

CONSTITUTION TYNESIDE LOIPERS

1. Name

The club will be called Tyneside Loipers and will be affiliated to SnowSport England.

2. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To promote and encourage participation in Nordic and cross-country skiing and complementary activities in the UK and abroad and to offer coaching and competitive opportunities where possible.
- To promote the club within the local community, comprising the counties of Northumberland, Durham and Tyne and Wear.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club and provide its services in a way that is fair to everyone.

3. Membership

Membership shall consist of officers and members of the club. Membership shall be open to anyone interested in Nordic or cross-country skiing on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.

All members will be subject to the rules and regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

- Joint membership
- Individual membership
- Junior membership (under 18)

4. Membership fees

Membership fees will be set annually and determined by the Annual General Meeting.

Fees will be paid annually and are due on 1st November each year.

5. Officers of the Club

The officers of the club will be:

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Membership Secretary
- Club Welfare Officer
- Website Editor

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and will be eligible for re-appointment up to a maximum of 4 years in that post. (Extended service beyond the 4 year limit will be allowed in exceptional circumstances or where no new candidates are available.)

6. Committee

The club will be managed through a committee consisting of the elected officers of the club and up to two additional committee members (also elected at the Annual General Meeting).

The committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

The committee will be responsible for any property or equipment which may be acquired by or become the property of the Club.

The committee will have powers to appoint sub-committees as necessary and to appoint advisors to the committee as necessary to fulfil its business (advisors will not be eligible to vote).

The committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/constitution.

7. Safeguarding

The club will ensure a duty of care to all members of the club by adopting and implementing SnowSport England's safeguarding policies and any future versions of these policies.

8. Finance

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. All funds will be used only to further the aims of the club as defined in Section 2 of this Constitution. The financial year of the club will end on 30th September.

The treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. A statement of accounts will be presented and verified by the committee prior to being presented along with the treasurer's report at the Annual General Meeting.

The bank account will facilitate online transactions for day to day spending. Operation and oversight of this account will be by the treasurer and a nominated committee member.

9. Club Meetings

All club meetings may be held in-person, or virtually, or as a hybrid of both.

9.1 Committee Meetings

Committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the club and will take place at least twice during the club year. The quorum required for business to be agreed at meetings of the committee will be three.

9.2 Annual General Meetings

The Club Secretary will give at least 21 days clear notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to all members.

The AGM will receive a report from the Chairman and Membership Secretary and a statement of the accounts from the treasurer.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM. Nominations for officers and committee members will be received by the Secretary prior to the meeting.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM. The quorum will be the lesser of 10 members or 25% of the membership.

9.3 Extraordinary General Meetings

Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside of the AGM may be called by the committee, or at the request of 5 or more members in writing to the Secretary (the meeting to be held within 4 weeks of a valid request). The Secretary will give 14 days notice of the EGM stating the purpose of the meeting.

All members have the right to vote at the EGM. The quorum will be the lesser of 10 members or 25% of the membership.

10. Discipline and Appeals

All members are expected to adhere to the SnowSport England Code of Conduct. Any complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The committee will meet to hear complaints within 28 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 7 days of the hearing.

There will be a right of appeal to the committee, provided that the appeal shall be received by the Secretary within 14 days following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

11. Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM and requires a two-thirds majority vote of those present.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain must be transferred to one or more voluntary organisations or registered charities having similar aims to those of the club.

12. Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement at an AGM or EGM. Such changes require a two-thirds majority vote. At least 14 days clear notice of the changes shall be given prior to the meeting.

13. Declaration

Tyneside Loipers hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED: 

DATE: 25.10.23

NAME: Neil Waters

POSITION: Club Chair

SIGNED: 

DATE: 25.10.23

NAME: Charlie Fisher

POSITION: Club Secretary