**CITY OF YORK ATHLETIC CLUB**

**CONSTITUTION**

**1.         Name**

The name of the organisation shall be City of York Athletic Club.  (Hereinafter called “the club”).

**2.         Objects**

The objects of the club shall be:-

A.        To provide training, coaching and team and/or individual competition for member athletes in the following disciplines, at the discretion of the management committee:-

a.         Cross Country

b.         Road Running

c.         Track and Field

d.         Fell Running

B.         Generally to foster and promote amateur athletics.

**3.         Management**

The management of the club shall be vested in the following (hereinafter called “the management committee”):-

The Officers

a.         A Chairman

b.         A Vice Chairman

c.         A Treasurer

d.         A Secretary

Committee Members

Not more than 10 persons appointed at the AGM or co-opted by the management committee during the year preferably to cover all affiliated disciplines.  The number of members of the management committee for a quorum shall be five, including an officer.

**4.         Membership**

Membership of the club shall be open to any amateur male or female of a minimum age agreed by the management committee (normally 5 years). Membership shall be deemed to commence from receipt of the completed club application form.  Subscriptions from new members shall be due no later than 6 weeks from the date of application to join the club.  The applicant, upon being accepted as a member, shall abide by all the rules of the club and be termed an amateur as defined under UK Athletics Rules.

**5.         Equity Policy**

The club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

*Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.*

The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.

The club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

**6.         Membership Fee**

Each club member shall pay an annual fee which shall be decided by the management committee prior to the Annual General Meeting.

a.         Part of that fee will be sent to England Athletics (EA) to cover the registration of the club members with that organisation. EA will issue a membership number, which will be void unless the subscriptions are renewed each year on 1 January.

b.         Any new member whose application to join the club is dated after 1 October shall be entitled to pay reduced subscriptions for that part year only.  The full subscription becomes payable by the 1January in the year immediately following the application to join the club.

**7.         Powers of the Management Committee**

The management committee shall have the power to:

a.         Control the finances of the club.

b.         Appoint Sub Committees.

c.         Deal with all matters relating to membership and competitions.

d.         Call annual and extraordinary general meetings.

e.         Discipline or exclude from further membership any member felt to be contravening the objects of the club.

f.          Make proposals to a general meeting for the alteration of the constitution.

g.         Agree membership fees for the ensuing twelve months.

h.         Make proposals to the annual general meeting for changes aimed at improving the standards of the athletics within the club in any discipline.

i.          Appoint representatives to other bodies.

j.          Generally act in the best interest of the club in any matter in the furtherance of athletics as defined in paragraph 2A.

**8.         Finance**

a.         All funds of the club shall be applied towards the furtherance of the club and its objectives.  In the event of dissolution, any funds or property remaining shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the club in accordance UK Athletics Rules.

b.         The management committee shall cause accounts to be kept of all sums of money received and expended by the club and the assets and liabilities of the club, and shall annually present to the annual general meeting fully audited accounts made up to a date not earlier than the final day of the previous year.

**9.         General Meetings**

At least once in every calendar year there shall be held an annual general meeting at such time and place as may be determined by the management committee, but not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the dates of the two successive meetings.

An extraordinary meeting shall be convened:-

1.         At the resolution of the management committee.

2.         Notice being given in writing to the club secretary by not less than 20 voting members, not less than 35 days prior to any meeting, stating the business to be dealt with at such a meeting.

**10.       Notice of General Meetings**

Not less than twenty-one days notice shall be given to each member who has paid the annual subscription for that year.  The notice will be placed on the club’s website and be on display at the track Such notice shall specify the place, day, hour and nature of the business of such meeting.

Only paid up members, twelve years and over on the day of the meeting will be entitled to vote on any matter at the meeting.

A new member or member rejoining the club will be entitled to vote at a general meeting providing that their subscription was received six weeks before the date of the meeting.

**11.       Proceedings at General Meetings**

The business of the general meeting shall be:-

1.         To receive and consider the report of the management committee and the audited accounts.

2.         To elect the management committee.

3.         To consider any proposed alterations to the constitution.

4.         To agree upon membership fees.

5.         To transact any business of which 14 days notice is given in writing to the management committee via the club secretary.  Any such business can be voted upon.

The business of any other general meeting shall be confined to that business of which the required notice has been given to the management committee and to members.

**12.       Votes at General Meeting**

a.         Each qualifying member (see paragraph 9) and any elected officer shall be entitled to one vote per resolution.  Postal votes will be allowed and anyone wishing to make use of this facility should apply to the club secretary enclosing a S.A.E.  Postal votes must only refer to the Notified Business of the meeting.

b.         The Chairman will determine the method of voting for election of the management committee.

c.         Any amendments of the constitution or resolution to wind up the club shall require a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and voting on the matter (see paragraph 9), and who do so in favour of the resolution.

d.         Any other proper business of the meeting shall be decided by a majority of those voting.

e.         The number of voting members to from a quorum at the general meeting shall be twenty.

This constitution was amended on the 20 October, 2011 to incorporate the amendments of the Management of Meeting 12 October 2011.