

Constitution & By-Laws
Durham Dragons Athletics

ARTICLE ONE: TITLE

- The name of the club is Durham Dragons Athletics.

ARTICLE TWO: Purpose and Objectives

- The main objective of this Club is the promotion and encouragement of physical fitness through athletics.
- To provide NCCP Certified training and coaching for the athletes being coached.
- The Club will provide opportunities for competitive and non-competitive running, education, competition and social events that will be conducive to the encouragement of running.
- To organize and maintain Athletics Ontario (AO) and Minor Track Association (MTA) affiliation.
- To organize local opportunities in the Durham area for competition
- The club will seek out and keep affiliation with regional, provincial and national sporting organizations.

Article Three: Participants

- Participants of the Club Shall be open to persons 6 years of age and over.
- The requirement for participants shall be payment of dues and membership with Athletics Ontario and the Club. The appropriate forms must accompany the payment of all dues and fees.
- Payment of all dues and fees makes the individual a Club member from January 1st thru December 31st.
- Individuals joining after the 15th of November shall be deemed to have paid their Club fees for the following year.
- The Club will keep fees at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to participation.
- Annual fees shall become due for payment on January 1st each year with the amounts being determined at the AGM.

Article Four: Duties of a Participant

- A participant shall be responsible, insofar as they are capable, to serve the Club from time to time in some capacity when requested to do so, and to conduct themselves in such a manner as to further the positive reputation of the club.

- A participant may resign or leave the Club at anytime with proper and documented release. No refund of dues and fees will be granted.
- If a participant fails to pay their fees by March 1st, membership shall end.
- If in the opinion of the Executive, a participant has conducted themselves in a manner detrimental to the reputation of the Club, and/or the reputation of other participants of the Club, a vote of dismissal may be brought up. Such vote will require 66% or 2/3 majority vote of the Executive to be effective. A refund of fees will not be granted if such vote is passed.

Article Six: Affiliation

- The Club will affiliate with Athletics Ontario and Athletics Canada, and may affiliate itself with other local, regional, or national organizations which the Executive approves by a majority vote at a business meeting.

Article Seven: Management or Government

- The management of the Club shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary and will include up to 3 additional Board Members. The Executive Board will not exceed 7 members.
- The Executive shall be appointed by the current Executive, a third party, or elected by a majority vote of the Club members at the AGM.
- The term of such positions will 2 years.
- If a vacancy in these positions through resignation or other circumstances takes place, a Club member shall be chosen as a replacement by the Executive Board.
- The Executive shall have the power to appoint individuals to perform specific duties on behalf of the Executive, and to delegate to those individuals such duties as they consider appropriate.

Article Eight: Committees

- The Club shall have standing committees to further the objectives and purposes of the Club. Namely, these standing committees shall be.....
- The Club, at its Executives discretion may form other committees or subcommittees from time to time if deemed appropriate o advance the objectives and purposes of the Club.
- The Duties of Executives including standing committee chairs, are outlined in Appendix A.

Article Nine: Annual General Meeting

- The AGM shall be held in the month of December or January as dictated by the practical circumstances applicable at the time.

- At the AGM the meeting will...
 1. Receive the annual report from the President.
 2. Receive financial statements from the Treasurer's report.
 3. Elect or announce Executives positions for the upcoming year.
 4. Consider Amendments to the constitution.
 5. Transact any other notified business.
- At least 14 days notice shall be given to Club members of the date, venue, and agenda for the AGM.
- All registered members of the Club at the meeting who are aged 18 years or more shall have one vote. Voting will be by hands, except when the President decides voting shall be done by ballot.

Article Ten: Special Meetings

- All special meetings will be called by the President by notifying the club members two weeks in advance whenever possible.
- A majority of the members is needed in attendance to pass ordinary measures.

Article Eleven: Executive Meetings

- The Executive of the Club shall meet bi-annually at a time deemed most convenient or as deemed desirable or necessary.

Article Twelve: Finances

- Dues shall be determined by the Executive and/or coaching staff. They shall not change more often than once per year.
- The fiscal year will start on January 1st and end on December 31st.
- This is a non-for-profit organization. Dues and other monies received by the organization will be spend entirely for the operation and stated purpose of the organization.
- All funds belonging to the Club shall be deposited with a bank in an account that shall carry the Club title. There will be a minimum of two signatories, one of whom is the Treasurer and the other, President.
- Club members using Club funds for any purpose shall give a full and detailed record of the expenditures to the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall be satisfied with such report before acceptance.
- Fees required for affiliation in a local, regional, or national organization or organizations, other than Athletics Ontario and Athletics Canada, shall be voted upon by the membership at the AGM.
- Other Expenditures shall be approved by the Treasurer or as voted at an executive and/or special meeting.

- A written fiscal statement of the Club's assets, liabilities, and other expenditures shall be reported to the Club membership at the AGM.

Article Thirteen: Duties of the Executive

- The duties of the Executive shall be:
 1. To conduct all club business between meetings
 2. To carry out functions, activities, and resolutions voted on by the club.

Article Fourteen: Dissolution

- In the event of dissolution of this Club, the funds in the treasury, after settling all liabilities of the Club, shall be contributed to its members evenly or to another Club with similar purposes which is in good standing with Athletics Ontario.

Article Fifteen: Alterations to the Constitution

- The constitution may be altered but only by a resolution passed by 2/3 of the those present and voting at the AGM or a special meeting called for that purpose.

Article Sixteen: Ratification

- These articles containing the constitution and by-laws shall be passed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Executive present at the Executive meeting.