



**Article I – Title**

The title of this association will be Ryton Triathlon Club (“Ryton Tri”), herein referred to as the Club.

**Article II - Dissolution**

Upon dissolution of the Club, any residual assets remaining after satisfying all obligations and liabilities will be donated to a charity of the Management Committee’s choice. If the existing liabilities exceed the assets, the deficit will be borne equally by all Club members.

**Article III - Objects**

The object of the Club is the provision of a suitable environment for the encouragement and development of individual’s participation and competition in the sport of triathlon and its component disciplines.

The objects extend to providing coaching, equipment, facilities and services within its resources and conducting recreational and social activities for its members as considered necessary and proper by the Management Committee.

**Article IV – Affiliation**

The Club shall seek to be affiliated to Triathlon England (TE); England Athletics (EA); Cycling Time Trials (CTT) and The British Cycling Federation (BCF)

**Article V – Membership**

Membership of the Club shall be open to all persons who are amateurs as defined by the TE, EA, CTT and the BCF

A completed Club application form must accompany each application for membership. In addition, each member is required to comply with the Club’s ‘code of conduct for members’

Any member wishing to resign must do so in writing or email addressed to either the Chairman or Secretary. The resignation shall be considered by the Management Committee within one calendar month of receipt and shall be considered effective on the date of tendering. Resignation will not be accepted if the member is financially indebted to the club and acceptance will be withheld until the debt has been discharged.

### **Article VI – Subscriptions**

With the exception of honorary members, all members will pay a subscription fee at the commencement of their membership which in all cases will expire 30<sup>th</sup> November and annually thereafter. New members joining after 30<sup>th</sup> May will pay £12.50.

The Management Committee shall have power to expel any member whose subscription is three months in arrears, providing that one month's notice in writing shall have been sent to such member by registered or recorded post, addressed to the member's last known address and informing the member of the proposed action of the Management Committee.

The name and address of any person so expelled from the Club shall be recorded and circulated to the regional branches of TE, EA, CTT & BCF. Such expulsions may result in the members concerned being suspended from competition under the rules of the above sporting bodies.

### **Article VII - Administration**

The administrative control of the Club shall be vested in the Management Committee, which shall consist of three members plus a minimum of a further 5 general committee members elected from and by the membership. The minimum ten elected members of the Committee, holding one vote each at Committee meetings are:

#### **Management**

- Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer

#### **General**

- Minimum 5

Each member of the Committee shall be elected by the membership at the AGM to remain in office for a period not exceeding one year, being eligible for re-election at the AGM of the following year. The Management Committee shall have the power to fill vacancies as and when they arise.

### **Article VIII - Meetings**

The Committee will meet as required with 'e-mail meetings' openly conducted regularly to discuss any issues that may arise to be dealt with immediately. Any other meetings will be scheduled at least seven days in advance. To conduct business, at least three voting Committee members must be present: one of which must be a Management Committee Member. The proceedings will be recorded and will indicate the members in attendance and any actions taken or votes conducted. Action by the Committee will be by majority vote of the total elected members present unless otherwise specified herein. Any Club member may attend any

Committee meeting. Any business to be presented at any Committee meeting should be brought to the attention of the Chairman prior to the Committee meeting.

A meeting of the General Membership will be called as and when deemed necessary by either the Management Committee or the General Membership.. A simple majority vote shall be sufficient to carry any motion delegated to the General Membership by the Management Committee except those required to be moved at either the AGM or at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM).

The AGM shall be held within six months of the Club’s financial year, ending 30 November, for the purpose of:

- Receiving the Chairman’s statement and annual report of the Management Committee
- Receiving the financial statements
- Electing the Management and General Committee for the ensuing year
- Considering any amendments to the Constitution. Any proposed change to the Constitution by any member must be received by the Chairman or Secretary at least 21 days prior to the date of the AGM in order that all members have sufficient notice of the proposal.
- At least 14 days notice shall be given to members of the date & venue for the AGM. Each fully paid member present at the AGM shall have one vote.

The Chairman or Secretary shall call an EGM within one month of receiving a petition signed by at least 5% of the membership and stating the purpose of the meeting. At least 14 days notice shall be given to members of the date, venue and agenda items for the EGM. Each fully paid member present at the EGM shall have one vote. No other business shall be conducted at such a meeting.

#### **Article IX- Amendments**

The Constitution may only be amended at an AGM, or at an EGM called for that purpose, and then only by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting.

#### **Article X - Adoption**

This Constitution shall become effective upon adoption by a positive vote of a majority of the membership present at a scheduled meeting and after approval by the Chairman.

.....*C Gardener*..... Chairman

.....§ Stewart..... Secretary

.....§ Maddison.... Treasurer

Adopted 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014