

# **EPSOM ODDBALLS RUNNING CLUB**

## **CLUB RULES**

(amended June 2017)

### **1. Objects**

The club shall be called "The Epsom Oddballs Running Club" and shall be devoted to the furtherance of fitness and competition in the spheres of road running and jogging, special emphasis being given to the encouragement of beginners in these activities.

### **2. Affiliation**

The Club shall be affiliated to the South of England Amateur Athletic Association and such other bodies as the Committee feels appropriate.

### **3. Officers and Management**

Management of the Club shall be invested in a Committee consisting of  
a Chairman  
a General Secretary  
a Treasurer  
and SIX other members.

In addition, the Committee may co-opt up to TWO additional non-voting members from amongst the membership of the Club.

The Committee will allocate specific roles to it's members and if it thinks fit, by agreement, to other members of the Club.

Committee Members are to be elected annually.

The Committee will meet as required, a majority of the committee constituting a quorum.

### **4. Membership**

Membership of the club is restricted to those eligible to compete under SEAA Rules.

A candidate for membership must apply in writing on a form provided for the purpose, which must be completed and forwarded to the Secretary with the current subscription fee.

The candidate must be proposed by a Club Member and seconded by another Club Member but will not be entitled to enjoy full rights and privileges of the Club until his application has been accepted at the next Committee Meeting.

Classes of membership are as follows:

First-claim member, or first named family member,  
Senior and Junior family members,  
Junior member.

Candidates may apply for Second-claim membership, subject to the rules and regulations of South of England Athletic Association.

A Member whose subscription is in arrears shall not be eligible to take part in any competition promoted by the Club, nor to take part in official club coaching sessions, nor be entitled to receive a copy of the Club Newsletter.

Every fully-paid-up, first-claim member or fully-paid-up, senior family member, with EOB as their first claim, shall have one vote at a General Meeting which must be cast in person.

## **5. Life Members**

The committee may at its discretion nominate a member to become a Life Member of the Club in recognition of their outstanding services to the Club. Although a Life Member shall be entitled to all benefits of ordinary members, it is expected that, should they wish to be affiliated to England Athletics, they pay those dues accordingly.

## **6. Resignation**

A Member intending to withdraw from the Club shall give notice in writing to the Secretary, and his membership shall terminate on the date of that notice unless he is financially (or otherwise) indebted to the Club, in which case the Committee may withhold acceptance of the resignation until he has discharged his liability.

A Member not having tendered his resignation by the 31<sup>st</sup> August in any year shall remain liable for the subscription due in respect of that year.

## **7. Subscription**

The Club Year shall start on 1<sup>st</sup> April and the subscription shall be due on that date.

The level of subscription shall be decided at a General Meeting and shall remain in force until altered. Any person joining the Club after the 1<sup>st</sup> January in any year shall not be liable to pay their next subscription until the following Calendar Year.

Juniors (those 16 years of age and under) and family members (additional to the first named member) shall pay a reduced annual fee, decided at a General Meeting and remaining in force until altered.

(a) The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member whose subscription is six months in arrears provided a month's notice in writing shall have been sent to such Member by a registered or recorded delivery letter, addressed to his last known address, informing him of the proposed action of the Committee.

(b) The name and address of any person so expelled from a Club in the Southern District shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the South of England AAA who shall enter his name in a book (to be called "The Black Book") kept for that purpose. Every person whose name has been so entered in a Black Book shall be suspended from competing at any Meeting held under AAA Laws until the liability causing his said expulsion, which shall not exceed one year's subscription, shall have been discharged.

## **8. Annual General Meeting**

A General Meeting shall be held during the month of June in every year to receive the Committee's Report and Financial Statement, elect Officers and Committee and deal with any other matter specified on the Agenda. The Secretary must give every Member 21 days notice of the Meeting, and notice of any business which it is desired to place on the Agenda must be given to the Secretary, by any TWO Members, at least 14 days prior to the Meeting.

## **9. Special General Meeting**

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by the Chairman or by TEN Members

of the Club sending to the Secretary a notice that such Meeting should be called. The business of such a Meeting shall be confined to the matters laid down in the notice of the Meeting. Any such Meeting shall be called within 28 days of the receipt of the notice by the Secretary who shall give not less than 14 days notice to all Members.

#### **10. Alteration of Rules**

No alteration or addition may be made to the Rules except by an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose and then only at the assent of at least two thirds of those present and voting. Votes cast in writing, by email or other means may also be taken into consideration provided that such votes are received by the General Secretary at least 24 hours before the General Meeting.

Notice of any proposed amendment must be given as provided in Rules 7 and 8.

#### **11. Club Colours**

The Club colours shall be Royal Blue and Gold (yellow).

When competing in events, Members shall wear these colours shall be displayed as the Gold (Yellow) club vest or the official issue of EOB Yellow long or short sleeve T-shirt.

#### **12. Disclaimer**

All Members must be aware that when they run with the Club they run entirely at their own risk.

#### **13. Other Matters**

Matters not covered by these Rules shall be dealt with by the Committee. Interpretation of these Rules shall be decided by the Committee.