

**BEDFORD & COUNTY ATHLETIC CLUB LIMITED (“THE CLUB”)**

**COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE**

**COMPANY NUMBER 8438935**

**CLUB RULES**

These rules of the Club are made pursuant to Article 2.1(j) and Article 18 of the Club’s Articles of Association. The terms used shall have the same meaning as in the Articles of Association. Where there is any inconsistency between these Rules and the Articles of Association, the provisions of the Articles of Association shall prevail. It is noted that these Rules can be varied by the Executive Committee in accordance with Article 18 or by the Voting Members at a general meeting.

**1. Membership**

1.1 Under Article 18, the Club shall consist of Voting Members and Non-Voting Members.

1.2 No person shall become or apply for membership of any class unless:

(i) they have completed a suitable membership form as approved by the Executive Committee from time to time; and

(ii) the Executive Committee have approved the application.

1.3 Any appointment by the Executive Committee of a Life Member is subject to the ratification of the appointment at the next Annual General Meeting of the Club in accordance with Article 36.2(e).

1.4 The Executive Committee shall have complete discretion on receipt of any application for membership.

## **2. Voting Members**

2.1 The Voting Members shall be:

- (i) people who participate in athletics (whether competitively or not) for the Club and who are over 18 years old (“Participating Members”);  
or
- (ii) people who have previously participated in playing athletics (whether competitively or not) and who are over 18 years old, or people who have never participated in playing athletics for the Club and who are over 18 years old (“Non-Participating Members”); or
- (iii) any individual who has been elected as an “Honorary Member” of the Club under these Rules (“Honorary Members”); or
- (iv) any individual who has been elected as a “Life Member” of the Club in accordance with Article 36.2(e) (“Life Members”); and

who have chosen to apply to be a Voting Member and who are admitted to the Club by the Executive Committee upon application in accordance with the Articles, and have, immediately prior to the general meeting in which they wish to vote, at least 3 consecutive months’ paid up membership where applicable.

## **3. Non-Voting Members**

3.1 The Non-Voting Members shall be:

- (i) people who participate in athletics (whether competitively or not) for the Club and who are under the age of 18 and who are admitted to the Club by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Articles (“Junior Members”); and
- (ii) people who have applied to be a Non-Voting member and who are admitted to the Club by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Articles (“Associate Members”).

#### **4. Rights and Privileges of Members**

- 4.1 A person shall not be entitled to any privileges of the Club until two days have passed since his application for membership was submitted, whether or not he is admitted as a member before those two days have lapsed.
- 4.2 Voting Members are entitled (under the Articles of Association) to use the athletic and social facilities of the Club, receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Club (either in person or through his proxy); propose and second candidates for election; receive Club communications; and to such other membership rights as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time determine.
- 4.3 Non-Voting Members are entitled to receive all Club communications, and such other membership rights as the Club in general meeting shall from time to time determine. They are also allowed to use the facilities of the club, both athletics and social. They are not entitled to receive notice of, attend and vote at general meetings of the Club or propose and second candidates for election.

#### **5. Membership fees**

- 5.1 The annual membership fee payable by each type of member of the Club shall be set by the Executive Committee from time to time in accordance with the Articles.
- 5.2 Subject to the complete discretion of the Executive Committee, Members admitted at any time during the year shall pay the appropriate membership fee.
- 5.3 In the event that a member's membership is terminated for any reason, the member has no right to the refund of any part of the membership fee or entrance fee. The Executive Committee may refund an appropriate part of a resigning Member's membership fee if it considers it appropriate taking account of all the circumstances.
- 5.4 All membership fees shall be immediately payable upon the acceptance by the Executive Committee of any application by an individual to become a Member of the Club in accordance with Article 31 and thereafter all Members shall ensure that their annual membership fee is paid to the Club on the first day of April in every year.

5.5 The Executive Committee, at their complete discretion, may terminate the membership of any Member whose annual membership fee has not been paid by the first day of June in the same calendar year.

## **6. Expulsion of members**

6.1 The Executive Committee has power under the Articles to expel a Member in accordance with Article 31.6.

## **7. Finances**

7.1 All Club monies shall be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.

7.2 The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the bank account and finances of the Club.

7.3 A review of annual accounts shall be presented by the Honorary Treasurer at the annual general meetings.

7.4 Any cheque drawn against Club funds shall hold the signatures of two club officers as agreed by the Executive Committee.

## **8. Interpretation of the Rules**

8.1 The interpretation of the rules shall be the prerogative of the Executive Committee.

Rules updated at EGM Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022 and AGM, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023