



## EASINGWOLD RUNNING CLUB BYE LAWS

Pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Easingwold Running Club, the Bye Laws are as below:-

### 1 MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Membership is open to the following:

- (i) Persons, aged 18 or over
- (ii) Persons aged between 11 and 17

The following protocol will apply in relation to members aged 11-17 years: -

- A parent/grandparent/guardian, who must also be a member, should accompany the junior member for the duration of the run and at all times. The parent/grandparent/guardian, can join as a non-running social member.
- If the parent/grandparent/guardian is unable to accompany the junior member then they should nominate a member in the appropriate running group to accompany and take full responsibility for the junior member for the duration of the run and at all times
- The nominated member should not be the group/run leader as they have other responsibilities to fulfil
- The nominated member will inform the group/run leader that they will be responsible for the junior member
- When competing in externally organised under 18's events, 11-17 year olds will abide by the organisers' rules in full. When competing in club organised events (eg George Becton, Cross Country etc), 11 - 17 year olds will require written permission from their parent, grandparent or guardian to accompany and validate entry in any such events. 11-17 year olds will only be allowed to compete up to the distances prescribed by current UK Athletics Rules for competition maximum distances (currently Rule T3 141) Their participation is subject to the event organiser's discretion and specific risk assessment.

- 1.2 Applications for club membership can only be accepted on the online application form at <https://membermojo.co.uk/easingwoldrunningclub> Applications cannot be accepted from persons unwilling to tick the 'Member Agreement' at the bottom of the application form.
- 1.3 Easingwold Running Club will be known as the 'First Claim Club' to those members joining the Club as their first Club (First Claim Member). Membership is also open to Second Claim Members who join the Club for social, coaching and other reasons. Second Claim Members can only represent the Club in competitions that specifically state that the competition is open to Second Claim Members (*UK Athletics Rules G1, G2 and G3*).
- 1.4 The committee reserves the right to refuse membership or expel any member who brings the Club into disrepute.
- 1.5 Guests:
- (i) Guest runners are welcome to run with the club and will be encouraged to join.
  - (ii) Guests aged 11-17 must be accompanied by a parent/grandparent/guardian who is a club member.
  - (iii) All guests would be expected to join after two visits. Thereafter, in exceptional circumstances, and subject to approval of the committee, guests may be granted Temporary Membership extended guest status for a limited period.

## **2 SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- 2.1 The Club membership year shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March. Members will normally be asked to renew for the following year after 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- England Athletics (EA) membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March.
- 2.2 All funds raised by the Club will be used to provide resources and advice for the benefit and use of its members. Funds will also be used to support activities directly connected to the efficient management or the social activities of the Club.
- 2.3 Equipment purchased for the Club will be owned by the Club and managed by the members.
- 2.4 Individuals will be eligible for membership following payment of an annual subscription payable before 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

If you join the club between 1st October and 31st March, a reduced

membership fee will apply (please choose the Half Year option if it is available). This will normally need approval before joining just to check you are selecting the most appropriate membership for you. You will be charged the England Athletics fee and then 50% of the rest of the membership fee.

If you join the club between 1st January and 28 February, you will pay a reduced fee upon renewal in April as your registration fee also covers the following England Athletics fee for the following affiliation year. Note – this does not apply to lapsed athletes or those who have changed clubs, it only applies to those being registered with England Athletics for the very first time.

If you join the club after 1st March, your membership will be rolled into the next year.

Those joining January to March will be registered but will not receive documents until the following England Athletics year from April.

2.5 The annual subscription for each class of member will be determined by members at the Annual General Meeting of the Club Members.

(i)	The classes:	
	Full membership (1st Claim)	The Club Fee + England Athletics Fee
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Claim membership	The Club Fee
	Concessions	Half Club Fee + England Athletics Fee
	Half Year Fee	50% of yearly Club Fee + England Athletics Fee
	Non Running Social Membership	The Club Fee
	Honorary Membership (where nominated by the Committee)	England Athletics Fee

- (ii) Concessions:  
Those in full time education;  
Those in receipt of state retirement benefit;  
Those in receipt of state unemployment benefit.

2.6 Every member shall be notified by 1<sup>st</sup> March that subscriptions are due by 1<sup>st</sup> April. If, after 30<sup>th</sup> April, the subscription has not been paid membership shall lapse forthwith.

2.7 Any member may resign membership by giving the Secretary notice in writing to that effect (*UK Athletics Rules G1, G2 and G3 and Easingwold Running Club Rules 11.1.2*).

2.8 Upon a person ceasing to be a member of the Club that person shall forfeit all rights in relation to and claims upon the Club, its property and its funds (*Easingwold Running Club Rules 11.3*).

2.9 Every member of the Club shall update their personal details on the online application form on membermojo and the England Athletics portal.

### **3 ACCOUNTS AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION**

3.1 The financial year of the Club shall end on the 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year.

3.2. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the funds of the Club, which shall be kept in a recognised bank or building society. Any expenditure amount under £100 may be signed off by the Treasurer alone, any amount above this amount must be approved by two of the designated signatories.

3.3 An independent examination of the accounts shall be carried out by a competent person after the end of the financial year. The nominated individual shall be approved by the Committee, can be a member, but should not be party to decision making and should not be a Committee member. The accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

3.4 No member shall, except for services rendered at the request of the Committee on any pretence or in any manner receive any profit, salary or emoluments from the funds or transactions of the Club.

3.5 The Club will budget each year to hold reserves to cover cash flow and reduction in income due to reduced membership. This budgeted reserve will not exceed £1,500.