

Constitution of Darwen Dashers Running Club (Revised 2017)

Title The title of the club shall be Darwen Dashers Running Club.

Objectives The objectives of the club shall be:

- a) to encourage the practice and development of amateur athletics.
- b) to provide support and encouragement for the members and to organise competitions
- c) to organise teams to represent the club in championships and leagues, and in such other competitions as the Management Committee shall decide.

The club shall cater for:

Cross Country Running	Relay Running	Road Running
Fell and Hill Running	Trail Running	Social Events

Membership

Membership shall be open to persons who are amateurs as defined by the Amateur Athletic Association. There shall be a minimum age entry of 16 years unless children join as part of a family membership.

Each applicant for membership must complete the Official Application Form. Applications will be discussed and agreed or otherwise at a properly convened meeting of the Committee.

Management

The management of the club shall be vested in the Management Committee, which shall consist of:

- President
- Chairperson
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Road Captain
- Fell Captain
- Beginners' Captain

All of the above shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies as and when they arise. The Committee shall also have the power to co-opt members for particular projects. At Committee meetings all Committee members will be allowed to vote on items raised.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month prior to the start of the new membership year for the purpose of:

- a) Receiving the annual reports of the Committee
- b) Receiving the audited Statement of the accounts and balance sheet.
- c) Electing the officers and Committee of the following year.
- d) Electing the Auditor
- e) Considering any amendments to the Constitution rules of which due notice has been given to all members.

The Chairperson or Secretary must receive any proposed change to a Constitution rule by a member at least 21 days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting so that all members shall have sufficient notice of the proposal.

At least 14 days' notice shall be given to members of the date, venue and agenda items for the Annual General Meeting. Each fully paid up member present at the meeting shall have one vote. Only fully paid up members may attend the Annual General Meeting.

Affiliations

The Club shall be affiliated to both England Athletics (EA), the Fell Runners Association (FRA) and to such other amateur athletic bodies as the Management Committee consider appropriate in order to carry out the objectives of the Club.

Subscriptions

The cost of the yearly subscriptions shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting, together with the date that payment is due.

Non Payment of Subscriptions

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is 6 months in arrears, providing that one month's notice in writing is sent to such a member addressed to the members last known address, informing of the proposed action of the Committee.

Resignations

Any member wishing to resign from the Club must do so in writing addressed to the Chairperson or Secretary. The resignation shall be considered by the Committee within one calendar month of receipt and will be held as effective on the date of tendering.

Extraordinary General Meeting

The Secretary or Chairperson shall call an Extraordinary General Meeting within one month of the receipt of a request signed by at least four members, stating the purpose of the meeting. At least 14 days' notice shall be given to all fully paid up members of the date, venue and purpose of an Extraordinary General Meeting. No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting. Only fully paid up members may attend the Extraordinary General Meeting unless a non-member is invited by the Committee to discuss the subject in question.

Constitution Amendments

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