**Desford Striders Running Club**

 **Desford Flyers Junior Athletics Club**

 **Constitution**

1. The club shall be known as ‘Desford Striders Running Club’ and ‘Desford Flyers Junior Athletics Club’, thereafter known as the Club.
2. The main objective of the Club is to promote and encourage running and athletics at all levels and abilities, for both serious and recreational runners alike.
3. Club colours shall be sky blue and red. These colours shall be deemed representative of the Club and must not be used to promote any other club.

1. The committee shall consist of its officers: Chairperson; Vice Chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer together with a minimum of 2 other members, all voted for annually at the AGM. Membership of the committee is open to all paid-up members of the club.

Anyone wishing to stand for election as an official of the club, where the incumbent is not standing down, must inform the Secretary in writing at least 14 days before the date of the AGM, giving their reasons. These will be sent to all members for their consideration together with the notice of the meeting.

1. Extra members can be co-opted onto the committee at any time, but these must be confirmed at the next AGM.
2. The AGM will be held in February (Desford Striders) and May (Desford Flyers) each year with at least 14 days notice being given to the membership. Any items for inclusion on the agenda must be handed to a committee member at least 7 days prior to the AGM date. All members shall have one vote and voting shall be by a show of hands with a simple majority being acceptable. In the event of a tied vote, the chair shall have the casting vote.
3. The constitution can only be changed at an AGM or at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose, either by the Committee or by a written request from a minimum of 10 members. Four weeks notice must be given for an EGM.

1. Communication with members shall be by e-mail and text message. Notices will also be posted on the club website, Facebook page and in the Newsletter.
2. Annual subscriptions are due on April 1st each year. These are reviewed annually by the committee and are submitted to the AGM for approval.

Membership fees as agreed at the AGM are due on April 1st each year (unless the member has asked for a sabbatical). A reminder will be sent to any member whose fees have not been paid by May 1st and if no reply is received by June 1st that membership shall be terminated.

1. All members will be treated equally, with no discrimination of any sort being tolerated.
2. Two Child Welfare Officers will be appointed to ensure the welfare of all junior members and the Club shall adhere to the welfare policies as recommended by England Athletics.
3. Any complaints regarding a member of the Club should be made in writing to the Secretary for consideration by the committee at their next meeting. All parties involved will be invited to that meeting. The committee’s decision will be final.

 Paddy Crowe Steve Morris

 Secretary President

 February 2016