

TORRINGTON AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

CLUB RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1. Title

The name of the club will be Torrington Amateur Athletic Club and will be governed by the rules laid down by England Athletics and UK Athletics.

2. Club Colours

The Club colours shall be Black, Green and White.

3. Objective

The club will exist for the promotion of amateur Track and Field Athletics, Walking, Cross-Country, Road Running, and community participation in sports. The club is committed to ensuring equity and fairness is incorporated in all aspects of its development and growth.

4. Management

The club will consist of a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, welfare officer and paid-up members.

The Management of the Club shall be the sole responsibility of the Committee consisting of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Welfare officer and a minimum of 2 other members.

All decisions will be a majority vote; the Chairperson shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

Officers will stand for a period of 3 years at which point the post will become vacant. Officers may stand for re-election.

Officers of the club are authorised to act between Management Committee meetings on such matters as cannot be left until the next meeting of that Committee.

Whilst it may be possible for a member to stand for more than one post on the Committee, no member shall be allowed to hold more than one post on the Committee at any one time.

A quorum will be a minimum of 4 of the Committee who must be present at any meeting. The committee shall have the power to:

- a) Appoint any Sub-Committee for extra Club activities.
- b) Co-opt to the Committee to fill any vacancy occurring thereon throughout the year until the next Annual General Meeting.
- c) Appoint any representative necessary for the running of the Club.

5. Code of Conduct

The Club has a Code of Conduct and members shall observe these at all times. In particular, whilst representing the Club during training or racing, traffic rules shall be observed, looking out for pedestrians and remembering that safety is paramount. The use of an MP3 or other device plugged into the ear whilst running is not permitted. Members shall also be aware of their general conduct whilst representing the Club in any capacity, and shall not conduct themselves in a manner which could bring the Club into disrepute.



Whilst representing the Club it is expected the appropriate clothing be worn including reflective gear when necessary.

The Club cannot take responsibility for any member who does not adhere to its Code of Conduct.

6. Membership

Membership of the Club is open to all regardless of gender, race or beliefs. Competitive members of the Club are confined to amateurs as defined by the current England Athletics and UK Athletics rules.

An application for membership shall be made on the official form and in the case of anyone under 18, the signature of the parent or guardian will be necessary. By joining the Club, all members will be deemed to accept the Constitution, Codes of Conduct adopted and UKA governing rules.

To resign, a member must inform the Club Secretary in writing. His/her membership terminates on the date of that notice unless he/she is indebted to the Club, in which case the Committee may withhold acceptance of the resignation until the liability is fully discharged. No refund of subscription shall be made in respect of any unexpired period of membership.

7. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in January of each year to receive the Chairperson and Treasurer reports, to elect a Committee and Officers for the following year and to deal with any relevant matters specified together with nominations for Officers and Committee handed in writing to the Club Secretary before commencement of the AGM.

If the Chair stands down before the next AGM the Vice Chairperson will automatically step up to Chair until the next AGM.

The Club Secretary must give every member 14 days' notice of the meeting in writing.

Notice of any business to be placed on the Agenda must be given in writing to the Club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Standing orders of Rules or amendments may be changed by a two-thirds majority decision of eligible members in attendance and entitled to vote at the meeting.

All routine matters will be decided by majority vote of eligible paid-up members in attendance at the meeting. A member who is in arrears for either subscriptions due or fees unpaid shall not be entitled to vote.

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

Voting by members at the AGM shall be restricted to members who are 18 years of age or over or those who are 16 years of age and over who are qualified coaches.

8. Special General Meeting

The Secretary may call a Special General Meeting within fourteen days of receipt of a requisition in writing signed by eight members of the Club, stating the business to be brought before such a meeting.

9. Subscription

Each member shall pay an annual subscription decided at the AGM. The subscription shall be paid on joining and thereafter on the first day of April each year. After a request for membership fees has been made, any person who still has not paid will be asked to make a weekly payment of £3.00 until the Club receives full membership.

The Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is six months in arrears, providing a month's notice in writing shall have been sent to such a member by Registered letter addressed to his or her last known address or by e-mail provided on the membership form, informing him or her of the proposed action of the Committee.

The name and address of any person expelled from the Club shall be sent to the Hon. Secretary of UK Athletics and England Athletics and shall be suspended from competing in any meeting held under England Athletics or UK Athletics laws until the liability causing his or her expulsion, which shall not exceed one year's subscription, shall have been discharged.

No member whose subscription is in arrears is eligible to take part in any competition.

10. Juniors

Juniors are only permitted to become members of Torrington Amateur Athletics Club when they are 12 years old.

Members who bring juniors to the Club will be asked from time to time to take their turn supporting the coach/nominated person to take the junior group. This duty is organised on a rota basis. The Club will restrict the number of juniors it has as members based on ratio to adult guidelines. The Management Committee will agree the number.

The Club has a Child Protection Policy in place and is committed to practices that protect children from harm.

11. Club Training

A Qualified Run Leader and/or Coach shall control all training of the Club or any other member approved by the Committee.

12. Constitution

Changes to the constitution may only be made at the AGM or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

13. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the Club must be passed at a special EGM, through majority vote. Should the Club dissolve, it will settle its liabilities and the committee will dispose of any net assets remaining as it sees fit either to a charity or organisation chosen by the Committee by majority vote.

Reviewed: 27.01.2026

Chair:

C. Wynne

Secretary: A. PEARCE

Signature:

Colin Wynne

Signature:

A. Pearce