

Horsforth Fellandale Club

Constitution

1. Name

- a. The Club shall be called “Horsforth Fellandale”

2. Objects of the Club

- a. To promote the sports of fell and off-road running;
- b. To encourage outdoor pursuits such as fell walking and off-road cycling;
- c. To abide by the rules of the UK governing bodies of fell running and athletics;
- d. To be in sympathy with the Mountain and Country Codes.

3. Membership

- a. There are five types of membership – Full, **Junior**, Second Claim, Social and Life;
- b. **Senior** Full, or Second Claim membership shall be open to persons who are amateurs as defined by UK Athletics and have reached their 18th birthday.
- c. **Junior Members shall be those under 18 years of age;**
- d. The age restrictions also apply to Social Members;
- e. Life Members can be elected by the General Committee;
- f. A Member can be expelled for bringing the Club into disrepute or failing to uphold the spirit of the Club, the Constitution or the Codes it abides by. A letter will be sent to the Member, after discussion at a meeting of the General Committee, requesting a reply from the Member within one month. The name and address of any Member expelled shall be sent to the Area Association of UK Athletics who will reveal the name of the person expelled. The suspended person may not re-compete under UK Athletics laws until the liability has been discharged.

4. Subscriptions

- a. Members are required to pay an annual subscription as determined at the Annual General Meeting. All subscriptions shall be paid within 42 days of the Annual General Meeting;
- b. New members joining and paying their subscriptions after 1 November will only be required to pay their England Athletics registration (**currently £17 2023/24**) for the joining year with full club membership being due for the ~~have this carried forward to the~~ following year from the date of the Annual General Meeting onwards;
- c. Life Members shall not be liable for subscriptions;
- d. Where a subscription is six months in arrears a Member will be deemed to have resigned.

5. Management

- a. The Officers of the Club shall be: The Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Running Co-ordinator, ~~Newsletter Editor~~ Communications Officer, **Welfare Officer**.
- b. The management of the Club shall be vested in the General Committee consisting of the Officers and a maximum of four Elected Members, four to form a quorum, of which at least two must be Officers. The General Committee shall meet at least once each quarter;
- c. The Officers and Elected Members shall be elected for the ensuing year at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations for all posts should be sent to the secretary in writing at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting supported by two Members of the Club;
- d. A Member shall not hold the office of Chairman for more than three years consecutively. A Member shall not remain an Elected Member for more than three years consecutively, unless exceptionally agreed at the Annual General Meeting;
- e. The General Committee is empowered to formulate Club by-laws, co-opt up to three additional members, deal with any breach of the Constitution as it feels necessary, and appoint an Auditor;
- f. The General Committee is to be the final arbitrator on the interpretation of the Constitution;
- g. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all the income and expenditure, shall keep the books and prepare a statement of accounts and balance sheet for presentation at the Annual General Meeting or as directed by the General Committee;
- h. The Club year shall commence on 1st January.

6. Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meetings

- a. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in February each year, and 14 days notice of the meeting shall be given to Members. A quorum shall be 25% of the membership;
- b. The agenda shall include:
 - Election of Officers and Committee Members;
 - Chairman's report;
 - Treasurer's report and presentation of balance sheet;Other items for the agenda should be submitted to the Secretary, in writing, at least 21 days before the meeting;
- c. An Extraordinary General Meeting can be called at the request of the Chairman or by the written request to the Secretary by eight full members. Fourteen days notice of such a meeting will be given to Members.

7. General

- a. The Club may seek affiliation to any organisation it feels might be advantageous to it;
- b. The colours of the Club shall be green vests with a blue band ~~and blue shorts~~. Club colours must be worn by all Members representing the Club at every competitive event.

8. Amendments to the Constitution

- a. The Constitution may only be amended at a General Meeting and on a two thirds majority of a quorum present at that meeting.