



Perth Strathtay Harriers

Club Constitution September 2025

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1. Name:

The name of the organisation shall be Perth Strathtay Harriers (hereinafter referred to as “the Club”)

2. Objectives:

The Club is established to pursue the following objectives:

- a) Participation in the sport of athletics, hereinafter referred to as the ‘sport’.
- b) The organisation, management and development of athletics for all members of the Club.
- c) Membership of appropriate leagues for the purpose of establishing regular competitions for the Club’s athletes
- d) The provision of training facilities for its members.
- e) Upholding the rules of the sport.
- f) Providing equal opportunities for successful participation by all sections of the community.
- g) The promotion of the sport.

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3. Membership:

3.1 Eligibility

- a) Membership of the Club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in athletics, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- b) Membership categories will be outlined within the Club's membership rules document. They are defined as:
 - a) Athlete Member – Junior (9-17 years)
 - b) Athlete Member – Senior (18+ years)
 - c) Coach Member
 - d) Volunteer Member
 - e) Life Member
- c) The Club Committee may propose changes to these categories, at a Club Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Special General Meeting (SGM).
- d) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations along with all Club policies and procedures including any codes of conduct that the Club has adopted.
- e) Members in each category will pay membership fees as determined at the AGM and which shall thereafter be payable on demand

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3. Membership:

3.1 Eligibility (Cont.)

f) Members shall be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection of any Club team unless the applicable subscription has not been paid by the due date and/or membership has not been agreed by the Club Committee.

3.2 Resignation, Suspension, Refusal or Termination

(a) A notice of resignation must be in writing and shall be considered by the Committee within one calendar month of receipt. Membership shall be held to have ceased on the actual date of tendering of the notice, unless the member be financially indebted to the Club in which case the acceptance may be with-held until the indebtedness has been met.

(b) Any member violating the Rules or guilty of any misconduct may be expelled from the Club, in line with the disciplinary policy and procedure, with a vote of two-thirds of the Committee. The expelled member shall have a right to appeal to the General Meeting called at his/her request not later than fourteen days from the date intimating his/her expulsion.

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3. Membership:

3.2 Resignation, Suspension, Refusal or Termination (Cont.)

- (c) The Committee shall be entitled to:
 - i) Refuse any application for membership on the grounds that such membership would be prejudicial to the objectives of the Club as set out in Clause 2 of this constitution.
 - ii) For good and sufficient reason to refuse renewal of any existing membership, terminate or suspend any membership provided that the member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the full Committee before a final decision is made.
- (d) The member may apply for reinstatement at the next general meeting.
- (e) Any member who fails to pay their fees by the date required shall forfeit their right to representation on the Committee and at general meetings, and shall be suspended from taking part in any event under the control of the Club until such fees are paid.

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3. Membership:

3.2 Resignation, Suspension, Refusal or Termination (Cont.)

- (f) Any member under suspension shall be barred from taking part in any event under the control of the Club.
- (g) The Committee shall inform the member in writing of any decision to terminate their membership and notification of this termination, forwarded to the Governing Body.

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4. Committee of Management:

The Club shall be managed by a male / female Committee of Management (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) and the Members thereof, of eighteen years of age or over, shall be the trustees of the Club.

4.1 Composition and Election

The Committee for the forthcoming year shall be elected at the AGM and will assume office immediately thereafter. The Committee will comprise of the following:-

(a) the Office bearers, being

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

(b) The Committee shall consist of:

- The Office bearers
- Welfare Representative
- Coach Representative
- Athlete Representative
- Parent Representative
- Any Club members elected at the AGM, one of whom shall be an Athlete Member of the Club (aged 18-20 years)
- No more than 13 members

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4. Committee of Management:

4.2 Sub-Committees

The Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees from the Members of the Club for more efficient carrying out of objectives of the Club, or any duties incidental thereto.

The Committee shall determine their terms of reference, powers, duration and composition.

The Committee shall have the power to deal with all questions for which no Rule is provided and their decision shall be final.

4.3 Resignations and Vacancies

Any person may resign from the Committee by giving to the Secretary at least 1 month's notice in writing of his/her intention to do so, stating the date from which his/her resignation is to take effect. A casual vacancy may be filled by the remaining members of the Committee

4.4 Period of Office

Notwithstanding his/her prior resignation, every member of the Committee shall hold office until the end of the Annual General Meeting next following the date of their election or co-option.

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4. Committee of Management:

4.5 Eligibility for re-election

A person who has ceased or shall cease to be a Member of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election or re-co-option.

4.6 Co-option of Persons onto Committee for Special Purposes

The Committee may from time to time co-opt persons having special knowledge or experience to serve on the Committee provided that the number of co-opted members shall not exceed one-third of the total membership of the Committee.

4.7 Club Roles

The appointment of any non Committee role within the Club will be made by the Committee. These include:

- i) Any Honorary role (eg Hon President)
- ii) Any developmental position (eg Development Officer)
- iii) Sub-Committee roles

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5. Financial Year:

- (a) The financial year shall be from the 1st of August to the 31st. July following.
- (b) Any money obtained by the Club shall be used only in the furtherance of the Club's purposes. None of the Club's assets may be distributed to its membership or otherwise applied (on being wound up or at any other time) except to further its purposes.
- (c) Any bank accounts opened for the Club shall be in the name of the Club.
- (d) Any cheque issued shall be signed by at least two of any three nominated signatures with electronic banking managed by the same principle
- (e) The Treasurer will keep a proper record of all financial transactions relating to the Club's activities.
- (f) Annually, the treasurer will prepare an Income and Expenditure Account for the financial year together with a Balance Sheet as at the year-end. The annual accounts and other financial records will be subject to an Independent Examination by a suitable person or organisation appointed by the Committee.

