



## Club Constitution

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**1. Club Name & Colours:**

The Club will be known as Street Striders (thereafter the club), the club colours are Burgundy (Primary) and Navy Blue (Secondary).

**2. Aim / Ambition:**

To provide a fun and social organisation to promote and support both road and trail running within the community across all levels of ability

**3. Home:**

The club will be based at Strode Leisure Centre, Street, Somerset.

**4. Objectives:**

- a. To be a fun, social and pressure free environment for all club members to enjoy all things running.
- b. Encourage active involvement in road and cross country events in both a competitive, fun and social manner.
- c. To organise club races which are to be actively supported by all members.
- d. To invest in events (both social and competitive) and the development of the club and its members the club will maintain healthy finances which will be set out by the committee each year at the AGM.
- e. Support the development of club runners through structured training and coaching.
- f. Make the club accessible to the community through initiatives such as C25K and by organising running events for all.
- g. The club will be fully inclusive in all its operations and activities, operating in an open and honest manner.
- h. The club shall be affiliated as a minimum through ARC and pay all relevant affiliation fees.

- i. The club will hold a bank account through which all its financial transactions will be managed.
- j. At launch the club will be for over 18s only, this will be reviewed each year at the AGM and the constitution updated if / when the decision is made to change this.

#### 5. Sports Equity

- a. This Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:
  - b. Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.
  - c. The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
  - d. The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
  - e. All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
  - f. The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

#### 6. Membership:

- a. Membership will consist of officers and members of the club. All members are subject to the club rules, regulations and code of conduct and will abide by the constitution. Joining the club it will be deemed as acceptance of these regulations.
- b. Membership fees will be paid in advance annually, Subscriptions will be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year and must be paid no later than the 1st May. Those not paying by the 1<sup>st</sup> May will have their membership terminated and will no longer be able to participate.
- c. Prospective members and visitors from other clubs will be encouraged to try up to 3 of the regular club runs or training sessions. Thereafter they will be required to join the club in order to participate in club activities and receive the full benefits of membership.

#### 7. Officers of the club

- a. The officers of the club will include the following:
  - Chair person
  - Secretary
  - Treasurer

- Membership Secretary
  - Welfare officer
  - Communications & Social Media officer
  - Team Captains
  - Kit Manager
  - Club Race Director
- b. The core of the Executive Committee will consist of the Chair Person, Secretary and Treasurer as a minimum to maintain the club. Positions may change or be added as the club develops.
  - c. All officers will retire annually and be eligible for reappointment at the AGM.

## 8. Finances

- a. The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- b. The financial year of the club will run from 1<sup>st</sup> April and end on 31<sup>st</sup> March
- c. All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- d. An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- e. Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of any two officers names on the mandate.
- f. All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

## 9. Committee

- a. The club will be managed through the club committee consisting of the above officers positions.
- b. Only club officers will have the right to vote at committee meetings.
- c. The club committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary and will be held no less than 4 times per year.
- d. Any Officer missing 3 committee meetings will be ineligible to stand for re-election at the next AGM, unless unanimously agreed by the committee.
- e. The quorum required for business to be agreed at club committee meetings will be 50% +1. Decisions will be taken by a majority vote of those present. Where a 50 / 50 split vote occurs the Chair Person will have the deciding vote.
- f. All committee members must be members of the Club.
- g. If required, the committee shall elect a Vice Chair from among its number.
- h. The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- i. The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- j. The Committee will have powers to appoint a sub-committee and / or advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

- k. If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.

10. Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings

- a. General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- b. The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of March to:
  - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
  - Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
  - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
  - Receive a report from those responsible for certifying the Club's accounts.
  - Elect the officers on the committee.
  - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
  - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
  - Deal with other relevant business.
- c. Notice of the AGM will be given by the club secretary with at least 14 days' notice to be given to all members.
- d. Nominations for officers of the committee will be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM.
- e. Proposed changes to the constitution shall be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate at least 7 days before an AGM.
- f. All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- g. The quorum for AGMs will be a majority vote, 50% +1 of those present.
- h. The Chairman of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.
- i. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 25% of the members of the Club. The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the committee members.
- j. All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

11. Amendments to the constitution

- a. The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

## 12. Discipline and appeals

- a. All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.
- b. The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 7 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- c. The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.
- d. There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

## 13. Dissolution

- a. A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- b. In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any clubs funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will become the property of Street Parkrun.

## 14. Declaration

Street Striders hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

<b>Name</b>		<b>Position</b>	Chair
<b>Sign</b>		<b>Date</b>	

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