

## **NORTH EASTERN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE CONSTITUTION**

(North Eastern Counties Athletic Association - NECAA)

### **Title and Status**

The organisation shall be called the North Eastern Youth Development League. It shall operate within the structure of the NECAA.

### **Objectives**

Within the framework of an inter club competition, to provide competition at as wide a range of track and field disciplines as practicable for Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 age groups, for athletes within the NECAA area. All league fixtures to be held within the NECAA area.

### **Membership and Voting Rights**

- a) Applications for membership will be considered from clubs affiliated to England Athletics that are located within the NECAA area and areas close by.
- b) Applications will be considered by the Executive Committee (see 4 below) and, if thought fit, will be accepted subject to having paid the appropriate affiliation fees both to the League and to England Athletics.
- c) All clubs in full membership of the League shall have two votes on each resolution at a General Meeting. A single club representative may cast both votes.  
Where two clubs combine to form a joint team in the League, each club shall have one vote. Each member of the Executive Committee shall also have one vote and, in the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

### **Executive Committee**

- a) The Chairman and the Secretary of the League shall be appointed by the General Committee of the NECAA.
- b) Five additional Committee members shall be appointed by the Annual General Meeting of the League.
- c) The Committee shall meet at least twice yearly and have powers to deal with the day to day business of the League. This will include the appointment of members of the Committee to carry out specific functions as necessary, including acting as Treasurer of the League. The Committee shall have the power to invite other persons to attend meetings in a non-voting capacity.

### **General Meetings**

- a) An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall normally be held within four months of the completion of the current season's competition.

- b) Notification of the date of the AGM shall be sent to member clubs, not less than 42 days before the date of the meeting, inviting items for inclusion on the agenda, which must be submitted at least 28 days before the meeting.
- c) Member clubs shall be notified at least 14 days before the meeting of the time and location of the meeting and details of business to be transacted.
- d) An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called and held within 28 days, by the Executive Committee itself, or on receipt of a written request from at least five member clubs stating the business to be put before the meeting or on demand from the NECAA General Committee. Member clubs shall be notified as in 5 c) above.

### **Finance**

- a) The League's Executive Committee shall manage its financial affairs, including the holding of any bank accounts.
- b) The League shall endeavour to operate to a financially neutral budget. In the event of any significant surpluses being accumulated, appropriate sums shall be transferred to NECAA.
- c) Accounts for the current competition year shall be presented to each AGM and a copy sent to the Treasurer of NECAA.

### **Dissolution**

In the event of the League being dissolved, after all debts and liabilities have been met, all assets of the League shall be transferred to NECAA.