

M60 Athletic Network

Constitution

1.0 Name

The group shall be called the M60 Athletic Network

2.0 Aims and Objectives

2.1 The aim of the group is to pursue, promote and implement opportunities for all to participate in athletics in the clubs associated with the England Athletics Network serving the outer Greater Manchester area linked by the M60 orbital motorway.

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The objectives of the group shall be to:

- Actively encourage all to come into and remain in the sport
- Develop school club links
- Actively promote awareness of equality and diversity within the sport
- Link with current and future local and national initiatives
- Provide advice and assistance to other potential partners
- Identify and develop coaching and volunteering skills
- Raise the profile of athletics within the Outer Greater Manchester area and beyond
- Maintain adequate funding to further the aims of the group

3.0 Membership

3.1 The group shall consist of officers and members who represent clubs and organisations that are interested in the development of athletics (see byelaw 1)

3.2 Membership of the group shall be open and not unreasonably restricted on the grounds of sex, race, disability or of political, religious or other opinions, to any club or organisation in the outer Greater Manchester area which is prepared to accept and support the objectives of the group

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In accepting membership, a club or organisation agrees to abide by the constitution of the group

4.0 Disciplinary Procedures and Child Protection

- 4.1** Disciplinary matters will be dealt with under the individual constitutions of the relevant club or body
- 4.2** All of the clubs in the group have a welfare officer and have a child protection policy in place and will deal with any issues that arise concerning their particular club under their own procedures

5.0 Management

- 5.1** The affairs of the group shall be conducted by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the officers of the group plus ordinary members all of whom will be elected at the Annual General Meeting from and by the members of the group
- 5.2** The officers of the group, who shall be honorary, shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary. If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should become vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting
- 5.3** All the officers are elected for a period of one year, but may be re-elected to the same office or another office the following year
- 5.4** Nomination of candidates for election of officers shall be made to the Secretary at least 14 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting date. Nominations can only be made by members of the group and must be seconded by another member
- 5.5** The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of three times per year
- 5.6** In order to be a quorum a meeting must be attended by a representative of 4 clubs and one other member of the group
- 5.7** When a vote is to be taken on any issue each club will have one vote each, with the chairman having the casting vote in the result of a tie.

6.0 Duties of the Executive Committee

- 6.1** To promote the aims and objectives of the group
- 6.2** To keep accurate accounts of the finances of the group via the treasurer. Accounts should be available for inspection by members and should be audited before every AGM. The group shall maintain a bank current account and chairman, secretary and treasurer shall be authorised to sign group cheques, 2 of the 3 signatures will always be required on a group cheque.

The treasurer should also be authorised to make **approved** payments using the electronic payment system provided by the bank.

7.0 Annual General Meetings

7.1 The Annual General Meeting of the group shall be held not later than the end of September each year. Twenty one clear days notice shall be given to members of the AGM by circulating a copy of the notice to every group member at their stated address or email address. Members must advise the Secretary of any business to be moved at the AGM at least fourteen days before the meeting. The Secretary shall circulate minutes and give notice of the agenda for the meeting to members not less than seven days before the meeting.

7.2 The purpose of the AGM shall be to:

- Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM and any General Meetings held since the last AGM
- Receive the audited accounts for the year from the Treasurer
- Receive the annual report of the committee from the Secretary
- Elect an auditor
- Elect the officers of the group
- Consider changes to the constitution (see byelaw 3)
- Review and consider any bye-laws
- Transact such other business received by the Secretary from members fourteen days prior to the meeting and included on the agenda

Note: The agenda could provide for 'Any Other Business', but members should be encouraged to refer other items to a general committee meeting and give the required notice for important AGM business.

7.3 Special General Meetings may be convened by the Executive Committee or on receipt by the Secretary of a request in writing. At least twenty one days notice of the meeting shall be given

7.4 At all Annual General Meetings, the Chair will be taken by the Chairperson, or in their absence, by the Vice Chair or a member attending the meeting

7.5 With the exception of changes to the constitution decisions made at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting shall be by a simple majority of votes from those **clubs and organisations** attending the meeting. Each member of the group shall be entitled to one vote at Annual General Meetings or Special General Meetings. In the event of equal votes, the Chair shall be entitled to an additional casting vote

8.0 Dissolution

- 8.1 Grounds for dissolution may exist, for instance in the cases such as lack funds, a drop in the support of member clubs and associations or changes in governing body policy
- 8.2 If, at any General Meeting of the group, a resolution be passed calling for the dissolution of the group, the Secretary shall immediately convene a Special General Meeting of the group to be held not less than one month thereafter to discuss and vote on the resolution
- 8.3 If, at that Special General Meeting, the resolution is carried by at least two thirds of the members present, the Executive Committee shall thereupon, or at such date as shall have been specified in the resolution, proceed to release the assets of the group and discharge all debts and liabilities of the group

After discharging all debts and liabilities of the group the remaining assets shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members but shall be returned to England Athletics. Any deficit, should any arise, will be met equally by the member clubs and organisations.

Constitution adopted on 2012

Clubs in attendance: