



Worthing Gazelles Club Constitution

- 1** The name of the Club is: Worthing Gazelles
- 2** The Club colours are black and pink
- 3** The objectives of the Club are to promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for running to (a) help improving fitness and health and (b) coaching, competition and other services to support these activities.
- 4** The Club shall be affiliated to England Athletics
- 5** The Club shall be deemed as non-profit making and, as such, any surplus income or gains shall be reinvested into the Club or donated to local charities. Surpluses or assets cannot be distributed to Club members or third parties.
- 6** The management of the Club is vested in a committee comprising a Chairperson, a Club Secretary, a Membership Secretary, a Treasurer, a Welfare Officer and a Health and Safety Officer.
- 7** Election of members to serve on the committee will be at the Club's Annual General Meeting (AGM) by a show of hands. Should more than one person be proposed for an office, and a job share is neither appropriate nor agreeable, the people concerned will be asked to leave the room whilst the vote is taken.
- 8** In the event that a member chooses to run against an incumbent committee member, the member challenging needs to win a super-majority of two-thirds of the votes.
- 9** To avoid conflicts of interest, members of the committee should either be registered with EA/UKA with the Club as their first claim; or be unaffiliated with EA/UKA. (i.e. They should not be second claim)
- 10** Members are eligible to serve on the committee after six months as a full member
- 11** The Committee will have the power to co-opt additional members periodically and for specific purposes. Such co-opted members shall have voting rights. Any members co-opted onto the Committee can serve for up to two years, at which point, their continued membership will need to be ratified by the AGM.
- 12** Club membership open to amateur athletes as defined by UK Athletics
- 13** All members will be subject to the regulations of the Constitution and, by joining the Club, will be deemed to have accepted those regulations, policies and Codes of Conduct the Club has adopted.
- 14** To resign, a member should inform the Club Chairperson in writing
- 15** Any member found guilty of misconduct will be subject to the Club's Code of Conduct policy
- 16** Each member shall pay an annual subscription, which shall be determined at the AGM
- 17** The Club's financial year is from 1st February – 31st January
- 18** The Club Membership subscriptions will become due on 1st April. England Athletics registrations will also become due on 1st April. Both Club and EA subscriptions must be paid by 30th June. If payment is not received by this date, membership will assume to be lapsed.
- 19** The AGM will be held in February or March
- 20** The Club Chairperson must give at least 14 days' notice of the AGM and provide all members with an agenda
- 21** The agenda will comprise but is not limited to:

- Membership report
- Financial report
- Subscription fees

Committee meetings may be arranged as need arise. Representation of half the Committee roles is required for quorum.

22 If quorum is not met, the meeting should be adjourned and rescheduled by the Chairperson with at least a week's notice. Three Committee members for that subsequent meeting is required for quorum.

23 Changes to the Constitution may only be made by the Committee and which must be voted on by full members.

24 First claim members should wear the club strip when representing the club at any race having entered under the UK Athletics "affiliated club" entry option

25 In the event that the Club is permanently disbanded by over two-thirds majority decision at a General Meeting of the members, then that meeting shall nominate a properly registered charity to receive any surplus of the Club's funds, including proceeds from the disposal of Club assets. Club trophies donated to the Club should be returned to the donor. Club trophies purchased by the Club should be given into the safe custody of a Club member nominated by the meeting. Any Club asset which includes the Club logo (e.g. kit) may only be sold to Club members.

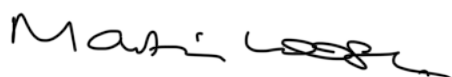
Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
AGM	Annual General Meeting
EGM	Extraordinary General Meeting
England Athletics	England Athletics Limited (company number 05583713) (or its successor body)
General Meeting	A meeting of all the members, being either an AGM or an EGM
UKA	UK Athletics Limited (company number 03686940) (or its successor body)

Signed:



Charles Simmonds
Chairperson
22/02/2024



Martin Loose
Membership Secretary
22/02/2024



Steve Pigott
Health and Safety Officer
22/02/2024