



Club Constitution

Chester-le-Street & District Athletics Club

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1. Name

The club will be called Chester Le Street and District Athletics Club and will be affiliated to UK Athletics (UKA)

2. Aims and objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in Athletics and cross country.
- To promote the club within the local community and Athletics and cross country.
- To bring to the attention of the Riverside Pavilion staff any issues relating to the facilities management of the site.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club.
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.
- Chester Le Street & District AC club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it 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 will 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 club members 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 club disciplinary procedures.

3. Membership

The Club will strive 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 constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and

codes of practice that the club has adopted. The Committee reserves the right to refuse or cancel membership if deemed appropriate.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories and membership fees will be set accordingly:

- Full member
- Junior member
- Life member

4. Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually and determined at the Annual General Meeting. Fees will be paid, annually during April-May of the relevant year.

5. Officers of the club

The officers of the club will be:

- President
- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Any other relevant position deemed appropriate during the AGM. Club Officers who are registered members of the club will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

6. Committee

The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of: Chairman, Secretary, Welfare Officer, Treasurer and Lead Coach. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

The Management Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the club and held no less than 6 times per year. The quorum-required business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be: **4.**

The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club. The Management Committee will have powers to appoint subcommittees as necessary and appoint advisers to the Management Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.

The Management Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Management Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.

7. 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 December

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting. Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer and one other officer if required.

8. Annual General Meetings

Notice of Annual General Meetings (AGM) will be announced by the Club Secretary, not less than 2 weeks' notice is to be given to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the Management Committee and a statement of the audited accounts. Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will either be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM or presented at the AGM¹. Election of officers will take place at the AGM. All First claim members have the right to vote at the AGM. The quorum for AGMs will be a majority of those voting

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

9. Discipline and appeals

All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the club's child protection policy and procedures. The club Welfare Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns. All complaints regarding the behaviour of members will be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within two weeks 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 will be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 2 weeks of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 7 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10. 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 either UK Athletics or another local club with similar objectives to those of the club.

11. Amendments to the constitution

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

12. Declaration

Chester Le Street & District Athletics Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

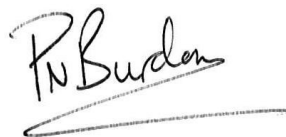


Signed:

Name: Phil Corless

Position: Club Chair

Date: 29th April 2026



Signed:

Name: Paul Burdon

Position: Club Secretary

Date: 29th April 2026