

HAMPSHIRE CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

League Constitution

1 Title

The League shall be called the Hampshire Cross Country League.
Identification of the League in external publicity may incorporate recognition of any sponsorship.

2 Responsibility

The League is registered with England Athletics and the member clubs of the league will be registered with and conform to their rules as specified.

3 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the HCCL are:

- a to encourage and promote cross country running
- b to encourage competition for both sexes from the age of eleven to increase their interest and enthusiasm in cross country running for those clubs affiliated to the league

4 Competitions

All competitions will be organised and conducted in accordance with any current laws pertaining to Data Protection, Safeguarding and Insurance.

5 Membership

Membership for the League is open to all Hampshire clubs and selected clubs from the bordering counties subject to their being affiliated to England Athletics.

The League's Managing Committee must approve all applications for membership of the League.

6 The League Managing Committee

The League Managing Committee shall consist of the officers of the league, who are

- Chairman
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Results Secretary (to a maximum of two)
- Social Media Manager

The election of the Management Committee will be held at each Annual General Meeting (AGM). In the event of a position becoming vacant the Committee can co-opt a replacement until an AGM election is held.

7 Finance

The financial assets of the League shall be held in the name of the League in a bank account approved by the AGM. Each cheque shall be signed by one of the three main officers (Chairman, Treasurer or Secretary).

An annual financial statement shall be presented at each AGM. This shall be audited by an independent auditor approved at the preceding AGM.

8 Affiliation Fees

Affiliated clubs will pay an affiliation fee per season, payable on or before the first fixture.

The affiliation fee will be determined from the results of the previous season and will comprise three tiers, based on the total number of finishes by a club's members in all the races. Assignment of clubs to the highest tier for the new season will be decided at the preceding AGM.

The lowest subscription tier will be applied to clubs fielding very few runners in the previous season. The clubs are to be selected by the committee.

All other clubs, including new members of the league, will usually pay the middle tier.

In order to encourage smaller clubs, the committee shall have the power to reduce a member club's affiliation fee to the lowest tier.

9 Arrears of Affiliation Fees

Any club failing to pay its affiliation fee by 31 October of the current season will be notified by suitable means (e.g. letter, e-mail). Offending clubs will be liable to a £10 late payment penalty charge in addition to the normal league affiliation fee.

10 Safety

All member clubs must acquaint themselves and their athletes with the hazards of cross country running. They must always co-operate with officials and consider the safety of fellow athletes.

Host clubs will conduct a course risk assessment prior to the event commencing and have a race permit approved by England Athletics displayed on the day of competition.

11 Discipline

The Management Committee is empowered to deal with any disciplinary matter that directly involves the conduct of the League and will notify their action to clubs involved.

12 Resignation

Resignation to be submitted in writing. Affiliation fees will not be refunded.

13 Voting Rights

Each club affiliated to the League will have one representative vote at the AGM. There is no restriction on numbers of club members attended the AGM.

The members of the Managing Committee in their own right irrespective of their club association will have one vote each.

14 General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting should be held within two weeks of the first day of July to receive the Management Committee's reports and financial statement, to elect the officers and to deal with other specified matters on the agenda.

Items for agenda should be noticed either in writing or by e-mail at least one week prior to the AGM.

15 Extraordinary General Meetings

An EGM shall be called by the Secretary on receiving a request signed by five member clubs and stating the object of the meeting, or on being directed to do so by the Management Committee. The Secretary shall give at least four weeks notices of such an EGM to all members entitled to vote at the meeting. Such notice shall state the object of the meeting

16 Amendments to the Constitution

No alternations or additions may be made to the Constitution except at the AGM or at any EGM called for the purpose.

The League Constitution may only be changed by a two-thirds majority of the qualified voting members in attendance at the meeting

17 Liability

The League accepts no liability for loss or damage to the property of any of its members nor for any personal injury sustained by any member received while participating or competing in any of the League's activities.

18 Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the League can only be passed at an AGM or EGM by a two-thirds majority of the qualified voting members in attendance at the meeting.

In the event of dissolution any funds and effects of the HCCL remaining after all debts have been met will be donated to the County Athletic Associations proportional to the County affiliated clubs represented for use in the furtherance of amateur athletics in the counties.

This Constitution was adopted at the AGM held on 21 June 2024.