

The Rules and Constitution of Grantham Athletic Club

1 TITLE

The title of the Club shall be: *GRANTHAM ATHLETIC CLUB*
and may be shortened for general use to: *GRANTHAM AC*

2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a) To encourage, promote and develop Athletics in the town and surrounding district;
- b) To provide coaching for, and ensure a duty of care to all, the members of the Club;
- c) To organise and select teams to represent the Club in Championships and Leagues as approved by the Club;
- d) To organise athletic events and to ensure equality of access;
- e) To cater for: Track and Field Athletics, Cross Country Running, Road Running and any other activities the Management Committee deem necessary;
- f) To assist UK: Athletics (UKA) and associated national/regional bodies in the performance of their objectives, powers and duties;
- g) To promote and engage in non-athletic entertainments and social activities as may reasonably be thought necessary to secure adequate recruitment, raise sufficient funds, maintain the cohesion of membership and uphold the standing of the Club in the general community.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all persons who are amateurs as defined by the UKA. All persons are to have achieved their 9th birthday upon joining.

4 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual Subscriptions and associated registration fees must accompany the application for membership and thereafter on 1st April each year.

The Management Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose subscription is in arrears, providing that one month's notice in writing shall have been sent to such member informing him/her of the action the Club is going to take.

Any proposed alteration of the annual Club subscription shall be decided at the Annual General Meeting.

5 MANAGEMENT

The running of the Club shall be vested in an Executive Management Committee, which shall comprise

President	Assistant Secretary	Cross Country Captain
Chairman	Coaching Co-ordinator	Lincolnshire T&F Manager
Vice Chairman	Welfare/Discipline Officer	Northern-League Team Manager
Honorary Secretary	Fixtures/Officials' Secretary	YAL Team Manager
Honorary Treasurer	Road Running Captain	

Non-executive officers (vice-captains, etc.) support the committee, but do not serve on it.
All post-holders will retire each year, but will be eligible for re-election.

The Management Committee may co-opt any additional members to the Committee and non-executive posts as deemed necessary.

See Appendix A for the hierarchy of the committee members and their respective club officers/helpers.

6 VICE PRESIDENTS

The Vice Presidents and Life Vice Presidents may be elected at an AGM.

7 EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

There shall also be an Emergency Committee, which will consist of: The Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October for the purpose of:

- a) Receiving the Annual Report (Hon. Secretary);
- b) Receiving the Financial Report and Balance Sheet (Hon. Treasurer);
- c) Considering any changes to the Annual Membership Subscription, if proposed;
- d) Electing the Executive Management Committee and Club Officers;
- e) Electing Life Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents, if proposed;
- f) Electing the Auditor (who will not be a member of the Management Committee);
- g) Considering any amendments to the Constitution.

The Hon. Secretary must receive propositions and nominations for posts at least 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to members of the date, time and venue of the meeting.

Each fully paid-up member of the Club shall have one vote. No alteration to the Constitution may be made except at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General meeting called for that purpose. A simple majority of the members present is needed to change a rule. Quorum - there must be at least 11 members present.

9 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by the Hon. Secretary or Chairman if requested by the Management Committee, or within one month of a request, signed by at least one third of the members, stating the purpose of the meeting.

At least 14 days notice shall be given to all fully paid-up members of the date, time and venue and purpose of the Extraordinary General Meeting. No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting.

10 RESIGNATION

Any member who wishes to resign must do so in writing to the Hon. Secretary. Resignations will not be accepted if the member is financially indebted to the Club and acceptance of the resignation will be withheld until the debt is discharged.

11 DISSOLUTION POLICY

A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a simple-majority vote of the members present.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the Club that remain shall become the property of the Lincolnshire Athletic Association.

Appendix A: **EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** Club Officers & others

PRESIDENT								CAPTAINS/ MANAGERS:	
CHAIRMAN	VICE- CHAIRMAN	HON. SECRETARY	HON. TREASURER	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	COACHING CO- ORDINATOR	WELFARE/ DISCIPLINE OFFICER	FIXTURES/ OFFICIALS' SECRETARY		
<i>Clubmark</i>	<i>Membership Secretary</i>		<i>Auditor</i>	<i>Club records</i>	<i>Coaches</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Officials</i>	ROAD CAPTAIN	Vice- captain(s)
<i>Primary Schools' XC League</i>	<i>Statistician & records</i>							CROSS- COUNRTY CAPTAIN	Vice- captain(s)
<i>Primary Schools' Sportshall League</i>	<i>Presentation Night</i>							LINCS- LEAGUE T&F MANAGER	Assistant Manager(s)
<i>Club-schools liaison</i>	<i>Newsletter</i>							NORTHERN- LEAGUE TEAM MANAGER	Assistant Manager(s)
<i>Awards</i>	<i>Website</i>							YAL TEAM MANAGER	Assistant Manager(s)

Approved at AGM 20th Oct 2010;