



Oxfordshire Cross Country League

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## League Constitution

### 1. Title

- 1.1. The League shall be called the Oxfordshire Cross Country League (OXL).
- 1.2. A sponsor's name may be prefixed to or substituted for the name of the League as appropriate.

### 2. Objective

- 2.1. To encourage and promote cross country running for all within the county of Oxfordshire and adjoining counties from the age of 8 years upwards.

### 3. Responsibility

- 3.1. The OXL shall be registered with England Athletics (EA).
- 3.2. Member clubs of the OXL shall be registered with the EA and conform to their rules as specified.

### 4. League Management

- 4.1. The officials of the League should include the League Manager, Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officials (e.g. Results Secretary, Race Referees) as shall be agreed by the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the League.
- 4.2. These officials shall form the management committee of the League.
- 4.3. To avoid any conflict of interest no OXL Committee member shall be a currently serving member of their County AA.
- 4.4. All officials of the league shall be elected annually and shall serve until the end of the following AGM.
- 4.5. Written notice of intention to stand in accordance with article 6.2 must be given for League Manager, Secretary and Treasurer.

### 5. Membership

- 5.1. Membership of the OXL shall be open to all athletics clubs within the county of Oxfordshire that are affiliated to EA.
- 5.2. Membership is also open to such athletics clubs from counties adjoining Oxfordshire, subject to the approval of the AGM.
- 5.3. Clubs shall be given the opportunity to present their case at the AGM.
- 5.4. At least two-thirds of the member clubs at any time shall be Oxfordshire clubs.

### 6. General Meetings

- 6.1. An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held not earlier than six weeks and not later than 12 weeks after the date of the last race in the preceding season.

- 6.2. The Agenda for the AGM, including any proposals tabled in accordance with this constitution, and the names of those standing for election as officials of the OXL shall be circulated to member clubs not less than 7 days prior to the meeting.
- 6.3. An independently audited annual financial statement shall be presented at the AGM.
- 6.4. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by the League Secretary upon receipt of a request signed by five member clubs and stating the object of the meeting, or upon being directed to do so by the Management Committee.
- 6.5. The League Secretary shall give at least four weeks notice of such an EGM to all Affiliated Clubs and such notice shall state the object of the meeting.

## **7. Voting Rights**

- 7.1. Each club affiliated to the OXL shall be entitled to send one voting delegate to the AGM.
- 7.2. Non-voting delegates may attend and speak.
- 7.3. Vote shall be carried by a simple majority of the voting delegates.
- 7.4. Neither proxy voting nor postal voting will be accepted.
- 7.5. The meeting should normally be chaired by the League Manager, who may exercise a casting vote in the event of a tied vote. Otherwise league officials should not have a vote in that capacity.

## **8. Affiliation Fees**

- 8.1. Member clubs shall pay an annual affiliation fee to the OXL.
- 8.2. The affiliation fees for the forthcoming season shall be determined at the AGM.

## **9. Liability**

- 9.1. The OXL accepts no liability for loss or damage to the property of any of its members nor for any personal injury sustained by any member received while participating or competing in any of the OXL's activities.

## **10. League Season**

- 10.1. The league season will normally run between November and March and will normally consist of 5 races.

## **11. Venues**

- 11.1. Race venues for the following season will be determined by the League Manager in accordance with any views expressed at the latest AGM.
- 11.2. In any one season the aim shall be for the majority of the fixture venues to be within the County of Oxfordshire. Bearing in mind the requirement to ensure a variety of courses over the course of a season, that should not preclude the selection of venues outside Oxfordshire, if deemed necessary.

## **12. Constitution**

- 12.1. No alterations or additions may be made to the Constitution except at the AGM, or at any EGM called for the purpose.
- 12.2. Proposals to change this constitution may only come from member clubs and shall be sent to the League Secretary not less than 14 days before the meeting.
- 12.3. This Constitution was approved and adopted at the AGM held on **Wednesday, 29th June 2022.**