

## **CHEDDAR RUNNING CLUB – CONSTITUTION & RULES**

### **1. NAME**

The name of The Club shall be Cheddar Running Club. (Hereafter referred to as The Club).

### **2. OBJECT**

The Object of The Club shall be to provide and foster amateur and recreational running in Cheddar and the surrounding districts. Cheddar Running Club is a not for profit running club based in Cheddar, Somerset; originally started under the name of Cheddar Valley Joggers in 1984. As a Club we strive to be as inclusive to all runners as possible and have runners of all different ages, backgrounds and goals involved in the Club.

### **3. MANAGEMENT**

- a) The affairs of The Club shall be conducted by a committee numbering not less than four or 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) The membership year runs from 1st April to 31st March inclusive.
- b) Applications for membership must be made in writing using the form provided for this purpose (which can be emailed to the membership secretary); applications will not be considered without the application form. The Club welcomes runners of all abilities, both junior and adult. Junior members are accepted from the age of 8 years of age (but under parental supervision and not the responsibility of the Club), or from 14 years of age (with parental consent); from 17 years of age members can join on an individual basis and will be considered an adult member.
- c) Following the Annual General Meeting, members will be advised by email (or writing for those without an email 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. Members whose subscriptions have not been paid by the final due date will be notified by email (or writing for those without an email address) that their membership has terminated.
- d) No refund of membership will be made should membership be terminated during the year for whatever reason.
- e) As a Club affiliated with England Athletics, fully paid up members to the Club also have the option to become a member of England Athletics, who also operate a membership year from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March inclusive. One of the benefits of an England Athletics membership is that it enables Club members to apply for discounted entry rates to events. Please note however that in order to enter events as an affiliated member, both memberships need to be fully up to date otherwise participants risk disqualification from the event and the Club is subject to a fine.

### **5. RESIGNATIONS**

A notice of resignation must be in writing (email is acceptable) 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. COLOURS**

The Club may have two sets of Club colours which shall be decided by the committee and advised to members by email (or writing for those without an email address). Appropriate Club colours as so advised should be worn by members at all competing races.

## **7. 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 by email (or writing for those without an email address).
- c) Notice of any other business which a member desires to be placed on the agenda must be given in writing or by email to the Secretary or Chairman at least seven days prior to the meeting.

## **8. 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.

## **9. 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 and recreational running generally.

## **10. FINANCIAL YEAR**

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

## **11. 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.

## **12. AUDITORS**

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

## **13. ALTERATION OF RULES**

- a) No alteration or addition shall be made to these 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.