

NORTHERN ATHLETICS OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION

REVISED CONSTITUTION RATIFIED AT AGM 1st OCTOBER 2023.

1. NAME

- 1.1. The Association shall be called the Northern Athletics Officials Association.
- 1.2. The area covered by the Association shall be defined as the
- 1.3. North East, North West and Yorkshire & Humberside Regions of England Athletics.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1. Membership of the Association shall be open to any athletics official with a UKA affiliation to athletics in the North of England.

3. AIMS

- 3.1. To act at all times in the best interests of the members.
- 3.2. To encourage a high standard of officiating.
- 3.3. To raise the status of officials.
- 3.4. To represent the views of members on issues affecting officials.
- 3.5. To improve the standards of facilities provided for officials.
- 3.6. To disseminate information and produce a newsletter.
- 3.7. To assist in the training of officials.

4. COMMITTEE

- 4.1. The management of the Association shall be vested in a committee elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The committee shall consist of three officers of the Association and regional and discipline representatives as detailed below.
- 4.2. The four officers of the association are:
 - 4.2.1. Chairman
 - 4.2.2. Secretary
 - 4.2.3. Treasurer
 - 4.2.4. Membership Secretary
- 4.3. Two regional representatives shall be elected from each region.
 - 4.3.1. North East,
 - 4.3.2. North West, and
 - 4.3.3. Yorkshire & Humberside
- 4.4. One discipline representative shall be elected from each discipline. (Field, Track, Timekeeping, Starting/Marking and Endurance)
- 4.5. The committee shall deal with all matters concerning the Association
- 4.6. The committee shall have power to co-opt additional members, if required.
- 4.7. The committee shall meet at least three times per year. A quorum shall consist of six committee members to include at least two officers.
- 4.8. The committee shall have power to appoint a Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor and such sub-committees and working parties, as deemed necessary.
- 4.9. In case of emergency, the officers may act collectively on behalf of the committee.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 5.1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held within six months of the end of the financial year.
- 5.2. The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:
 - 5.2.1. To receive the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
 - 5.2.2. To receive the Annual Report.
 - 5.2.3. To receive the Annual Accounts.
 - 5.2.4. To elect the Officers and the Committee
 - 5.2.5. To elect an Honorary Auditor.
 - 5.2.6. To consider alterations to the Constitution.
- 5.3. The Constitution may only be changed at an Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose.
- 5.4. Amendments to the Constitution must be passed by two thirds of those present and voting. Matters other than amendments to the Constitution shall be passed by a simple majority vote.
- 5.5. Members of the Association shall receive not less than twenty-one days' notice, in writing, of the date of the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.6. Proposed amendments to the constitution shall be made in writing to the Secretary of the Association not later than fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting-
- 5.7. Nominations for officers of the Association and regional and discipline representatives shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.

6. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6.1. A Special General Meeting of the Association shall be convened by the Secretary on receipt of a request in writing, signed by not less than thirty (30) paid up members.
- 6.2. Members of the Association shall receive not less than twenty-one (21) days' notice, in writing, of a Special General Meeting stating the purpose of the meeting.
- 6.3. No business other than that identified in the written request shall be conducted at a Special General Meeting.
- 6.4. Voting at a Special General Meeting shall be the same as for the Annual General Meeting.

7. FINANCE

- 7.1. All moneys accruing from the activities of the Association shall become the property of the Association.
- 7.2. All expenditure shall be authorised by the Committee. Cheques shall be signed by any two authorised signatories.
- 7.3. The financial year shall run from 1st September to 31st August.
- 7.4. The accounts shall be audited prior to presentation to the Annual General Meeting.

8. DISSOLUTION

- 8.1. In the event of the dissolution of the Northern Athletic Officials Association any assets, after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be transferred to an organisation having similar aims to the Association.