clubs and shall be sent to the League Secretary not less than 14 days before the meeting.

## **5. League Season**

- 5.1. The league season will normally run between November and March and will normally consist of 5 races.

## **6. Venues**

- 6.1. Race venues for the following season will be determined by the League Manager in accordance with any views expressed at the latest Annual General Meeting.
- 6.2. In any one season not more than two venues should be scheduled from member clubs based outside the county of Oxfordshire.

## **7. Affiliation Fees**

- 7.1. Member clubs will pay an annual entry fee to the League.
- 7.2. The fee level for the next season shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.