

## **FLEET & CROOKHAM ATHLETIC CLUB RULES**

*Per Clause 26 of the Club Constitution:*

*“The Charity Trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or bye laws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any Member of the CIO on request.”*

### **1. Name and Colours**

The Club, established in 1960, is called Fleet & Crookham Athletic Club (“the Club”).

The Club Colours are a white vest with red and black side panels. The wearing of these colours is required when competing for the Club unless the Rules of Competition of UKA or the IAAF provide otherwise.

### **2. Definitions**

IAAF	The world governing body for athletics, currently the International Association of Athletics Federations
President	The person elected annually to be the president of the Club in accordance with Rule 9
Chairman	The person elected annually to be the chairman of the Club in accordance with Rule 9
Honorary Secretary	The person elected annually to be the honorary secretary of the Club in accordance with Rule 9
Treasurer	The person elected annually to be the treasurer of the Club in accordance with Rule 9
The Officers	The President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer
Management Committee	The committee appointed under Rule 9 to manage the club
Members	The members of the Club admitted from time to time to membership of the Club in accordance with Rule 5
National Association	The Home Country Athletics Association to which the Club is from time to time affiliated, currently England Athletics
UKA	The UK Athletics Limited which is the governing body of athletics within the United Kingdom: Athletics House, Central Boulevard, Blythe Valley Park, Solihull B90 8AJ

Words denoting the singular number include the plural number and vice versa; words denoting the masculine gender include the feminine gender.

### 3. Membership

#### 3.1 Eligibility for Membership

- 3.1.1 Persons of either sex are eligible for membership of the Club. No person shall be denied membership of the Club on the grounds of race, ethnic origin, creed, colour, age (subject to the minimum age requirement, see 3.1.3), disability, sex, occupation, sexual orientation, religion, political or other beliefs.
- 3.1.2 Persons below the age of 18 may be elected as Junior Members without the right to hold office or vote at general meetings.
- 3.1.3 The minimum age for new members is 9 years, except that the age limit may be waived by a majority of the Management Committee in individual cases.
- 3.1.4 The number of Members may be limited to a level determined by the Management Committee due to available facilities and/or coaching capability.

#### 3.2 Classes of Members

- 3.2.1 There shall be the following classes of members for the Club:

- Full Member
- Second Claim Member
- Associate Member
- Junior Member
- Member over State Retirement Age
- Life Member

- 3.2.2 Only Full Members, Life Members and Members over State Retirement Age shall be entitled to receive notice of, and attend and vote at general meetings. The other Members shall be entitled to all the other privileges of membership other than the right to receive notice of, and attend and vote at general meetings.
- 3.2.3 All Members shall be subject to these Rules and the regulations contained in the Club Constitution, and shall respect the Rules for Competition as set from time to time by the IAAF.

#### 3.3 Subscriptions

- 3.3.1 The entrance fee and annual subscription for each type of Member shall be determined from time to time by the Management Committee provided that the Management Committee shall ensure that the fees set by it do not preclude open membership of the Club.
- 3.3.2 The Members shall pay any entrance fee and annual subscription fees set by the Management Committee from time to time.
- 3.3.3 No candidate who has been elected a Member shall be entitled to the privileges of membership until he has paid the entrance fee (if any) and his first annual subscription.
- 3.3.4 The Club shall be required to register those Members as defined by the National Association, for competition purposes, as being "active members".

### 3.4 Other

- 3.4.1 No Member shall be paid a salary, bonus fee or other remuneration for competing for the Club.

## 4. Resignation or Termination of Membership

- 4.1 The Management Committee may exclude a Member who has had their membership terminated from the Club's premises until the meeting considering his expulsion has been held.
- 4.2 Any person ceasing to be a Member forfeits all rights in relation to and claims upon the Club, its property and its funds and he has no right to the return of any part of his subscription.
- 4.3 The Management Committee may refund an appropriate part of a resigning Member's subscription if it considers it appropriate taking account of all the circumstances.
- 4.4 A Member intending to resign should ensure that they comply with the Eligibility process of the sport in the event that they wish to join another affiliated Athletics Club.

