



EDINBURGH SOUTHERN ORIENTEERING CLUB

CONSTITUTION - AMENDED 25TH OCTOBER 2017

1. The Club shall be called EDINBURGH SOUTHERN ORIENTEERING CLUB (hereinafter referred to as the Club).
2. The objects of the Club shall be devoted to the promotion of orienteering. The Club shall be affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation and the Scottish Orienteering Association.
3. MEMBERSHIP
 - 3.1. The membership shall consist of the following categories :-
 - 3.1.1. Senior Members: Individual Senior membership shall be available to persons who are aged 21 or older on 31 December of the membership year.
 - 3.1.2. Junior Members: Individual Junior membership shall be available to persons who are aged 20 or younger on 31 December of the membership year.
 - 3.1.3. Family Members: Family membership shall be available to families (2 persons required, 1 senior minimum, 2 seniors maximum).
 - 3.1.4. Group Members: Group membership shall be available to organisations such as schools, guide and scout groups. (1 adult minimum).
 - 3.1.5. Honorary Members: Honorary membership: shall be open to such individuals who have given outstanding service or shown outstanding achievement in the Sport as shall have honorary membership conferred on them by a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
 - 3.2. Membership fees shall be as agreed by each Annual General Meeting.
 - 3.3. Membership fees shall be due on 1st January each year. Membership shall cease if the club membership fee remains unpaid on 31st March.
 - 3.4. All members joining the club shall be deemed to accept the terms of this constitution and any bye-laws published from time to time by the Club.
4. MANAGEMENT
 - 4.1. The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by an Executive Committee which shall consist of the officers of the Club plus at least 2 other members.
 - 4.2. The officers of the Club shall consist of President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Club Captain. The full Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. If there are no nominations for any officer or other Committee member and a vacancy exists after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy. If a vacancy on the Committee shall arise during the year between elections, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy by co-opting a Club member to the Committee.
 - 4.3. All Committee members shall be members of the Club.
 - 4.4. The Club shall have an up-to-date Child Protection Policy and a Child Protection Coordinator. The Child Protection Coordinator shall be appointed by the Committee.

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5. GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting within 4 calendar months following the end of the ESOC accounting year, currently 31 August, to :-

- 5.1.1. Approve the minutes of the previous year's A.G.M.
- 5.1.2. Receive reports from the President and the Honorary Secretary.
- 5.1.3. Receive a report from the Honorary Treasurer and approve the annual accounts.
- 5.1.4. Receive a report from the auditor.
- 5.1.5. Elect the Executive Committee.
- 5.1.6. Consider changes to the constitution.
- 5.1.7. Appoint auditors for the Club accounts.
- 5.1.8. Deal with other relevant business.

5.2. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called by an application in writing to the Honorary Secretary supported by at least 10 members of the Club. The Executive Committee shall also have power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting by the decision of a simple majority of its members. All members of the Club shall be given at least 14 days notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting along with an agenda.

5.3. NOTICES

At least 30 days notice shall be given to all voting members of any Annual General Meeting.

5.4. VOTING

- 5.4.1. Individual or family Senior Members, shall each have one vote.
- 5.4.2. Individual or family Junior Members 16 years of age or older shall each have one vote.
- 5.4.3. Group members shall have no voting rights.
- 5.4.4. Honorary members shall have no voting rights.
- 5.4.5. With the exception of changes to the constitution, decisions put to a vote shall be resolved by a simple majority of voting members at General Meetings.
- 5.4.6. The President of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote.

5.5. QUORA

The quorum at General Meetings shall be 10 voting members. The quorum for Committee Meetings shall be 3, of which 1 shall be an executive member.

5.6. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 5.6.1. Any change to the constitution shall require a two-thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote at a General Meeting.
- 5.6.2. Notice shall be given to all voting members of any General Meeting as specified in 5.3. and any proposal to change the constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 15 days prior to the meeting.
- 5.6.3. All proposals for changes to the constitution shall be signed by two members eligible to vote at a General Meeting.

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6. FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

- 6.1. The financial year shall run from 1st September to 31st August each year.
- 6.2. The Honorary Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts of the Club.
- 6.3. The accounts shall be audited by an independent person who is not a committee member or related to a committee member and who shall be elected annually by the Annual General Meeting.
- 6.4. Withdrawals of club funds by cheque shall be signed by any two of the following: President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer. Online banking payments from club funds shall be by any one of the following: the President, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.
- 6.5. The club funds will not be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members. All surplus income shall be reinvested in the club.

7. BYE-LAWS

The Executive Committee shall have the power to publish and enforce such bye-laws as they feel necessary to govern the activities of the Club.

8. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of the Club any assets thereof shall not be distributed amongst the members of the Club in any way whatsoever but shall be passed to the Scottish Orienteering Association for distribution for the furtherance of orienteering.