



BUXTON ATHLETIC CLUB: CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be called Buxton Athletic Club (known as Buxton AC).
2. The Junior Section shall be called Buxton AC Juniors.
3. The Club shall be governed by the rules of England Athletics (EA).
4. The Juniors will be governed by its own committee.
5. A representative of the Junior Section will be a member of the Committee.
6. Separate bank accounts will be held and controlled by both Junior and Senior sections and be controlled by their respective officers.
7. The financial year will end on 31 December.
8. All monies will be entered into respective bank accounts and will be accounted by the respective Club Treasurers for the Seniors and Juniors, at the financial year end.
9. The Club vest will be navy blue with a vertical sky-blue stripe(s).
10. The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting each year at which the audited financial statement, including the Junior Section, shall be circulated to Members (see Item 6).
11. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held when at least 10% of the Club Membership make a request to the Chairman, in writing. Such a meeting must take place within 28 days of the request.
12. At least 28 days' notice of every motion to be placed on the agenda of any General meeting must be sent to the Secretary.
13. A notice stating the time, place and agenda of every General Meeting shall be sent to all Club Members at least 28 days before the date of such a meeting.
14. The Club shall comprise of Ordinary Members (seniors), Junior Members, Life Members (seniors), Honorary Members (seniors) and Second Claim Members (seniors and juniors).
 - a. Members <18 years old are all considered junior members
 - b. Members 18-19 years old have the option of being considered junior or senior members, paying the associated membership fee for their chosen membership type. Only senior members may compete in the senior club championships
 - c. Members >19 years old are all considered senior members
15. The annual subscription for Ordinary and Second Claim Members shall be decided at a General Meeting.

16. Payment of annual subscriptions shall become due on 1st April of each year, with a deadline of 31st May for payment by every Club Member. Should any subscriptions be outstanding by 31st May that Member will be considered to no longer belong to the club.
17. The aim of the Club shall be the encouragement of athletics.
18. The income and property of the Club shall be applied to stated aims, and, in the event of its dissolution, any income or property remaining shall not be distributed between its Members but be donated to a club or associate with similar aims or to some charitable purpose.
19. The Club shall not be dissolved except by the consent of 2/3 of those Members present at a General meeting called to consider such a matter.
20. Candidates for Honorary or Life Membership must be proposed and seconded by three Club Members and will be elected or excluded by a simple majority, ie more than 50%, of Club Members.
21. Candidates for Ordinary or Associate may be elected or excluded at the discretion of the Committee. Candidates for Junior Membership may be excluded at the discretion of their organisers, with the approval of the Committee.
22. A Membership List will be maintained by the Membership Secretary. Any Member changing his/her address should notify the Membership Secretary in writing.
23. Any Member wishing to resign should signify his/her intention to do so in writing to the Membership Secretary.
24. No Member of the Club shall receive payment for his service as a member.
25. At the AGM of the Club, a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Junior Representative, Welfare Officer (male and female), and other officers shall be appointed. In addition, a President may be elected by the meeting.
26. A quorum shall consist of at least 15 members or 25% of Club Membership, whichever is the lower.
27. The management of the Club shall be vested in a committee comprising of the officers in 25. above, plus other members elected by the AGM.
28. Members of the Committee may not hold office in any other athletic club except a closed club as defined by the EA.
29. The Committee shall have the power to elect delegates to the associations to which the Club is affiliated.
30. The Committee shall have the power to elect sub-committees. The Committee and sub-committees shall have the power to co-opt.
31. All Club Members are welcome to attend Committee Meetings, but only members of the Committee will be allowed to vote at those meetings.

32. The Committee shall have the power to expel from the Club any member whose conduct is obnoxious to other members or is not in keeping with the character of the Club.
33. Before the Committee takes action against a member, the member has a right to a hearing by the Committee.
34. The member would have the right to be accompanied to the hearing by one other person.
35. The minutes of the proceedings of the Club, whether in general or committee meetings, shall be filed by the Secretary, and be available to all Club Members on request.
36. The winner of any Club perpetual trophy must give the Secretary an undertaking that the trophy will be returned in good condition to the Club before the next competition for the trophy or after one year, whichever is the shortest.
37. Any costs incurred by a Club Officer or Club Member must be submitted to the Club Treasurer within 12 months of the date of the invoice(s)/expenses.
38. Junior Club Members under the age of 18 will not be permitted to take part in Senior Club Night runs.
39. Alterations to the constitution shall require the approval of 2/3 majority of those present and voting at a meeting at which it is discussed. Any resolution for alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Secretary at least 14 days before such a meeting, circulated to all Members seven days prior to such a meeting.
40. Club records can only be set in a race which is accurately measured and licensed by a recognised national body e.g. UK Athletics. Eligibility for club records is as follows:
 - a. First Claim Athletes: Club records can be set while representing Buxton AC or competing for their county, nation, work, veterans' club, or in appropriate school, college, or university events
 - b. Life Members and Second/Higher Claim Athletes: Club records can only be set when representing Buxton AC
41. Eligibility for the Club Championships is as follows:
 - a. First Claim Athletes: all specified races are eligible for inclusion in the club championships where the athlete represents Buxton AC or is competing for their county, nation, work, veterans' club, or in appropriate school, college, or university events
 - b. Life Members and Second/Higher Claim Athletes: all specified races are eligible for inclusion in the club championships where the athlete represents Buxton AC
 - c. Vet Championships are open to all athletes that are aged 35 or over (women) or 40 or over (men) at the start of the championships year (1st November), including those that also qualify for the Super Vet age categories

- d. Super Vet Championships are open to all athletes that are aged 55 or over at the start of the Championships year (1st November)

42. Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with by the Committee.

Summary of Amendments

Date	Summary of Changes
Jan 2016	Club name change from Buxton & District AC to Buxton AC.
Nov 2016	Updated to state that anything not captured in the constitution shall be dealt with by the committee.
Dec 2019	
Mar 2023	Membership year amended to align with England Athletics Affiliation year.
Jul 2023	Ages clarified for Junior versus Senior Membership.
Jun 2025	Year end date changed to 31 st December, with accounts audited at this time. Information with regards to club record and club championship eligibility added.