## 5. The Management Committee

- 5.1 The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee consisting of:
- (a) The President;
  - (b) The Chairman;
  - (c) The Vice-Chairman;
  - (d) The Honorary Secretary;
  - (e) The Treasurer;
  - (f) Other members elected annually at the annual general meeting.
- 5.2 The Management Committee shall decide in its discretion how Members may be nominated to be members of the Management Committee and shall notify the Members accordingly.
- 5.3 Any person nominated as a member of the Management Committee must be a Full Member of not less than one year's standing.
- 5.4 If there is only one candidate nominated to fill any particular vacancy, that candidate shall be declared elected unopposed for that particular vacancy at the next annual general meeting. If there is more than one candidate for any particular vacancy there shall be an election at the annual general meeting for that position. In the event of a tie, the candidates to be elected shall (unless the candidates otherwise agree) be determined by lot.
- 5.5 In addition to the members elected in accordance with this Rule 5, the Management Committee may co-opt up to **two** further Members who shall serve until the next annual general meeting. Co-opted members shall be entitled to vote at the meetings of the Management Committee.

## 6. Proceedings of the Management Committee

- 6.1 There shall be a minimum of four meetings of the Management Committee each year.
- 6.2 The Chairman and the Honorary Secretary shall have discretion to call emergency meetings of the Management Committee if they consider it to be in the interests of the Club.
- 6.3 The Honorary Secretary shall give all the members of the Management Committee not less than 7 days' notice of a meeting.
- 6.4 The Chairman shall be the chairman of the Management Committee.

## **7. Powers of the Management Committee**

- 7.1 The Management Committee may make rules concerning disciplinary procedures that may be taken against the Member.
- 7.2 The Management Committee may discipline Members where permitted by its rules, and may refer its Members to be disciplined by UKA or the National Association (as appropriate) where so required by the Rules and Regulations of UKA or the National Association (as the case may be).
- 7.3 The Management Committee shall have power to authorise the payment of remuneration and expenses to any Member or employee of the Club and to any other person(s) for services rendered to the Club.
- 7.4 The Management Committee shall make, repeal and amend such rules as it may from time to time consider necessary for the wellbeing of the Club. Such regulations and any repeals or amendments to them shall have effect until set aside by the Management Committee.

## **8. Financial Matters**

- 8.1 All moneys payable to the Club shall be received by the person authorised by the Management Committee to receive such moneys and shall be deposited in a bank account in the name of the Club.
- 8.2 No sum shall be drawn from the Club bank account except by cheque signed by two of the nominated signatories who shall be members of the Management Committee.
- 8.3 Any moneys not required for immediate use may be invested as the Management Committee in its discretion thinks fit.
- 8.4 The financial transactions of the Club shall be recorded in such manner as the Management Committee thinks fit by the Treasurer.
- 8.5 From time to time, with the sanction of a general meeting, money may be borrowed by the Club.
- 8.6 When so borrowing, the Management Committee shall have power to raise in any way any sum or sums of money and to raise the repayment of any sum or sums of money in such manner on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit provided that in the event that the repayment of any sum or sums is to be secured (in particular by mortgage of or charge upon,

or by the issue of debentures charged upon all or any part of the property of the Club) the grant of such security must be approved by the Club at a general meeting.

## **9. Indemnity**

- 9.1 Every Member of every Committee of the Club and every Officer or servant of the Club (whether Honorary or otherwise) shall be indemnified by the Club, and it shall be the duty of the Management Committee, out of the funds of the Club, to pay all sums losses and liabilities which any such Member, Officer or servant may incur or sustain in the bona fide execution of the duties of his/her office or in relation thereto.
- 9.2 No Member of the Club or any Committee thereof and no Office or servant of the Club, shall be liable for the acts, receipts, neglects or defaults of any other Member, Officer or servant of the Club, or for joining in any receipt for the sake of conformity or for any loss or damage occasioned by an error or judgement of oversight on the other's part, or for any loss, damage or misfortune whatever, which shall happen in the execution of the duties of his/her office or in relation thereto.