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6. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

6.1 Frequency

An Annual General Meeting shall be convened by the Committee during September on an appointed date, and at which:

- (a) The President shall submit a report
- (b) The Treasurer shall submit a report and independently verified accounts for the preceding year
- (c) The Committee for the forthcoming year shall be elected to conform to Clause 4 hereinabove

6.2 Period of Notice

Notice of every General Meeting shall be given by the Secretary at least twenty-one days prior to the date thereof by notice in writing to all Club Members or in such other manner as the Committee shall direct.

6.3 Decision Making

No valid decisions can be taken at any members' meeting unless a quorum is present.

The quorum for an AGM meeting is 15 members, present in person.

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6. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

6.4 AGM Quorum

If a quorum is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which an AGM was due to start - or if a quorum ceases to be present during a members' meeting - the meeting cannot proceed; and fresh notices of meeting will require to be sent out, to deal with the business (or remaining business) which was intended to be conducted.

6.5 Chairperson

The chair of the Club will act as chairperson of each members' meeting.

If the chair of the Club is not present within 15 minutes after the time at which the meeting was due to start (or is not willing to act as chairperson), Committee members present at the meeting must elect (from among themselves) the person who will act as chairperson of that meeting.

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7. Meetings of the Committee:

7.1 Frequency of Meetings

The Committee shall hold at least four ordinary meetings in each year and other ordinary meetings as required.

A special meeting of the Committee may be summoned at any time by the President or by two other members thereof upon seven clear days' notice in writing being given to the other Members of the matter or matters to be discussed.

7.2 Minimum Attendees

The number of Members (minimum 3) who shall form a quorum at Meetings thereof provided that such quorum shall in no case be less than half of the total number of members for the time being thereof.

7.3 Minutes

All meetings must be minuted and available to any member on written request within 7 days

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7. Meetings of the Committee:

7.4 Period of Notice

All Committee members shall be given at least seven (7) days' notice of a Committee meeting unless it is deemed an emergency meeting.

7.5 Sub-Committees

The Committee will have the power to appoint such Sub Committees as it may from time to time decide and to determine their powers and terms of reference. Minutes will be kept of all Sub-Committee meetings.

7.6 Voting

Each Committee Member shall have one, in person vote. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote.

7.7 Conflict of Interest

In the interests of integrity, any conflict of interest in decision making processes must be declared and where appropriate, those making such declarations should neither take part in discussion nor decision making in relation to said conflict of interest.

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8. Special General Meetings:

8.1 Member Special General Meeting

Except as otherwise provided for in Clause 12 and 14 hereinafter the Committee may convene a Special General Meeting at any time and must do so within 14 days upon their receiving in writing a request therefore from ten voting members of the Club in respect of a specific matter or matters

8.2 Committee Special General Meeting

Notice of a Special General Meeting may be given by the Secretary at least twenty-one days prior to the date thereof by notice in writing to all Club Members or in such other manner as the Committee shall direct.

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9. Voting:

9.1 Voting Majorities

Every matter, whether at a General Meeting or in Committee shall be determined by a majority of Club members present and voting, unless specifically stated within the constitution.

9.2 Voting Rights

Full voting rights to all members, as outlined in clause 3, over the age of 16 years. Each member will have 1, in person, vote.

Members aged below 16 years shall receive 1, in person proxy vote, via a parent/guardian.

Members with court appointed guardians, shall have 1, in person, vote via their guardian.

In the case of an equality of votes the President shall have a second or casting vote.

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10. Rules:

The Committee may from time-to-time make Rules for the management of the Club, for the conduct of its business, the keeping of accounts, the repairs and/or replacement of equipment, and for other purposes. The Committee may amend any such rules from time to time as necessary.

11. Property, Equipment and Funds:

11.1 Property and Equipment Ownership

All Property of the Club will vest for its behoof in the Committee.

11.2 Management of Funds

Without prejudice to Clause 11.1 hereinabove all funds belonging to the Club and any income derived in any manner whatsoever shall be managed for and on its behalf by the Treasurer for the time being. Whenever practicable all funds shall be deposited in a Bank Account and the Treasurer will be entitled to draw thereon for all expenses properly incurred by the Club, expenses not exceeding £10, but, all expenditure in excess of this value is subject to the prior approval of at least one other executive Member, not to be related by family.

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12. Uniform:

The Club uniform shall be orange vest with blue trim.

13. Alteration of the Constitution:

This Constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by a majority of two-thirds of those voting members present at a Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting convened for the Purpose, of which not less than twenty-one days' notice shall have been given by the Committee and published in accordance with Clause 6.2 hereinabove; under declaration that there must always be a majority of the members who are present at said meeting and entitled to vote thereafter in favour of the change.

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14. Dissolution of the Club:

14.1 Procedure

The Club shall be dissolved upon a resolution to that passed by a three-fourth majority of those present and voting at a Special General Meeting of the Club called for the purpose under Clause 8 hereinabove.

14.2 Debts and Liabilities

Following upon a resolution under Clause 14.1 hereinbefore the Committee shall (if necessary, by converting property of the Club into money) as soon as reasonably possible discharge all debt and liability of the Club.

14.3 Distribution of Property

Any remaining funds or assets shall be transferred to another local Club, jog group or community sports organisation with similar aims and objectives, as determined by the members at the dissolution meeting.

If no such decisions are made, the assets shall be donated to a registered charity that promotes health, fitness, or participation in sport.