

# PACE Running Club

## CONSTITUTION

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#### Introduction

- a) The name of the club shall be Pace Running Club
- b) The Club colours shall be a \_\_\_ Blue \_\_\_ vest with \_\_\_ Green/White \_\_\_ logo.

#### Affiliation

- c) The Club shall be affiliated to the laws of Athletics Northern Ireland.

#### Membership

- d) Members shall be divided into the following classes: -
  - a) Senior Men (inc masters categories)
  - b) Senior Women (inc masters categories)
  - c) Under 23s
  - d) Under 20s
  - e) Under 18s
  - f) Under 16s
  - g) Associates

- e) Class g) membership may be offered to individuals who have special qualities likely to benefit the Club.
- f) All members shall complete an application form and an Access NI check (for clubs with under 18 or vulnerable adult members) and be accepted at a meeting of the Club Committee.
- g) The club shall recognise Athletics Northern Ireland's value of diversity.

### **Objects**

- h) The object of the Club shall be to promote Athletics and general health and fitness.
- i) The word Athletics for the purposes of these rules shall mean Track and Field Athletics and/or Road and Cross Country Running.

### **Management**

- j) The Club shall be administered by a Chairman, Vice-Chairman Secretary, Treasurer, Welfare Officer (clubs with under 18s/vulnerable adults) and Committee elected at the AGM.
- k) The Welfare Officer shall be trained to Sport NI Designated Officer level. Other club members will be trained in Safeguarding by Sport NI.
- l) The Committee shall have powers to co-opt additional members or replace any of its members.
- m) Committee members shall consist of a quorum of three members. Meetings shall be called as and when the Committee feels necessary but not less than six per year.
- n) If a quorum is not present within fifteen minutes of the specified commencement time the meeting shall be adjourned.
- o) The chairman shall be entitled to a casting vote in the event of a deadlock.

- p) The Vice-Chairman shall be entitled to act as Chairman in the absence of the Chairman. If neither are present at a meeting, the members shall elect an Acting Chairman from those members present.
- q) The AGM shall be held on or before February each year and the quorum shall be five of all paid up members.
- r) All paid up members of the Club will be notified in writing by the Secretary at least three weeks before the AGM.
- s) All matters for inclusion in the Agenda of the AGM shall be received by the Secretary at least seven days before the meeting.
- t) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 21 days of the receipt by him of a requisition signed by at least two-thirds of the members stating the business to be brought before such a meeting.

### **Subscription**

- u) Membership fees will be fixed at the AGM and are payable at the time of joining and on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. Athlete registrations will be paid to Athletics Northern Ireland within 30 days of the due date (1<sup>st</sup> Jan) and as new members join thereafter.
- v) Members who are over 30 days in arrears with fees are not eligible to represent the Club. Athletes who have not paid and are not registered with Athletics NI are not entitled to insurance at any events/training they participate in.

### **Alterations to the Constitution**

The Constitution shall be altered only at an AGM by a two-third majority of members present and voting.

Signed .....*Drew Taggart*.....

(Secretary)

February 2013

Date .....25/02/13.....