

Constitution of the North Carolina Roadrunners Club

(Revised and Approved December 14, 2006)

I. TITLE

- A. The title of the association shall be "NORTH CAROLINA ROADRUNNERS CLUB, INC.", hereafter referred to as "The Club." The Club's address is PO. Box 97336, Raleigh, NC 27624-7336.

II. OBJECT

- A. The objective of The Club shall be the promotion and encouragement of running and walking, including the fostering of national and international amateur competition and the education of the community on the benefits of physical fitness and sport.
- B. In furtherance of objective "A", The Club may hold championships, road races, races on the track, social runs, lectures, demonstrations, social events, time trials, field competitive teams, print and publish books, magazines and newsletters, make awards, and do all other such things as may be conducive to the encouragement of running and walking.
- C. Other objectives are to engage in community activities, to publicize by appropriate means the benefits of running and walking, and to work with other agencies and organizations who advocate running and walking as means of physical fitness.

III. MEMBERSHIP

- A. The only requirement for membership shall be the payment of dues. The Club shall be open to all persons for full membership and participation without regard to race, religion, national origin, handicap, sex or sexual orientation.
- B. Members may join as regular members, family members or subscribing members.
 - 1. Regular members may vote at club meetings, run for office, accept appointment to committees, compete on competitive teams, wear the Club logo on clothing, and receive the club newsletter.
 - 2. Each family member of a family membership has the same privileges as a regular member. Each family membership receives one copy of each newsletter.
 - 3. Subscribing members receive one club newsletter but have no other Club privileges.

IV. AFFILIATION

- A. The Club shall be empowered to affiliate with any organization which promotes running and/or walking and which may prove beneficial to The Club. All measures adopted by those organizations must be considered by The Club.

V. MEETINGS

- A. Regular Club meetings will be held quarterly. A meeting of the Club may be called by the President or by written request of ten (10) members.
- B. Executive Committee Meetings will be held monthly. A meeting of the Executive Committee may be called by the President or by written request of fifty percent (50%) of that committee.
- C. A quorum for regular Club meeting shall consist of twice the number of elected officers plus one.
- D. A quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall consist of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee.

VI. Government

- A. The government of The Club shall be vested in the Executive Committee consisting of the four Club Officers: the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, plus one (1) Member-at-Large for every one hundred (100) regular or family memberships or fraction thereof, as of September 1 of the preceding calendar year. The Executive Committee will have the following general powers:
 1. Full charge of the general management of The Club.
 2. Executive Committee will review all expenditures of over \$100.00 on any non-budgeted items.
 3. Executive Committee shall have authority to contract services as deemed necessary and prudent by the committee in order to execute the objectives of The Club.
- B. Duties of the Officers:
 1. The President shall have the following duties and responsibilities
 - i. To preside over meetings.
 - ii. To represent or designate members to represent The Club in associations to which the Club may belong.
 - iii. To call special meetings.

- iv. To appoint committees and chairpersons thereof and be responsible for all committees accomplishing their tasks. Any member nominated for chairperson must be approved by two members of the Executive Committee. Examples of such committees include: Marketing, Newsletter, Nominating, Race and Social.
 - v. To contract with an accountant for the preparation of the annual federal tax return (IRS 990) and to sign it on behalf of the Club.
2. Vice President: to assume the powers of the President in his absence, to take on special assignments as required by the President.
 3. Secretary: to keep a record of minutes of the meetings, to keep a file of such minutes, to keep the Club's scrapbook and, when requested by the President, to accept assignments involving correspondence and keeping of records.
 4. Treasurer: to administer all financial dues, prepare monthly financial statements and to have authority to sign or to disburse necessary appropriations as directed.
 5. Members-at-Large: to represent the general membership at Executive Committee meetings.
- C. Eligibility: Officers may be elected to succeed themselves. All persons holding office must hold either regular or family memberships.
- D. Term of Office:
1. The term of office shall be one year, beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the calendar year.
 2. Any office filled through a special election because of resignation shall be subject to completion of that term of office.
 3. Committees, except special committees, shall serve for the year for which they are appointed.
 4. Officers are expected to attend at least 9 of the 12 scheduled Executive Committee Meetings and to volunteer at two club events throughout the year. Members-at-large are expected to attend at least 8 of the 12 scheduled Executive Committee Meetings. Participation of less than expected attendance at 12 scheduled Executive Committee Meetings and involvement in less than two club events, unless there are extenuating circumstances may be grounds for dismissal from and replacement by the Executive Committee.
- E. Elections: The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Members-at-Large shall be elected.
1. Officers and Members-at-Large shall be elected at the Annual Meeting in December, or at any special meeting called to fill a vacant office, by a majority of those present at said meeting.

2. Members may vote at the annual meeting or by absentee ballot. A list of candidates, as reported by the Nominating Committee, must be mailed to all members at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Absentee ballots must be received prior to the meeting to be valid.
3. All members must be notified at least seven (7) days in advance of a **special election**.

F. Procedural Requirements:

1. A majority of the members present at an Executive Committee meeting is necessary to pass ordinary measures. All measures shall be deemed ordinary except those proposing a Constitutional Amendment.
2. At a regular Club meeting, members may make motions of recommendations to the Executive Committee from the floor and vote on said motions. The Executive Committee shall consider said motion at the following Executive Committee meeting and report its action at the next regular meeting.
3. Constitutional Amendments
 - i. A Constitutional Amendment may be accomplished by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at the regular Club meeting.
 - ii. All members must be notified at least seven (7) days prior to voting that a Constitutional amendment will be discussed and voted upon.

VII. Finances

- A. Dues shall be as determined by the Executive Committee.
- B. The Club is a non-profit organization. Dues, entry fees and other moneys received by the Club will be spent entirely for carrying out the stated purpose of the Club.
- C. No part of the earnings of the Club shall inure to the benefit of its individuals with the exception of contracted services outlined in Section VI.A.3.
- D. Members or committees using club funds for any purpose shall give full and monthly record of expenditures and income to the Treasurer.
- E. The Club shall be empowered to participate in fund raising activities for charitable organizations. The amount donated to the specific charity will be agreed upon by a majority vote of the Executive Committee
- F. The Club will be empowered to submit a portion of the annual dues to any affiliated organization which may benefit the Club, as membership in those bodies shall require.

VIII. Dissolution

In the event of The Club dissolution, any funds in the treasury, after all creditors have been paid, shall go to the Roadrunners Clubs of America or other national organization which the club is a member of. The selected organization shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section (501C3) of the Internal Revenue Code or 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).