



RULES OF DORCHESTER RIOT

Adopted by Special Resolution on 01/11/2018

CLUB CONSTITUTION

NAME

The Club shall be called **Dorchester RIOT**

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aim of the Club is to encourage people of all abilities and ages to run in a safe and social environment in Dorchester and its surrounding areas.

The Club will meet this through the following objectives:

- Provide opportunities for trail and road running in and around Dorchester
- Create a supportive and welcoming atmosphere
- Encourage and support race and event participation
- Designing challenges and time trials which are inclusive to runners of all levels
- Promote the Club and running within the local community
- Encourage all runners at every level of ability
- Develop skills and coaching abilities of run leaders to enable us to offer further support to members

CLUB ETHOS

The Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its operations, activities and development. In doing so, the Club acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

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.

The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and shall treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse. All members of the Club have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity. The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously according to the Club's disciplinary procedures.

CLUB RUNNING NIGHTS

The Club will aim to have one regular weekly running night where we aim to cater for all abilities of runner.

The Club may organise other sessions from time to time for athletic or social purposes including, the bi-monthly 1km time trial, Sunday long runs, other regular club nights may be added as the club grows.

The Club will also aim to arrange regular social group cycle rides.

Other social events are organised for all Members from time to time throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP

To ensure all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment. Membership should consist of officers and members of the Club. All members will be subject to the regulations of the rules and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the Club has adopted.

All members are responsible for their own health and safety.

Applications for junior membership (under 16 years) will be accepted only with a responsible adult membership. Junior members must be accompanied by a responsible adult member in all Club activities.

Fees will be paid and set annually. Fees will be agreed by the Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting. The membership year will run from 1 April-31st March.

When members are invited to renew their membership, annual subscriptions shall be paid within two months of the renewal date. Any member who has not paid their annual subscription within this renewal period shall be deemed no longer to be a member of the club.

A notice of resignation by a member must be made in writing to the Club Secretary. No refunds of subscriptions will be made to a resigning member unless approved by majority vote of the committee.

OFFICERS OF THE CLUB

- Chair person
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Treasurer
- Creative / Communications Officer

The core executive committee will consist of those listed above. Other positions may be added as the Club develops. Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. In the case of an officer standing down during the course of the year, the committee will seek to appoint a replacement officer for formal appointment at the next available AGM or organise an EGM.

CLUB COMMITTEE

- The club will be managed through the Club Committee consisting of the above officer positions
- Only officers of the club have the right to vote at meetings of Club Committee
- Club Committee meetings will be organised by the Secretary and held no less than four times per year
- The quorum required for business to be agreed at Club Committee meetings will be 50% of appointed committee positions + 1. Decisions will be taken based on a majority vote of those present.
- The Club Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- The Club Committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Club Committee, from the general membership, as necessary to fulfil its business.
- The Club Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club constitution.
- The Club Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

FINANCE

All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. The financial year of the club will end on 31st March. The statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

Any electronic bank transfers or cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of two approved club officers.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary for the AGM to be held in winter, 21 days' notice will be given to all members.

Nominations for officers of the Club Committee will be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM and an agenda will be circulated at least 7 days in advance of the AGM, with a note of those standing down as officers and those seeking election/re-election. Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM.

The AGM will receive a report from the Club Chair and a statement of the audited accounts

The quorum for AGMs will be 20% of the club's adult membership

The Club Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

DISCIPLINES AND APPEALS

All members are expected to follow the rules of this constitution. All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing Chair or Vice-Chair.

The Club Committee will meet to hear complaints within 28 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

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. There will be the right of appeal to the Club Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

ALLOCATION OF LONDON MARATHON PLACES

Dorchester RIOT is affiliated to England Athletics and may be allocated guaranteed entries in London Marathon. We will allocate these places at random to First Claim Affiliated Dorchester RIOT members. First Claim, and England Athletics Affiliated Club member wishing to be considered for a club place must express interest to the Club Secretary and the place will be drawn at random in Autumn/Winter.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Any Safety issues should be brought to the attention of any Committee member for the appropriate action to be taken. The Club will seek to be aware of any members that have First Aid qualifications in case of emergency. The Club will provide a stocked First Aid Kit available on Club Nights

DISSOLUTION

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of a charity to be nominated at an AGM/EGM.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

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

DECLARATION

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

Signed: *Matt Ings*

Date: 12/03/2018

Name: Matt Ings

Position: Vice Chair

Signed: *Amy Mason*

Date: 12/03/2018

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