



Motherwell Athletics Club

Club Constitution

Name

This shall be Motherwell Athletic Club – herein referred to as ‘the Club’.

Objects

The object of the Club is to provide structures, finance and support to coaches and athletes to allow individuals and the club to thrive, contributing to both the community and the Scottish, International and World athletics arena.

Membership

- a) Application for membership shall be made in writing to the club secretary and approved by a majority of the Management Committee.
- b) Each member shall pay a fee decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) Subscriptions must be paid for the current season before a member can compete for the club. Fees cover the period 1st January to 31st December.
- d) To resign, a member must inform the club secretary in writing.
- e) All members will abide by the Codes of Conduct as amended at the Annual General Meeting.
- f) Any member guilty of misconduct [i.e. behaviour contrary to this constitution or the standard set by U K Athletics Limited] may be cautioned once or expelled from the club by a majority decision of the management committee. Any person expelled will have the right to appeal to a management committee meeting called at this request not later than 2 weeks from the date of the expulsion.
- g) The club may appoint Honorary members at an Annual General Meeting.

Management

- a) The Management Committee shall consist of a Chairman, Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, Minute Secretary, Coaching representative, Track and Field representative, Road Runners’ representative, Welfare Officer and up to six other members who will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) The Management Committee shall meet at least four times a year or at the request of any two Committee Members.
- c) A quorum for the Management Committee shall be five.
- d) All decisions will be by a majority vote: the Chairman shall only have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
- e) The Management Committee has the power to co-opt extra members up to a limit of three, to create trustees, and to form sub-committees as and when required.
- f) Management Committee Members are subject to the same disciplinary measures as Ordinary members. In addition failure to attend three consecutive management committee meetings without just cause will incur disqualification from the Management Committee.
- g) Two auditors who must not be Committee Members must be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting to audit all Club accounts and prepare a report to be submitted to the AGM.
- h) The Club may elect an Honorary President at the AGM who may choose not to be involved in the management of the club.



Annual General Meeting

- a) The Annual General Meeting will be held during October and the following business undertaken:
 - i) The Chairman's Report will be read and discussed.
 - ii) The audited Annual Accounts will be presented.
 - iii) The Officials will be elected.
 - iv) Any other business will be discussed.
- b) Motions to be discussed must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary at least one week before the meeting.
- c) Twenty paid up and voting members will constitute a quorum.
- d) Standing orders and rules may be changed by a two-thirds majority decision.
- e) Only members of fifteen years of age and over will be eligible to vote.
- f) Only members with fully paid subscriptions for the previous season will be eligible to vote.
- g) The Chairman will only have a casting vote in the event of a tie.

Ordinary General Meeting

- a) An Ordinary General Meeting may be called after two weeks notice to all members by the Management Committee, or upon receiving a petition signed by ten paid up and voting members to discuss matters of pressing urgency.

Club Colours

- a) Burgundy vests with a gold band bearing the words 'Motherwell AC' in burgundy with burgundy shorts.
- b) Members representing the Club and competing in competitive events must wear the Club colours.

Amendments to the Constitution

- a) The Management Committee, by a majority vote at a quorum meeting, may propose amendments to the Constitution. They must then call an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting at which a quorum will consist of twenty voting members, giving four weeks notice to all members.
- b) Alternatively, ten ordinary paid up and voting members may petition the Secretary in writing to call an Extra-Ordinary Meeting in which the conditions set out in 8A above will apply with respect to calling the meeting and voting at it.
- c) Voting rights at the Annual General Meeting will pertain.

Dissolution

- a) The Management Committee, by two-thirds majority at a quorum meeting, may propose to dissolve the Club. They must then call an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting giving four weeks notice to all Club Members. If the motion is carried by a two-thirds majority then the Club is dissolved.
- b) Alternatively, ten ordinary paid up voting members may petition the Club Secretary in writing to call an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting in which the conditions above will apply with regard to calling the meeting and voting in it.
- c) Voting rights as at the Annual General Meeting will pertain.
- d) Upon dissolution of the Club any funds remaining after all debts have been met will be donated to a suitable cause or organisation to be decided upon at the time.