

Bridgwater & District Road & Trail Runners Constitution

1. Name

The club shall be called **Bridgwater & District Road & Trail Runners** or referred to as **BADRAT Runners** for short and are affiliated to England Athletics. The club's primary kit will be a blue and white race shirt or vest.

2. Aims and objectives

- To offer regular running sessions for club members on both road and trail terrain in and around the Bridgwater and surrounding district.
- To provide a welcome and inclusive club atmosphere with a keen focus on the social, physical and mental health benefits of running.
- Ensure a duty of care to all members of the club, providing services in a way that is fair to everyone.

3. Club Finances

A bank account shall be opened and maintained in the name of the Club (BAD RAT Runners).

Designated account signatories shall be the Chair, the Secretary, Members Secretary and the Treasurer. No sum shall be expended from the Club Account by electronic bank transfer unless approved by at least one of the designated signatories subject to a maximum amount fixed by the Committee. All monies payable to the Club shall be received by electronic bank transfer and deposited in the Club Account as soon as is reasonably practicable. The Club Account shall be managed by the club Treasurer in accordance with any finance policy drawn up by the Committee and/or in accordance with the reasonable instructions of the Committee (acting collectively) from time to time.

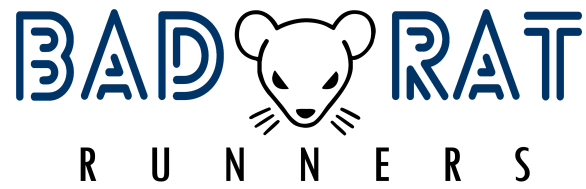
The Club's financial year shall end on **31st March** each year or such other date as the Committee may determine from time to time provided that no financial year shall be shortened to less than nine months or extended to more than fifteen months.

4. Affiliation

Subject to these Rules and the general law, the Club shall (as the case may be) become a member of or affiliate to England Athletics and any constituent body designated to it by England Athletics and the Club shall comply with and uphold the rules and regulations of England Athletics and of any such constituent body for the time being in force.

5. Club Membership

Club membership shall be open upon application to all persons with interests in running (social or competitive) over the age of 18 regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, race nationality, sexual orientation, occupation, religion, political or other beliefs. Membership may only be refused where admission to membership would be contrary to the best interests of sport or the good conduct and interests of the Club.



All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.

Partner offers and discounts available to club members must not be shared with any other person(s) outside of the club who do not have an active/valid Badrat club membership.

Members take part in activities at their own risk.

6. Membership Fees

Membership fees will be set annually and agreed by the Club Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting with England Athletics membership fees determined by EA. See website for current club membership fees.

Fees will be paid annually by direct bank transfer. Annual membership subscriptions shall be due on the 1st April every year, and will be valid until 31 March the following year. Any membership not paid or renewed by 30 April will be deemed to be not seeking renewal of their membership and therefore will have their membership terminated and will no longer be able to participate in club activities. Subject to hardship/special circumstances to be considered by club officers.

Prospective new members are encouraged to try up to 3 of the regular club run sessions as a non-member. Thereafter they will be required to join in order to participate in club activities and receive the full benefits of membership.

7. Officers of the club

The officers of the club will include the following positions:

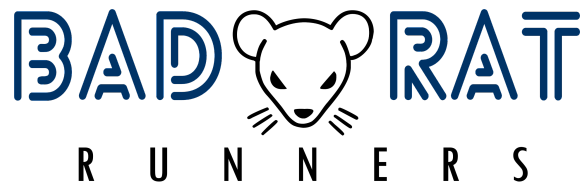
- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Club Runs and Events Secretary
- Club Captain
- Welfare Officer

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and will hold office until the next AGM. In the case of an officer standing down during the course of the year, the committee will seek to appoint a replacement officer for a formal appointment at the next available AGM.

8. Club Committee

The Club Committee will consist of the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Welfare officer and up to 5 other members, all of which must be full members of the club as a minimum for maintenance of the club. Other positions may vary and be added to officers and/or inclusion within the committee as the club develops.

The Club Committee will be responsible for management of all affairs of the club including adopting policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation and direction of the club. The Committee shall have the power to appoint a sub-committee and to co-opt any person to serve on such committee.



The Club Committee meetings will be convened by the Club Secretary and held no less than 4 times per year. A minimum of 4 club officers will form a quorum to transact business at committee meetings.

Any vacancy on the Committee which arises between one AGM and the next may be filled by a Member proposed by one Officer, seconded by another Officer and approved by the Committee.

9. Annual General Meetings (AGM)

The Committee shall call an Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) each year and no more than fifteen months shall pass between one AGM and the next following one. Club AGM's to be held in March/April with not less than 21 days' notice to be given to all members by the club Secretary.

Nominations for vacant club officers of the Club Committee will be sent to the Club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the AGM.

The business of an AGM shall include:

- a report of the activities of the Club over the previous year;
- a report of the Club's finances and accounts over the previous year;
- a report of the Club's membership position;
- the election and retirement of Officers; and
- any other business.

The Club Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside the AGM. Procedures for EGMs will be the same as for the AGM.

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present. The quorum for an AGM or EGM shall be a minimum of two Members.

If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting or if during a meeting a quorum ceases to be present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to a time and place as the Committee may determine.

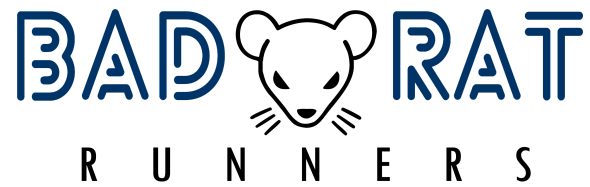
10. Altering the Constitution

No alteration or addition to this Constitution shall be made unless approved by a two thirds majority at an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting.

The notice for that Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting must detail the proposed alteration or addition. Anyone wishing to have such an alteration or addition proposed should give notice to the Secretary at least seven days prior to such meeting.

11. Dissolution of the Club

If at any Special General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club is passed by a majority of the Members present, a further Special General Meeting shall be convened, to be held not less than four weeks thereafter (of which two weeks written notice shall be given to each Member in addition to the other provisions for Notices), to further consider the matter.



The members may vote to wind up the Club if not fewer than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened Special General Meeting. If successful, the Committee shall proceed to realise the property of the Club and discharge all liabilities.

Any property remaining after the discharge of debts and liabilities of the Club shall be paid to or distributed to another community amateur sports club for road running or athletics, or to UK Athletics Limited for use in community-related road running initiatives, or to a charitable organisation having similar objects and affiliations, as nominated at the SGM.

12. Disciplinary Procedures

The Club shall not tolerate the physical or mental abuse, harassment, discrimination or defamation of any of its members during, or subsequent to, Club Events. Any Member may be disciplined or excluded from membership of the Club if his or her conduct has been, or is likely to be, prejudicial to the interests of the Club. Exclusion will be agreed by resolution of a majority of at least two thirds of those present and voting at a properly convened Committee meeting and at which no fewer than nine of the total voting members of the Committee shall be present

Declaration

BADRAT Runners duly adopted these Rules as its governing document on dd/mm/yyyy

Signed

Chairperson

Bjorn Edney

Signed

Secretary

Nick Sanders