

STAFFORDSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Constitution as amended February 2007

1. TITLE AND COMPOSITION

The Association shall be called "STAFFORDSHIRE AMATEUR ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION" (herein after the SAAA) and shall comprise of Amateur Athletics Clubs or Associations or Leagues interested in the development of Amateur Athletics in the County of Stafford. (NB The County of Staffordshire is taken as the one that existed before the county re-organisation of 1985).

2. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

- a) To affiliate to England Athletics and to Midland Counties Athletics Association and through this affiliation to become members of UK Athletics. (NB. Hereafter designated EA MCAA and UKA).
- b) To promote County Championships for men and women in all age groups.
- c) To invite Clubs, Associations and Leagues, having their head quarters in or outside the County to become affiliated to the SAAA and to deal with any such applications, which should be accompanied by the affiliation fee. Before any affiliation can be accepted, the constitution of the club making the application must include the amateur definition as laid down in the UKA Rules for Competition Rule 1.
- d) To administer and control athletics in the County in accordance with the provision of the MCAA (and rules made there under).
- e) To promote and develop athletics and to increase public awareness of it.
- f) To co-operate with the MCAA, the Regional Council and UKA in securing as far as practicable a uniform policy in all matters affecting the administration and development of athletics in the United Kingdom.
- g) To supervise, as far as possible, athletics meetings and competitions held in the County, to guard the interests of athletes. To secure in the County the observance of the laws and rules of the UKA, EA or MCAA, and observe national requirements for child protection and equity.
- h) To inquire into and report as required upon any of the following matters arising in the County:
 1. Breaches or non-observance of the laws or rules which may be reported to it or come to its notice.
 2. Cases of alleged misbehaviour or unfair practice.
 3. Charges against affiliated Clubs, Associations or Leagues.
 4. Complaints by competitors.
 5. Matters referred to it by UKA, EA or MCAA.
 6. Such enquiries to be held under the current disciplinary code of UKA and EA. The Chairman will convene a panel of three officers.
- i) To adjudicate upon any matter in clause (h) above if requested to do so by the MCAA.
- j) To inquire into and report on applications for affiliation to MCAA, EA or UKA.
- k) To inquire into applications for re-qualification and reinstatement from persons residing in the County and make recommendations to the MCAA.

- l) 1. Every enquiry held under Clause (i) or (k) above shall be conducted by a sub-committee of at least three members of the Executive Committee of the SAAA. No person directly interested in the inquiry shall sit upon such a sub-committee. The sub-committee shall put its report in writing and submit it, together with its recommendations, to the MCAA within seven days for ratification or otherwise.
2. Any person, club, association or league affected by such a decision may appeal against it. Notice of appeal must be sent to the MCAA within fourteen days of the receipt of notification of such a decision and must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.
- m) To keep in a book minutes of all proceedings and a record of the members attending such a meeting, and to furnish the Secretary of the MCAA with a copy of such minutes as soon as is practicable.
- n) All decisions of the SAAA shall remain in force pending confirmation or otherwise by the MCAA.

Signed: (Chairman)

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