

John H Collins Gwent Cross Country League Constitution.

(Revised May 2019)

1. Title: The League shall be known as “**The John H Collins Gwent Cross Country League.**”

2. Aims: The objective of the League shall be to encourage Cross Country running and to promote League fixtures for all age groups during the Cross-Country season.

3. Membership of the League shall be open to all Clubs, Colleges, Schools, Universities and other approved organisations duly affiliated to their own Associations. League membership shall be conditional upon payment of an annual subscription, the amount of which shall be decided annually, on the advice of the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting. Such a subscription shall entitle the member organisation to two votes at any General Meeting of the League which their representatives attend. In addition, the team of Race Officials, regularly serving at League fixtures, shall be entitled to the privileges, such as voting rights, of a member within the Constitution.

4. Management of the League shall be vested in an Executive Committee which shall comprise the four officers, (viz. Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer), plus three (3) nominated individuals, one whom should be a representative of the Race officials. The Executive Committee shall meet as frequently as the Chairman and Secretary deem expedient and shall have the power to co-opt any additional persons as and when necessary.

The Executive Committee shall be empowered to decide and take action on any matters not covered by the League Rules and Constitution.

There shall be no pre-determined length of tenure for any of the League’s Officers, but the individuals shall be subject to re-election at each Annual General meeting. (Note, that notwithstanding the above, it has become accepted that Presidents serve for two years in order that the honour may be accorded to others associated with the League.)

5. Life Members: The appointment of Life Membership to suitable persons, up to a maximum of five, may be nominated and approved at the Annual General Meeting.

6. Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting shall normally take place in early summer at a conveniently situated venue. Notice of the AGM shall be published to members at least twenty-eight (28) days beforehand. A quorum for the AGM or other General Meeting shall comprise representatives of not less than ten member clubs, schools, universities or other approved organisations.

Decisions shall be made on the basis of a simple majority of those voting at the AGM or General Meeting. The Chairman of the Meeting has a casting vote where there is a tied vote.

7. Trophies & Awards: The quantity, type and value of team and individual awards shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

8. Malpractice: In the event of a team or individual being found guilty of malpractice they shall be liable to sanctions, which may include penalties such as forfeit of points, relegation, suspension or expulsion from the League. Such action shall be taken by League Officers subject to formal notification at subsequent AGM, for ratification.

9. Dissolution: In the event that it is decided to dissolve the League, monies left after settlement of all debts and other commitments shall be shared between the current paid up members, (Clubs, colleges Schools, Universities and other approved organisations). Twenty per cent of the sum shall

be divided between host clubs proportional to their contribution in preceding five years. The remainder to be divided between all members, including hosts, on a similar basis in respect of their participation. Distribution of any other assets such as stock or equipment to be delegated to the League Officers,

10. Amendments to the Constitution may only be made at an Annual General Meeting with the approval of at least two thirds of those members in attendance. The League Secretary should be notified, in writing, of any proposed amendment fourteen days before the annual General Meeting.

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