

SUFFOLK WINTER LEAGUE – CONSTITUTION

Updated 22nd November 2016

- 1 The League is to be known as the “Suffolk Winter League”. If, at any time, there is a sponsor for the League, their name shall prefix Suffolk Winter League.
- 2 The League is open to all Suffolk Clubs and those that border Suffolk (upon a vote by existing members) and these must be affiliated to the relevant, National, Regional and Local Athletics Authorities.
- 3 An Annual General Meeting shall be held each September to determine subscription fees and costs. To this end, the League will elect a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
- 4 The League will hold five or six fixtures, dependant on the voting at the AGM. At the AGM the fixture dates for the forthcoming season will be set. Each host club will ensure that:
 - a- The course length is closest to 8Km or 5 Miles.
 - b- A Race Permit is sought for the event.
 - c- A Risk Assessment is carried out as per UK Athletics and locally agreed standards.
 - d- Medical facilities are in place commensurate with current legislation with an Ambulance or Paramedic on site.
 - e- A Race Referee is appointed.
 - f- Recording sheets and envelopes are provided for all teams as well as cloakroom tickets for race finishers. A means of collecting race day fees from participating clubs must also be in place.
 - g- FREE beverages are provided for competitors AFTER the race.
- 5 The League is to be self-financing in that monies paid into the accounts are only used to pay for trophies, administration costs and the assistance for host Clubs in paying for medical assistance at races.
- 6 The League has its own Clubs and Charities Bank Account with Barclays and has two signatories, the Chairman and the Secretary.
- 7 Competing Clubs shall ensure that their members wear **CLUB VESTS of the same design** for each race.
- 8 A team comprises of the first seven men and the first three ladies (of any age category) from that club. If a club has enough runners for more than 1 team then the next 7 men and 3 women make up the next team.

This will include those finishers who make up a *composite team**. However, within each race, the men’s, ladies, and team results will be made up separately. (* *Two clubs may combine together to form a composite team, in exceptional circumstances more than two clubs may combine together, but only with approval at the A.G.M.*).
- 9 Team Scoring: The 1st man to cross the line scores 250 points, 2nd 249, 3rd 248 and so on. The 1st women to cross the line scores 150 points, 2nd 149, 3rd 148 and so on.
- 10 Age groups: Men's categories are Junior(16-19), Senior(20-39), V40(40-44), V45(45-49), V50(50-54), V55(55-59), V60(60-64), V65(65-69) and 70+.
Women's categories are Junior(16-19), senior(20-34), V35(35-39), V40(40-44), V45(45-49), V50(50-54), V55(55-59), V60(60-64), V65(65-69) and 70+.
Age group is decided by the runners’ age on the day of the first event in the series.
- 11 Individual Scoring: Each age category is scored separately, 1st place scores 1 point, 2nd 2 points, 3rd 3 points and so on.
Runners have to run a minimum of 4 races to qualify. If 5 or 6 races are completed then the best 4 scores count.

- 12 The minimum age for a competitor in the men's and ladies team shall be 16 years on the first race date.
- 13 There shall be No Guest Runners unless pre-approved by the Secretary of the League or the Race Director and the Race Referee.
- 14 Junior Run should take place before the start of the Senior race unless course is impractical. The length of this run shall be no more than 4 kilometres or 2½ miles (normally one circuit of the Senior Course) No athlete under the age of 11 years is to run.
- 15 Age groups for the Junior event are U13, U15 and U17. Age group determined by age on the 1st of September immediately before the first event in the series.

Entry Fees for 2016/17 are: £50.00 per Club, £4 per individual per race entry (payable on the day)
Individual entry to the Junior events is free.