

Clarification of the notion of equality of member's rights

Background

This is a personal proposal, not on behalf of the Committee.

There has been more than one instance while I have served on the Committee of a proposed initiative that would benefit faster runners being rejected on the grounds that it breaches the principle that all members shall be treated equally. I consider this to be an obtuse interpretation of this principle by a running club.

Hence I propose to clarify formally that recognition of athletic achievement is not in breach of the equality principle.

The "of themselves" recognises that there may separately by valid reasons for rejection.

Proposal

Constitution §4.1a:

The Club shall be democratic and impartial, affording equal rights and opportunities to all members.

Proposed addition to this section:

For the avoidance of doubt, initiatives that recognise running achievements are not of themselves in breach of this principle.

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