

TODMORDEN HARRIERS CONSTITUTION

Proposed for consideration by AGM February 2006

1. The title of the club shall be:-

TODMORDEN HARRIERS

2. The object of the club shall be:-

- a) To encourage the practice and development of the running disciplines of amateur athletics in particular Fell running, Road running, Cross country running and Trail running
- b) To provide coaching for members and organise competitions
- c) To organise teams to represent the Club in championship and leagues.

3. The club will not have a headquarters but will meet weekly for pack runs at venues to be decided by the Committee.

4. Membership shall be open to anyone over the age of 7 years. Any junior under 18 participating in a pack run must be accompanied by a responsible person over 18. Each applicant for membership must complete an official application form and must be proposed and seconded by club members. The Committee have the right to refuse membership on reasonable grounds.

5 The management of the club shall be vested in the officers of the management Committee which shall consist of President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership secretary, Press Secretary plus any member over 18 attending the Committee Meetings. The chairman will hold a casting vote. Club rules not covered by the Constitution can be changed by majority vote at a Committee Meeting. Any major changes which an officer feels should be put to the membership can be vetoed by any one of the club officers. In this instance an EGM would be called by the Chairman or Secretary within 1 month of the veto.

The Committee has the power to nominate club members to other non-officer roles (eg team captains, kit manager, child protection officer, coaches etc)

All deductions from the Todmorden Harriers Account must be approved by two officers. The finances of the club will be reported by the Treasurer or his nominee at each Committee Meeting. The Committee will decide how club funds are used.

6 Annual subscriptions

The following year's membership subscription for seniors and juniors will be decided at the AGM. The annual subscription is due for payment by members in the month of March. For new members the annual subscription must accompany the application for club membership. Any member joining after December 1st will be deemed to have paid the subscription for the following year. No member shall take part in any club event or be selected to represent the club in any competition unless subs for the current year have been paid.

7 A member intending to resign his membership shall give one month's notice in writing to the Secretary. The membership of any member whose subs fall three months in arrears will be deemed to have resigned from the club.

8 The AGM shall be held in the month of February for the purpose of

- a) receiving the annual report of the officers
- b) receiving the Treasurer's statement of accounts and balance sheet – the accounts will be available for inspection by members.

- c) electing the Committee officers for the ensuing year.
- d) considering any amendments to the constitution.

Any proposed change to the Constitution by a member must be received by the Chairman or Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the AGM in order that all members have sufficient notice of the proposal.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to all members of the date and venues and agenda items for the AGM. Each fully paid member at the meeting shall have one vote. Members who cannot attend the AGM through genuine causes can nominate an officer of the club to vote on their behalf. A letter to this effect must be given to the officer. Postal votes will be accepted

9 An EGM shall be called by the Chairman or Secretary within one month of the receipt of a letter signed by at least 12 members stating the purpose of the meeting. At least 14 days notice shall be given to fully paid up members of date, time, place, and subject of any EGM. No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting.

10 The club shall be affiliated to any athletics or sports related bodies that the Committee consider appropriate.

11 All club members must comply with club rules when appropriate and act reasonably and responsibly when representing the club. The officials can call to task any offending member. The officers of the Committee shall, by majority vote, have the power to expel any member found to be guilty of gross misconduct. The disciplinary procedure will consist of:

- (i) a letter requesting the member to attend a disciplinary hearing
- (ii) a disciplinary hearing before 3 club officers (excluding the Chairman) to hear all the evidence, call witnesses as appropriate and where a verbal decision will be issued.
- (iii) a letter to the member confirming the decision
- (iv) a right of appeal to the club Chairman.
- (v) the member may be accompanied by another club member at the disciplinary hearing and appeal if they so wish.

12 Club colours are as follows: white vest or top with diagonal red and blue stripes.

13 The club will pay the fees of members attending coaching courses at the discretion of the Committee

14 This constitution may not be altered nor added to except at the AGM or an EGM convened for the purpose.

Constitution amended in:
1978, 1979, 1988,
February 2006

Signed:

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Date