



## SEVENOAKS ATHLETICS CLUB

### RULES OF THE CLUB



1. The name of the Club is Sevenoaks Athletics Club.
2. The object of the Club is the promotion of all forms of Athletics. The main purposes of the Club are to provide facilities & coaching and to promote participation in athletics of Sevenoaks and District.
3. The management of the Club is vested in a Committee consisting of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to seven other members, all to be elected annually. Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum. The Committee has the power to fill any vacancy that may arise, to co-opt members up to the limits specified above, and to invite members to specific meetings.
4. In addition, the Annual General Meeting may elect a President and Vice-Presidents. The term of office of these shall be until terminated by the Annual General Meeting or by resignation.
5. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age (minimum age requirements may be applied to the junior section), disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
6. A candidate for membership must apply in writing on a form provided for the purpose, and be elected at the ensuing Committee meeting.
7. A member intending to resign from the Club shall give notice in writing to the Honorary Secretary, and his/her membership terminates from the date of that notice unless he/she is financially indebted to the Club, in which case the Committee may withhold acceptance of the resignation until he/she has discharged the liability. A member not having tendered his/her resignation prior to 1st May shall be liable for the following year's subscription.
8. The annual subscriptions to the Club shall be determined at each Annual General Meeting. Subscriptions shall be payable on election and are subsequently due on 1st May in each year except that, if a member is elected on or after 1st November, no further subscription shall be due on the 1st May immediately following the date of election. The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory basis. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
9. The Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is six months in arrears.
10. No member whose subscription is more than six months in arrears shall be eligible to take part in any competition promoted by the Club, or compete in any event as a member of the Club.
11. In addition, the 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.
12. An Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of April, to receive the Committee's report and Audited accounts, elect officers and Committee, determine the subscriptions from the following 1st May, and deal with any matter specified on the agenda. The Honorary Secretary shall give each member twenty eight day's notice of the meeting, and notice of any business which it is desired to place on the agenda must be given in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least twenty one days before the meeting.
13. A Special General meeting must be called by the Honorary Secretary within fourteen days of the receipt by him/her of a request in writing signed by ten members of the Club, stating the business to be brought before such a meeting.
14. The Honorary Secretary shall give at least seven day's notice to every member of the time and place of any General Meeting and the business to be dealt with, and no other business shall be dealt with at such a meeting.
15. No alteration or addition may be made to the Rules except by an Annual General Meeting, or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. Notice of any proposed amendment must be given as provided in Rules 10 and 11.
16. The Club colours are blue and yellow and shall be worn during all team events and at other times where possible.

17. A) If at any General Meeting of the Club a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the Club the Secretary shall within 7 days convene a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held not less than 28 days thereafter to discuss and vote on the Resolution. B) If at that Special General Meeting the Resolution is carried by at least two thirds of the members present the Committee shall thereupon proceed to realise the assets of the Club and discharge all debts and liabilities of the Club. C) Upon dissolution of the Club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC (Community Amateur Sports Club), a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.
18. All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
19. At the discretion of the Committee, the Club can decide to award Honorary Membership to any member who in the view of the Committee has over a period of years contributed greatly to either, the running and management of the Club or its reputation in the field of athletic achievement. Such Honorary Members will not be required to pay an annual subscription but the Club will not register them as a "Competing Member" with England Athletics unless the member contributes the cost of registration.

Honorary Members will retain their membership status indefinitely unless the Committee votes to remove it. The Committee shall only take such action if in its view the Honorary Member has acted in a way that is detrimental to the Club or its reputation.

Honorary Members are entitled to:

- a) Take part in all training sessions, events and races organised by the Club.
- b) Attend all Club social events on the same basis as other members.
- c) Compete in all Club competitions except those that are restricted to First Claim members such as the Road and Track & Field Grand Prix.
- d) Attend and speak at the AGM and any EGM and to vote on any motion.
- e) Receive all formal Club communications such as the Newsletter via on-line delivery.