**Cleethorpes Athletics Club**

**Constitution and Rules.**

1. **Title**

The title of the club shall be CLEETHORPES ATHLETICS CLUB.

1. **Objectives**

The objectives of the Club shall be:-

To encourage the practice and development of amateur athletics from the age of 7 years upwards.

To provide coaching for the members and to organise competition.

To organise teams to represent the Club in championships and leagues and such other competitions as the Management sees fit.

The Club shall cater for: - Track and Field

Cross Country

Road Running

Fell Running

Race Walking

1. **Membership**

Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

Any person who wishes to become a Member must submit an application in such form as the Management Committee shall decide. Every candidate for membership shall be considered by the Management Committee, which shall admit that candidate to membership of the Club unless to do so would be contrary to the best interests of the sport or the good conduct and interests of the Club.

The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.

1. **Management**

The management of the Club shall be vested in a Management Committee, which shall consist of:-

Chair

Vice-Chair

Secretary

Admin. Secretary

Treasurer

And up to 10 Committee Members

All of the foregoing shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and remain in office until the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting of the following year. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt members, who shall have full voting rights at committee meetings. Club members may attend committee meetings only with the express permission of the Chair, or Vice-Chair in their absence. All committee members will have a function within the running of the club and these functions will be allocated at the meeting immediately following the AGM. Members have to be 16 years of age to be eligible to serve on the Committee. All Committee members will be CRB (or equivalent) checked within two months of joining the Committee. Presidents and Vice-Presidents may be appointed by the Club, of which the president will have committee voting rights. Vice-presidents, if Club members shall have ordinary members’ rights to vote.

1. **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General meeting shall be held in the month of February (or within two/three months of the Club financial year) for the purpose of:

* 1. Receiving the Annual reports of the committee and sub committees and or sections
  2. Receiving the audited statement of accounts and the balance sheet
  3. Election of the committee and chief officers of the Club for the ensuing year
  4. Deciding upon the annual subscription as recommended by the committee
  5. Electing the honorary auditors.

The election of the Committee Members and Chief Officers shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations, properly seconded, can be taken from the floor of the meeting and the election shall take place at the meeting itself, with only those present eligible to vote. Any Club member has the right to stand for any office and may indicate his/her intention to do so previously to the meeting, if desired.

Any proposed change to a Constitution Rule by a member must be notified at least 21 days prior to the Annual general meeting to the Chair or Secretary in order that members shall have sufficient notice of the proposal.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to members of the date, time, venue and agenda items for the Annual General Meeting.

Each fully paid up member present at the meeting over the age of 12 shall have one vote.

1. **Affiliation**

The Club shall seek to be affiliated to the appropriate Athletics Associations in order to carry out the objects of the Club.

1. **Subscriptions**

Members will pay an annual subscription at the commencement of the Club year.

The membership year runs from 1st March until the last day of February the next year. New members who join part way through a membership year are subject to paying a full years membership on joining. However, new members who join between 1st November and the end of February will be covered for the remaining part of the current membership year and the whole of the following membership year

The level of subscription shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting.

A graduated scale of fees will be operated dependent upon the age and, when necessary, the financial circumstances of members.

The annual membership should accompany the application for membership. Competing members will pay the appropriated fee to be registered with the North of England Athletics Association and / or other Governing Association.

1. **Non-payment of subscriptions**

The committee shall have the power to expel any member, whose subscription is six months in arrears, providing that one months notice in writing has been given to said member, informing them of the proposed action of the committee.

Any member receiving such notice shall not be entitled to coaching or other club services, as they cannot be insured under the rules of England Athletics. The details of any member expelled shall be recorded and sent to the Territorial Athletics Association, so that they may be suspended from competing at any meeting held under England Athletics rules until the liability causing the expulsion, which shall not exceed one year’s subscription, shall be discharged.

1. **Resignations**

Any member, wishing to resign must do so in writing addressed to the Chair or Honorary Secretary. The resignation shall be considered by the Committee within one calendar month (the exception being August when no committee meeting is held) of receipt and will be held effective from the date of receipt of resignation. Resignations shall not be fully effective until any financial obligation to the club has been discharged or club property is returned.

1. **Extraordinary General Meeting**

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Chair or Honorary Secretary within one month of the receipt of a request signed by at least 25 paid up members of the Club stating the purpose of that meeting. All members aged 12 and over shall be eligible to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting.

1. **Constitutional Amendments**

No constitution rule may be altered, added to, or deleted except at an Annual or Extraordinary General meeting called for that purpose, and then only with at least a two thirds majority of those present and voting.

1. **Disciplinary Procedures**

The Club has a complaints and disciplinary procedure, which is that of UK Athletics.

1. **Child Protection Policy**

The Club has a child protection policy, which is that of UK Athletics.

1. **Profit Making.**

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

1. **Dissolution.**

In the event of a proposed dissolution of the club, an EGM will be called at which 3/4 of the members present are required to vote for the resolution in order for it to be passed

Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

Signed ……………………………………………. Date …………………..

**Chair**

Signed……………………………………………... Date ……………………

**Honorary Secretary**