



Greenock Glenpark Harriers Club Constitution

- 1.** The club shall be called Greenock Glenpark Harriers.
- 2.** The Objectives of the Club shall be the promotion of amateur athletics. It shall be organised for the general good of the community and to encourage participation in the sport. It shall be run as a non-profit making organisation for the good of its members. The Club shall, with these objectives in mind, affiliate to the appropriate governing body or bodies of Athletics and may affiliate to any other organisation concerned with the promotion of the above objectives. Any profits, surplus or interest gained shall not be distributed among the Members but instead shall be retained within the Club and utilised towards the further development of the club and the achievement of the club's objectives.
- 3.** The general management of the club shall be vested in a Committee elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and comprising of President, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Mens Captain, Women's Captain, Coaching Rep, Social Convenor, Kit Manager, Club Welfare Officer and two Ordinary members.
- 4.** The handicapping of all appropriate club races shall be vested in a sub-committee of up to three members appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.** Membership of the club shall be open to all and no application for membership will be refused on other than reasonable grounds. There will be no discrimination on grounds of age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex; sexual orientation, political or other opinion.

6. The club operates an Equal Opportunities Policy where no one is denied the right to equal access on the grounds of age, race, creed, colour, gender, disability, occupation, religion, sexual orientation, political persuasion or marital status or having/not having dependents. Membership shall be in accordance with the categories laid down by the governing bodies of the sport. Members shall have voting rights if aged not less than sixteen years and having completed one year's membership.

7. The club is fully committed to safeguarding the welfare of all children in its care. It recognises the responsibility to promote safe practice and to protect children from harm, abuse and exploitation. Club coaches/volunteers will work together to embrace difference and diversity and respect the rights of children and young people.

8. Annual subscriptions for the ensuing year shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting. All subscriptions shall be due on the 1st October. New members' subscriptions must be paid within one month of admission, failing which the committee shall have the power to rescind membership. New Members joining after February shall make a pro-rata payment decided by the committee.

9. The Committee shall have the power to erase from the books the names of such members as have allowed their subscriptions to remain unpaid after the 31st December. Such members shall be considered resigned from the club and shall not be entitled to the rights and privileges of the Club. No member whose Annual Subscriptions is unpaid shall be eligible to participate in the Club Championships.

10. Life Membership of the Club shall be given to Members winning a Senior Scottish Championship or breaking a Senior Scottish Record or to any other Member considered by the Members of a General Meeting as worthy of the same.

11. Any Member intending to withdraw from the Club should give written notice of resignation to the Secretary before the General Meeting held in September.

12. The Committee shall have the power to suspend for any period they may deem advisable, any Member who violates the rules of the club, the rules of the governing bodies of the sport, or on any reasonable grounds. The member dealt with under this rule shall be summoned to a Committee Meeting, and shall be heard in their own defence.

13. Any Member breaking the rules of the club or the rules of the governing bodies of the sport, or doing anything prejudicial to the interest of either, may be expelled from the Club by the votes of two-thirds of the Members at a Special General Meeting.

14. The uniform of the Club shall be light blue vest with royal blue and gold hoops. Club vest shall be worn in all races.

15. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than the 30 September each year, when the Secretary and Treasurer shall submit their annual reports for the year ending 31st August; the Office Bearers and Committee to be appointed for the ensuing year; and any other competent business be transacted. Twelve members to form a quorum.

16. The Secretary shall have the power to call a committee meeting at any time. A Special General Meeting may be called:-

a) When the Committee deem it necessary:- OR

b) On a requisition being presented to the Secretary stating the matter to be discussed, and signed by at least twelve Ordinary Members.

The Secretary shall give members at least seven days notice of a Special General Meeting. In the absence of the President, the committee shall elect its own Chairman."

17. In the event of the dissolution of Greenock Glenpark Harriers, if there remains after the satisfaction of all the Club's debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other organisation or organisations having objects (that is, aims and activities) similar to the objects of the Club, such organisation or organisations to be determined by the members of the Club by

Resolution passed at a General meeting at or before the time of the dissolution, and in so far as effect cannot be given to such provision then to some charitable objects .

18. No alteration or addition to the Rules be made, except at the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, and any motion for alteration in or addition to the Rules must be put in writing before the Committee fourteen days before such Meeting, and appear together with a full agenda on the Notice board one full week before the Meeting, and such alteration or addition shall have the support of two-thirds of the Members present.