

# SENIOR LEAGUE CONSTITUTION 2024 - AMENDED AT 2025 AGM

## CONSTITUTION

1. **TITLE AND STATUS:** The League shall be called The North East Senior Track and Field League and shall operate within the structure of the NECAA
2. **OBJECTIVES:** Within the framework of an inter-club competition, to provide competition for as wide a range of track and field disciplines as practicable for the senior, junior (under 20) and under 18 athletes OF BOTH GENDERS within the NECAA area using senior implements only:

NOTE: Under 18M shall not be permitted to compete in 110 Hurdles, Steeplechase or any throws

3. **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 fee to both the league and England Athletics.
  - c. All clubs in full membership of the league shall have two votes on each resolution at an Annual General Meeting. A single club representative may cast both votes. Where two clubs combine to provide one single team each club shall have one vote.
  - d. 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.
4. **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**
  - a. The Chairman and Secretary of the league shall be appointed by the NECAA.
  - b. A minimum of five and up to seven additional members of the committee shall be appointed at the Annual General meeting of the league. These will include at least:
    - A treasurer
    - A computer/results administrator
    - Up to five other members from the membership
  - c. The committee shall meet at least twice annually and have powers to deal with the day-to-day business of the league.
  - d. The committee shall have the power to co-opt additional members of the committee to carry out additional non-specified duties for the league, such co-opts shall not have voting rights.
5. **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 out before the meeting or on demand from the NECAA General Committee. Member clubs shall be notified as in 5 c) above.

## 6. 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 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 NECAA.
- d. The league shall appoint an independent person to verify that the accounts are a true record.

## 7. DISSOLUTION

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

LEAGUE RULES AND COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS - See also Separate Rules of Competition as amended at the 2025 AGM

### LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- a. Depending on numbers of member clubs, there shall be two divisions of the league, one upper and one lower.
- b. A team may consist of more than one club at the League's discretion.
- c. Promotion and relegation arrangements will be set by the league prior to the start of each season (normally at least one team will be promoted from the lower level division and one team relegated from the upper division)
- d. Four meetings will be scheduled each season at dates decided by the league management committee. Whenever possible the dates shall be the Saturday of the weekend also hosting a NEYDL fixture and be held at the same venue.

### CLUB/TEAM HOSTING RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Meeting venues will be booked and paid for by the League.
- b. The League will allocate the responsibility for hosting each meeting to a member team whose duties will include:
  - I. Providing a results team of AT LEAST TWO competent persons, PLUS an announcer
  - II. When photo-finish is in operation, PROVIDING ONE additional PERSON TO ASSIST THE PHOTOFINISH team.
  - III. Providing officials refreshments.
  - IV. Notifying changes to the timetable to competing teams
  - V. Co-ordinating the meeting
  - VI. Meeting their own commitment to officials
  - VII. Providing additional helpers (min 2) for set up and tidy up at the end of the event
- c. The League will appoint principal officials (starter, starter's assistant, track referee, field referee, chief timekeeper, chief photo-finish operator [if equipment is available] who will be paid nominal expenses from the League funds.
- d. The League will also arrange and pay for first aid at all fixtures.

- e. Teams must pay an annual subscription as set by the League at the AGM. A surcharge may be made for late payment.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

- a. Meetings will be held under UKA rules for Competition.
- b. The events and timetable will be set by the League prior to each season. Changes to the timetable must be notified to competing clubs at least 10 days prior to the meeting by the host club.
- c. Only first claim members of the club (or clubs in the case of joint teams) may compete in the League.
- d. All athletes must wear their club's official vest and their correct competition number.
- e. Athletes may only compete in their correct age group.

#### **PRE COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS**

- a. At the commencement of the season, the league will allocate each team a block of numbers. These will be handed to the team manager by the divisional secretary either at, or before, the first match.
- b. Clubs must declare athletes (with their date of birth) prior to the start of the season on the League form provided. Additional athletes can be added before each match during the season.
- c. Each athlete will be allocated a personal number (to be worn from and back except jump events) which they will retain for the entire season. Where athletes mislay their numbers, the team manager may issue them with a replacement number which must be declared. A charge of £1 will be made by the League for this service, to be invoiced to the club along with next year's subscription.
- d. Athletes not currently eligible for team competition (e.g due to going through the transfer process) must obtain a separate number from the divisional secretary.

#### **COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS**

- a. Team managers must complete a provisional team declaration prior to each meeting which should be forwarded in advance of the meeting to the Computer Administrator/results officer. This may be amended during the meeting except for long hurdles for which additional entries will not be accepted after 1 p.m. The form will show who is intended to compete in each event with an X.
- b. For TRACK events run in lanes, for seeding purposes, the expected fastest runners should be indicated as A & B.
- c. The best performing athlete from each team will be scored as the A competitor and the next best as the B competitor, regardless of their nomination or (in track events) the race they actually competed in. Where athletes in separate races record the same performances the athlete in the higher rate race will be placed higher.
- d. FOR FIELD EVENTS teams are LIMITED TO FOUR competitors, the best two performers will score team points
- e. Where a team does not provide at least one Grade 2 (or higher) field official, then this limit will be reduced to two competitors only in the long throw events.
- f. In field events decided by distance (throws, long jump, triple jump) all competitors will be allowed three attempts with the top 6 competitors achieving a further three attempts

- g. Under 18 Competitors are limited to a maximum of FOUR events, one of which must be a relay.
- h. Under 20's may compete in up to FIVE events, of which one must be a relay. Senior age athletes may compete in a maximum of SEVEN events.
- i. Each team must provide FOUR FIELD OFFICIALS of which at least one must be grade 2 or higher, together with a track judge and a timekeeper 10 points will be deducted for each official not provided by a team, but 20 points will be added if one of the field judges is qualified to level 2 or above. Where a club official has been appointed as a PRINCIPAL OFFICIAL they may count as part of their team's official's quota by declining expenses from the League. 10 points will be awarded to the club of the person acting as divisional secretary at each meeting.
- j. League points will be awarded as follows:  
6 team division A      9,7,6,5,4,3      B      7,5,4,3,2,1
- k. Final League positions will be decided by the total number of league points at the end of the season.
- l. In the event of a tie, the positions will be determined by the total of meeting points. The top team in the Premier and also the Lower division will be awarded a (non-returnable) engraved trophy to mark the club achievement. In the event of such team being formed from two clubs, two trophies will be provided, one for each club.
- m. If a meeting is abandoned during the competition, the result will stand if 50% or more of the events have been completed. If less than 50% of the events have been completed, the meeting will be void and not count towards the final positions.
- n. In exceptional circumstances, with the agreement of the League Executive Committee, meeting dates and/or venues may be rearranged, but abandoned meetings will not be rearranged.
- o. Any matters not specifically covered by the General Rules or these Competition Arrangements will be decided by the Executive Committee.