

# WESSEX YOUNG ATHLETES TRACK AND FIELD LEAGUE

## LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

- Name** This shall be the Wessex Young Athletes Track and Field League.
- Objectives** The objective of the league is to promote amateur athletics.
- Membership** The league shall consist of amateurs, according to the **national governing body** definition of amateur.  
Application for membership shall be made in writing to the league secretary and approved by a majority of the management committee.  
Each Club shall pay a subscription decided at the Annual General Meeting.  
Subscriptions must be paid before the start of the current Season.  
To resign, a member must inform the league secretary in writing.  
Any Club guilty of misconduct (i.e. behaviour contrary to the Constitution) may be cautioned once or expelled from the league by a majority decision of the management committee.  
Any club expelled will have the right to appeal to the Management committee meeting called at their request not later than two weeks from the date of expulsion.
- Management** The management committee shall consist of Chairman, League Secretary, League Treasurer, Under 11's Secretary and Officials Secretary.  
The management committee shall meet at least twice a year.  
A quorum for the management committee shall be three.  
All decisions will be by majority vote; the chairman shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.  
The management committee has the power to co-opt extra members up to the limit of three; to create trustees, and form a sub-committee as and when considered necessary.  
An auditor who is not a committee member must be elected annually by the AGM.

**Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held during November/December and the following business under taken:

The report will be read and discussed.

The audited accounts will be presented.

The officers will be elected.

Motions to be discussed must be submitted in writing to the league secretary at least one week before the meeting.

A majority decision shall change standing orders or rules.

One third of all paid up members will constitute a quorum.

The Chairman shall have the casting vote.

**Amendments to the Constitution**

The management committee, by majority at a quorum meeting, may propose amendments to the constitution. The changes may be made only at the AGM or an extra-ordinary general meeting called for that purpose. Two weeks notice must be given for EGM. A quorum shall consist of one quarter of the membership. If the motion is passed by majority vote, the amendment to the constitution will be adopted.

Alternatively, five ordinary paid up and voting members may petition the Hon. Secretary in writing, to call an EGM in which the conditions in the previous paragraph will apply with respect to calling the meeting and voting at it.

Voting rights as at the AGM.

**Dissolution**

The management committee, by majority vote at a quorum meeting, may decide to dissolve the league. They must then call an EGM giving two weeks notice to all clubs. If the motion is passed by majority vote the league is then dissolved.

Alternatively five ordinary paid up members may petition the Hon. Secretary in writing to call a EGM in which the conditions in the previous paragraph will apply with respect to calling the meeting and voting at it.

Voting rights as at the AGM pertain.

Upon dissolution any funds remaining after all debts have been met will be **shared equally among the remaining clubs.**

**Date**

This constitution was adopted at a meeting held on *18<sup>th</sup> December 2005.*

**League Chairman**

**League Secretary**