

1 Title

The title of the club shall be the Road Runners Club.

2 Objectives

The club is established in order to:

- 2.1 Encourage the athletic discipline of running and in particular road running throughout the United Kingdom.
- 2.2 Enable runners with no local club, or for whom the local club is in some way unsatisfactory, to become part of the athletic community and to cease to have to pay the unattached runner's levy.
- 2.3 Give all runners the opportunity of joining and the feeling of belonging to a special community.
- 2.4 Be an affiliated member of the National Governing Body for the time being of the sport of athletics (the National Governing Body) in order to give a voice to its members' opinions and to be affiliated to such other bodies as its Council shall from time to time decide to be necessary for the attainment of its objectives.
- 2.5 Play a leading role in the development of road running by continuing to create and improve services such as course measurement, insurance for members, standards for individual runners to achieve and the publication of an endurance race directory and of books on running techniques.
- 2.6 Publicise itself and its activities by any means.
- 2.7 Hold championships, races on the road and track, time trials, social runs, lectures, demonstrations and social events.
- 2.8 Build links with similar organisations in other countries.
- 2.9 Do all other things that may be incidental to or conducive to the encouragement of running.

3 Membership

Membership shall be open to men and women who are interested in the sport of road running.

4 Management

4.1 The management of the club shall be vested in a Council whose members are:

- President
- Past Presidents
- Up to 30 Vice-Presidents
- Honorary General Secretary
- Honorary Treasurer

and up to 30 other members.

One of the above other than the President shall be Chairman of the Council.

- 4.2 A minimum of five Council members shall be required to form a quorum.
- 4.3 The Council may co-opt members to attend Council meetings at any time, such co-opted members to be non-voting.

5 Annual General Meeting

- 5.1 The Annual General meeting (AGM) of the club shall be held not later than 30th September in the calendar year following that to which the club's audited Accounts and Balance Sheet presented at that Annual General Meeting relate.
- 5.2 Ten members shall be required to form a quorum, at least six of whom shall be present in person, the remainder voting by post (see Article 10.2 below).
- 5.3 At least twenty-eight days' written notice of the AGM shall be given by the Hon. General Secretary to all members. Such notice shall include the names of those standing for election as officers, to the Council or as auditor and shall be accompanied by the Minutes of the previous AGM and of any Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held since the date of the previous AGM, the Annual Report, the audited Accounts and Balance Sheet, information relating to any other items on the agenda and a voting paper for those members who wish to vote by post. The voting paper shall include the member's name and address and shall permit voting for or against a resolution or abstention.
- 5.4 Items for the agenda shall be submitted to the Hon. General Secretary at least thirteen weeks before the AGM.
- 5.5 At the AGM the Hon. General Secretary shall present the Annual Report and the Hon. Treasurer shall present the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet.
- 5.6 Each member present or voting by post shall have one vote. Postal votes shall reach the address of the Hon. General Secretary or of some other person appointed by the Council to receive them not less than 72 hours before the time of the AGM and shall be opened and counted by two scrutineers appointed by the Council (neither of whom shall be standing for election at the AGM or shall have submitted an item for the agenda). The results of the postal voting shall not be announced until after those present at the AGM have cast their votes on any particular resolution. The votes of the two categories shall then be added together and the result of the voting on the first resolution announced before the second resolution is considered. This procedure will continue until each resolution has been considered. A member present at the AGM who has voted by post may withdraw his or her postal vote at any time before the commencement of the meeting. The results of voting shall be reported in the club's Newsletter.

6 Elections

- 6.1 All members of the Council, with the exception of Past Presidents, but including the Chairman of the Council, who shall be elected in that capacity, whether or not he shall

have any other position thereon, shall be elected at the AGM and such members shall retire annually but be eligible for re-election.

6.2 An Auditor shall be elected at the AGM who shall not be a current member of the Council.

7 Subscription

7.1 The annual subscription payable by members shall be determined by the Council.

7.2 The subscription shall be due on the election of a member and thereafter on the first day of January each year, except that new members elected in October, November and December are not required to pay a further subscription on the first day of January immediately following.

8 Extraordinary General Meeting

8.1 An EGM may be called at any time by a written application to the Hon. General Secretary signed by at least eight members, stating the nature of the business to be transacted, or by a motion approved at a Council meeting at which fewer than eight members have voted in favour, but which is supported subsequently by sufficient members voting by post to bring the number of supporters to at least eight.

See Article 9 below for changes to the Constitution itself.

8.2 At an EGM no business shall be transacted other than that for which it was called.

8.3 Ten members shall be required to form a quorum, at least six of whom shall be present in person, the remainder voting by post (see Article 10.2 below).

8.4 At least twenty eight days' notice of an EGM shall be given by the Hon. General Secretary to all members by means of a letter or the club's Newsletter and shall be accompanied by information relating to the business to be transacted and a voting paper for those members who wish to vote by post. The voting paper shall include the member's name and address and shall permit voting for or against a resolution or abstention.

8.5 The provisions of Article 5.6 shall apply to voting at an EGM, "EGM" being substituted for "AGM" as appropriate.

9 Changes to the Constitution

9.1 Proposals to alter the Constitution shall require a proposer and to be seconded by seven other members.

9.2 The Constitution shall only be altered at an AGM, or an EGM called for that purpose, and then only if passed by a minimum of two thirds of those members present and exercising their right to vote or voting by post.

9.3 Written or postal notice of any proposed alteration shall be submitted to the Hon. General Secretary not less than thirteen weeks prior to the date of the next AGM or in an application for an EGM. The Hon. General Secretary shall give written notice to all members at least twenty eight days before the meeting takes place.

10 Administration

- 10.1 All notices and correspondence shall be sent to the Hon. General Secretary at his normal home address from time to time.
- 10.2 For any of the purposes of this Constitution, where a vote by post is permitted the word “post” shall be deemed to include electronic communication, whether
- i) from a member to the Hon. General Secretary or such other person who has been appointed by the Council to receive postal votes; or
 - ii) from a member via the club’s website, using such procedure and/or method of security (if any) as the Council may have decided.

“Postal”, “postal vote(s)”, “postal voting”, “voting by post” and “voting paper” shall be similarly construed as may be appropriate.

11 Dissolution

- 11.1 If at any Council Meeting or General Meeting of the club a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the club, the Hon. General Secretary shall immediately convene an Extraordinary General Meeting of the club to be held at least twenty eight days thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution.
- 11.2 If at that Extraordinary General Meeting the resolution is carried by at least two thirds of the members present and exercising their right to vote at the meeting or voting by post, the Council shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to realise the assets of the club and to discharge all debts and liabilities of the club.
- 11.3 After discharging all debts and liabilities of the club, the remaining assets shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of the club but shall be given or transferred to the National Governing Body in order that they may continue to be used for the encouragement of running and in particular road running, within the prevailing athletics structure.