



SAINTFIELD STRIDERS - CLUB CONSTITUTION

June 2023

NAME OF CLUB: Saintfield Striders Running Club (section within Saintfield Sports Club)

CONSTITUTION

1. Introduction

- a) The name of the club shall be Saintfield Striders
- b) The club colours shall be Royal Blue, Navy, White

2. Affiliation

The Club shall be affiliated to the laws of Athletics Northern Ireland and that of Saintfield Sports Club.

3. Membership

a) Members shall be divided into the following classes:

- 1. Senior/Full membership
- 2. Student Full membership for those in full time education aged 16+
- 3. Affiliate membership
- 4. Joint Section Fee, offered to members of other Saintfield Sports Clubs, ie Cricket or Hockey who shall receive a 25% discount off Saintfield Striders membership

b) The minimum age to become a member of Saintfield Striders = 16

c) All members need to complete an application form and pay the appropriate fee annually.

d) 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.

e) The club shall recognise Athletics Northern Ireland's value of diversity.

4. Objective

The objective of the club shall be to promote running at all levels within the entire community and promote fitness and wellbeing for all. No person should be excluded under race, gender, political views, sexual orientation or disability.

5. Management

a) The club shall be administered by a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Media officer and Committee elected at the AGM. All full members have the right to vote at the AGM

b) A member must hold membership with the club for a minimum of 12 months before being appointed to an office bearer role, i.e., Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer or Media officer.

c) A member must hold membership with the club for a minimum of 6 months before being appointed as a general committee member.

d) A member must have attended 50 percent of the committee meetings to be eligible for re-election.

e) The committee shall have the powers to co-opt additional members or replace any of its members.

f) The committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary.

g) Committee meetings shall consist of a quorum of at least 50% of the committee members (at least 2 office bearers). Meetings shall be called as and when the Committee feels necessary but not less than six per year.

h) If a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes of the specified commencement time the meeting shall be adjourned.

i) The chairperson shall be entitled to a casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

j) The Vice-Chairperson shall be entitled to act as Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson. If neither are present at a meeting, the members shall elect an Acting Chairperson from those present.

k) The AGM shall be held on or before the end of February each year and the quorum shall be minimum 10% of paid members.

- l) All paid members of the club will be notified in writing by the secretary at least three weeks before the AGM.
- m) All matters for inclusion in the Agenda of the AGM must be received by the secretary at least 10 days before the meeting.
- n) Disciplinary matters: any member who has brought the club into disrepute shall be reported to the Chairperson/Vice Chairperson. The matter can be dealt with via a disciplinary panel selected from available committee members or recommended, for review, to Saintfield Sports Club disciplinary panel.

6. Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)

An EGM shall be called by the secretary within 21 days of the receipt of a requisition signed by at least two-thirds of the members stating the business to be brought before such a meeting.

7. Subscription

- a) Membership fees will be fixed at the AGM and are payable at the time of joining. Athlete registration will be paid to Athletics Northern Ireland within 30 days of the date (1st April) and as new members join thereafter.
- b) Members who are over 30 days in arrears with fees are not eligible to represent the Club and not registered with Athletics NI will have no insurance at events.

8. Equity Policy

This 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 Northern Ireland 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.

9. DISSOLUTION

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of Saintfield Sports Club

10. FINANCE

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

The club Treasurer will be responsible for the finance of the Club.

The financial year of the club will end on the 31st January each year.

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the AGM.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold two signatures of office bearers who are mandated to the account.

11. Alterations to the Constitution

The Constitution shall be altered only at an AGM or EGM by two-thirds of full members present and voting.

Signed:



Chairperson

Signed:



Secretary

Date:

15th June 2023