

Gala Harriers Constitution

1. Name

The name of the organisation shall be "GALA HARRIERS".

2. Aim

To promote interest, participation and the development of athletics activities in the Scottish Borders.

3. Objectives

The objectives of Gala Harriers shall be:

- a) To assist with the co-ordination of athletics, for both junior and adult participants, regardless of age, gender and ability.
- b) To promote athletics competitions, festivals and other developmental events as considered desirable.
- c) To assist individual athletes, coaches, officials and volunteers by supporting and/or arranging coaching, education courses and pathways for improving personal performance.
- d) To liaise with Scottish Athletics Ltd. and the appropriate local agencies on all matters related to the development of athletics in the area.
- e) To further the foregoing objectives by organising such activities, raising funds and taking such other action as deemed appropriate by the Gala Harriers.

4. Office Bearers

- a) The Office Bearers shall consist of the President, the Men's and Ladies' Captains, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such others as Gala Harriers should deem necessary.

- b) All Office Bearers shall retire at the Annual General Meeting of the group but shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The election of the General Committee thereafter will be held at the conclusion of the Annual General Meeting for that purpose.

5. General Committee

- a) The Gala Harriers shall have a General Committee consisting of no more than twelve members. Each member has one vote.
- b) The General Committee shall have power to elect Officers with a responsibility for the organisation, co-ordination and operation of Gala Harriers' activities, such as races, coaching, social events and the like. The Officer shall have the power to set up a sub-group, from the Club's membership, to promote, manage and organise these activities.
- c) The members of the General Committee in so far as not ex-officio, shall retire at the Annual General Meeting of the Gala Harriers but shall be eligible for re-election.
- d) The General Committee shall have power to co-opt persons to fill casual vacancies therein but maintaining the foregoing categories of membership.
- e) The General Committee shall meet at such intervals as they deem necessary.

6. Meetings

- a) The President, whom failing, the Secretary shall preside over all meetings of the group and the General Committee. In the absence of both the President and the Secretary, those present, as appropriate, shall appoint one of their members to preside.

- b) The Annual General Meeting of the group shall be held no later than fourteen months since the previous AGM.
- c) There shall be a quorum when at least one-third of the members of the committee or four members of the committee, whichever is the greater, are present at the meeting.
- d) All meetings of the group shall be called by the Secretary. Notice in writing shall be given as to the time and place of the meeting.

Minimum periods of notice shall be as follows:-

Annual General Meeting - 14 days

General Committee - 7 days

- e) A Special General Meeting of the group shall be held if requested by any seven members of the group, in writing, addressed to the Secretary and stating the nature of the business proposed to be considered at such a meeting. Any Special General Meeting shall be held within 21 days of receipt by the Secretary.
- f) Voting at meetings of the group shall be on the basis of one vote per member present and the Chairman of the meeting shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote. Voting shall be by show of hands.

7. Finance

- a) Proper financial records shall be kept by the Treasurer, who shall be responsible for advising the club on all financial matters affecting its activities.
- b) The financial year for Gala Harriers shall be from 1st August to 31st July.

- c) All monies received on behalf of the club shall be paid into a Bank Account in the name of 'Gala Harriers Club' into a Bank approved by the General Committee.
- d) All payments shall be made by cheque drawn on the Bank Account of the club and shall be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the Secretary.

8. Amendment of Constitution

No amendment shall be made to the Constitution except by a resolution approved by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting of the group, providing always that at least fourteen days' notice of any proposed amendment shall have been given to Members of the group.

9. Dissolution

- a) Gala Harriers shall not be dissolved except by resolution carried by a majority of two-thirds of those members present and voting at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose.
- b) In the event of the Gala Harriers being dissolved all the funds thereof shall be transferred to the local Sports Development Group for athletics activities only.