

# Proposed modification of the Club Constitution & Rules

## Background

The Committee proposes making several changes to the Constitution & Rules, which need to be ratified by a vote at the AGM before they may be effected. The rationale for the proposed changes follows:

## Constitution

Two changes to the Constitution are proposed:

§4.1	<b>Membership.</b> Insert new paragraph 4.1g: <b>Junior membership is limited to children aged 16 and 17</b>  This clarifies that the Club does not accept children under the age of 16. One factor in this constraint is that none of the Club's coaches is qualified to coach under-16s.
§4.1	<b>Membership.</b> Insert new paragraph 4.1j: <b>Pursuant to all members being treated equally, whilst continuing to provide separate events for men and women, any race or competition staged by the Club shall harmonise the rules of competition, race distances and prizes between the men's and women's events. Where feasible, the Club should encourage other organisations with which it engages to adopt a similar approach.</b>  This amendment codifies the change approved at the 2019 AGM.

## Rules

The Committee proposes making several changes to the Rules...

§4.6	<b>Classes of membership.</b> Replace definition of Junior membership with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Junior — member who is 16 or 17 years old</b></li></ul> Consistency with the altered Constitution
§5.1a	<b>London Marathon Club places.</b> Add new bullet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>they shall not have won a place in the previous year's Club ballot.</b></li></ul> Excludes members from the Club ballot who have won a place in the previous year's ballot. This is in accordance with the change ratified at the 2019 AGM.
§5.2c	<b>Social Media.</b> Replace paragraph with: <b>The Club requires that members shall conduct themselves responsibly in their use of the Club's social media, newsletter and website, and refrain from posting abusive comments or making remarks that the Committee judges to be offensive, likely to be damaging to a member's or the Club's reputation, or otherwise be in breach of Club Rules or prevailing legislation.</b>  This amendment codifies a change proposed by a member and accepted by the Committee.

§7.4	<p><b>Coaching Co-ordinator.</b> Replace paragraphs a – d as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Shortly following the AGM, the Chairman shall convene a meeting of the Club’s appointed coaches to elect the Coaching Co-ordinator, who will remain in post until the process is repeated after the following AGM. Any Club coach may stand for election as the Coaching Co-ordinator.</li> <li>b. The election shall be conducted by means of a secret ballot of the assembled coaches, with the candidate receiving the most votes being elected. In the event of a draw, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.</li> <li>c. The Coaching Co-ordinator liaises with the Committee through the Coaching Liaison Officer Committee role. The two posts may be occupied by the same person.</li> <li>d. Should no candidate come forward to take the post of Coaching Co-ordinator, the role will be fulfilled by the Coaching Liaison Officer until such time that a coach offers to accept the role.</li> </ul> <p>This amendment lays out how the Coaching Co-ordinator is appointed and how the role engages with the Club Committee.</p>
§5.5	<p><b>England and Great Britain vests.</b> Insert new paragraph 5.5:</p> <p>With effect from 1Jan20, the Club will reimburse members who have been selected to represent England or Great Britain in a running discipline for the full cost of their running vest.</p> <p>Suggested by the Team Captains at the 2019 AGM and subsequently agreed by the Committee.</p>
§8.4	<p><b>Supplementary rules and standing orders.</b> Insert new paragraph c:</p> <p>The minutes of the Committee Meeting at which such supplementary Rules or standing orders are agreed shall lay out clearly the rationale for the urgency to effect change in advance of ratification by the AGM.</p> <p>This amendment codifies a change proposed by a member and accepted by the Committee.</p>

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