

SOUTH YORKSHIRE ORIENTEERS

CLUB CONSTITUTION

1 Title

The name of the club shall be South Yorkshire Orienteers, hereafter called the Club.

2 Objectives

- a To further the development of, and participation in, the sport of orienteering in the locality bound by the boundaries of South Yorkshire County and areas adjacent thereto.
- b To give publicity to the sport of orienteering.
- c To take joint action with other bodies, to improve the provision of facilities for orienteering in Yorkshire and Humberside.
- d To liaise with statutory bodies, nationalised industries, commercial undertakings and private citizens, on behalf of the Club members, to obtain access to land suitable for orienteering activities by the Club and its members, i.e. to promote the development of orienteering as a sport amongst school children and young people by the provision of training, coaching and encouragement, and to liaise with local school and educational authorities over the provision of opportunities for orienteering by young people.

3 Membership

The Club aims to ensure that all people irrespective of age, gender, ability, race, religion, ethnic origin, creed, colour, social status or sexual orientation have a genuine and equality opportunity to participate in orienteering all levels and in all roles. Membership is therefore open to all and consists of such persons, family groups or other groups who pay their subscription.

4 Subscriptions

- a Every member shall pay, on entry into the Club, the annual subscription current at that date and renewable on January 1st of each succeeding year.
- b The subscription for each year shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

5 Resignation of non payment of subscription

Any member whose subscription remains unpaid on March 31st of the subscription year shall be deemed to have resigned their membership of the Club.

6 Affiliations

The Club shall be affiliated to the Yorkshire and Humberside Orienteering Association and to the British Orienteering Federation. The Club shall be bound by the rules of competition of such bodies for the time being in force.

7 Officers of the Club

The Officers of the Club shall be a Chairman, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting. Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election. Officers shall be ex-officio members of the Club Committee.

8 Conduction of the Affairs of the Club

- a The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a committee of management of not less than seven members. The Committee shall retire at each Annual General Meeting but each retiring member shall be eligible for re-election. Casual vacancies shall be filled by co-option by the Committee, and the members so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General meeting.
- b A quorum shall be five Committee members who shall then be empowered to conduct the business of the Club.
- c Committee members, who are not officials, shall be expected to undertake defined responsibilities for various functions in the running of the Club during their year of office. These functional responsibilities will cover the following: Social Organisation, Fixtures, Team Organisation, Training, Equipment, Newsletter Editor, Development, Junior representation, Lead Junior Coach, Junior Team Manager, Junior Co-ordinator, Child Protection Officer and Mapping. These responsibilities may be combined or shared between one or more Committee members or officials.

9 Rules for Annual meetings

- a The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held within 30 days commencing on the 1st November of each year, or as appropriate as the Committee shall decide.
- b The notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to all members at least 21 days before the proposed date of the meeting.
- c Twelve members shall form a quorum at the Annual General Meeting.
- d At the Annual General Meeting the accounts of the Club shall be presented, and the Chairman's, Secretary's and Treasurer's reports presented. The officials and Committee for the following year shall be elected.
- e Special General Meetings of the Club shall be held at such times as the Committee shall decide, or upon written application to the Secretary by 10% of the voting members of the Club. General Meetings shall be held within 60 days of the calling of the same by the Committee, or upon written request by members. Notices of Special General meetings, together with the Agenda shall be sent, to all members at least 21 days before the proposed date of the meeting.
- f All members of the Club present at a General meeting shall have the right to vote as follows:
 - Each individual member shall have one vote.
 - Each family membership shall have one vote per family.
 - Each group membership shall have one vote per group.

No proxy votes shall be allowed.

- g Motions proposed, or amendments thereto, shall be deemed carried by simple majority vote, except for motions to dissolve the Club (see clause 12a).

- h The Constitution and Rules of the Club may be amended by a motion carried by simple majority at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. Any proposed amendment to the Rules or Constitution shall be given in writing to the Secretary, at least six weeks before the date of the meeting called to discuss the proposed amendment.

10 Finance

The financial year of the Club shall run from the 1st June to the 31st May of the year following. The accounts shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting after independent audit by two auditors who are not members of the Committee and who will report on the same to the Annual General Meeting. The Club shall have a bank account and all transactions written against the funds of the Club shall be signed by one signatory. The list of signatories shall be maintained by the Committee

11 Dissolution

- a The Club shall only be dissolved by a motion carried at an Annual General Meeting by not less than 75% of the votes recorded.
- b The motion for dissolution of the Club shall be incorporated into any notice calling for the Annual General Meeting.
- c In the event of dissolution of the Club, any assets thereof shall be disposed of as directed by a simple majority at the meeting called to dissolve the Club.
- d No assets of the Club shall be distributed amongst any individual, family group, or group members of the Club in any way whatsoever.

Agreed by the Annual General Meeting 19 November 1979

Amended by the Annual General Meeting 21 October 2002

Amended by the Annual General Meeting 15 October 2007

Amended by the Annual General Meeting 3 December 2016