

WEST YORKSHIRE TRACK & FIELD LEAGUE



LEAGUE CONSTITUTION AND RULES

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1. TITLE

The league shall be called the “WEST YORKSHIRE TRACK & FIELD LEAGUE”.

2. AIMS OF THE LEAGUE

To promote and foster Track and Field Athletics in the area.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the league shall be open to clubs by invite in the West Yorkshire County area who are affiliated to England Athletics for track & field athletics. Clubs in adjoining Districts may also apply for membership, these to be considered by the Officers.

All member clubs must have paid the appropriate affiliation fee to the England Athletics.

4. OFFICERS

The following shall be the Officers of the league and shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

- A HONORARY PRESIDENT
- B CHAIRPERSON
- C SECRETARY
- D TREASURER
- E REGISTRATION SECRETARY
- F RESULTS SECRETARY
- G TRACK REFEREE
- H FIELD REFEREE

The elected Officers (A to H) shall constitute the executive committee for the following season, and they shall have the power to deal with any matters not covered in these Rules & Constitution, and report their action(s) to the next A.G.M. Officers B,C & D to receive an honorarium annually, amount decided annually at the A.G.M.

5. COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of the Officers of the league together with 5 delegates from participating clubs, to be elected at the AGM. A minimum of 6 persons present to form a quorum at any meeting, at least 2 of whom should be Officers.

6. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM shall be held before the end of the current year, each member club shall be entitled to send two (2) delegates to the meeting with voting powers. In addition, officials who have supported the league will all be welcome to attend.

The Hon. Secretary shall give member clubs a minimum of 21 days’ notice of the AGM date, and also for any EGM that may be called.

Any Extraordinary General Meeting may only be called at the request of five (5) member clubs, whom all must sign the request stating for what purpose the EGM is being called.

7. AFFILIATION & ANNUAL FEES

- a. Affiliation to the league will be decided annually at the AGM.
- b. The annual registration fees for athletes shall be decided at the AGM by the members present.

8. REGISTRATION

All athletes who are members of the participating clubs, and who wish to take part in the league, must fill in an official league entry form, using the on-line entry portal. Athletes unable to use the on-line entry portal may be allowed to take part, at the discretion of the Registration Secretary, so long as they fill in an official paper league entry form.

The league retains the right to refuse or reject any application to join the league, and the on-line entry portal will only accept entries from members of the participating clubs.

9. CLOSING DATE FOR COMPETITION

The closing date for the league shall be not less than 12 working days before the first league meeting and then 7 days before any other meeting.

No athlete shall be allowed to compete at any meeting unless his or her name has been registered in accordance with the above.

10. GUEST ATHLETES

Athletes who are members of Clubs affiliated to their respective Area Associations for Track and Field, but are not within the League's accepted clubs, may compete as non-scoring guests, at the discretion of the League Officers.

Overseas athletes may compete at the discretion of the League Officers.

Unattached athletes shall not be allowed to compete.

11. COMPETITION RULES

- a. All meetings shall be held under U.K.A. rules and the following league rules. In case of conflict the league rules will prevail.
- b. Any number of athletes from a member club may compete in their age group.
- c. Club colours must be worn.
- d. Athletes may only compete in their own age group, ages as at midnight on 31st August in the year of competition. If the Championships are after this date, it is to be taken as if they were before, i.e. compete in the same age group as throughout the season.
- e. All age groups, male and female, cannot compete in more than three events at a meeting. Under 15 boys and girls may not compete in both the 800 metre and 1500 metre events at any one meeting.
- f. In the throwing events athletes will throw the appropriate weight for their age group, even though they may be throwing at the same time as another age group (e.g. U20 athletes throwing with seniors). Veterans will use the senior weights in throwing competitions.
- g. Individuals will score points according to:

1 st place	7 points
2 nd place	5 points
3 rd place	4 points
4 th place	3 points
5 th place	2 points
6 th place	1 point

In case of equal placing, points to be awarded as the highest place and the next missed, i.e. 2 = 3rd, 4 points each, no 4th place. =6th place, all to receive 1 point.

- h. Any person, whether a club member or not, deliberately using or permitting another athlete to use a number not registered to that person, shall forfeit all points awarded on an individual basis. Together with all points awarded to the member club of which the such person is a member or purports to be a member, up to and including the date of the breach of this sub-clause.
- i. Any incident reported during or following an event must be considered by the executive at a meeting to be held within 14 days of the incident and the individual and/or parent involved notified in writing as to the action taken. The matter shall be reported to the athlete's club and to the appropriate governing body.
- j. Each member club must provide at least one official or helper at each meeting. If this is not fulfilled then the league will be unable to exist, so clubs consistently failing to do so may be excluded from the League for the following season.
- k. Overall points placing if equal at the end of season the one with most winner points scored will be placed highest.
- l. All competitors should always show respect to officials and fellow athletes and should follow the UKA Athletes Code of Conduct. Athletes judged by the committee to have breached this code will be disqualified and excluded from future league meetings.

12. LEAGUE RULES

League rules may not be amended except at the AGM.

Proposed amendments must be in writing on behalf of the member club and sent to the Hon. Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the AGM.

13. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The championships meeting is to be held after the conclusion of the league meetings, on a date set at the AGM.

Entries will only be accepted from athletes who have entered the league for that season.

Championship medals to be awarded at the discretion of the league officials, on the day of the Championship.

14. LEAGUE AWARDS

Awards will be awarded to the top **three** points scoring athletes in each age group who are correctly registered with the league. Seniors, U20, U17, U15, U13, U11 male & female, of equal value. The awards will be presented at the Championships.

15. OTHER AWARDS

Other awards may be awarded from time to time at the discretion of the league officers/committee.

16. DATES AND VENUES

Where possible the dates and venues of the league meetings and championships in any year will be decided at the preceding AGM.