



# SOUTH LONDON ORIENTEERS

## Constitution

### **1 Title and Purpose**

- 1.1 The club shall be called South London Orienteers and Wayfarers (SLOW), hereinafter referred to as the Club.
- 1.2 The main purpose of the club is to promote participation in the amateur sport of orienteering in and around London.

### **2 Management**

#### **2.1 Executive Committee structure**

- 2.1.1 The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by an executive committee ('the Committee'), which shall consist of the Officers, Committee Members and any Co-opted Members. Officers, Committee Members and Co-opted Members shall have a vote each.
- 2.1.2 The Officers of the Club shall consist of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Captain, Equipment Officer and Fixtures Secretary.
- 2.1.3 Up to 12 Committee Members shall be appointed as required, e.g. Mapping Officer, Social Secretary, Publicity Officer, Training Co-ordinator, SEOA Rep, Newsletter Editor, Events Series Coordinator.
- 2.1.4 The Officers and Committee Members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- 2.1.5 In the event of a full complement of Officers and Committee Members not being elected at the AGM, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt members ('Co-opted Members').
- 2.1.6 If any vacancy should occur between AGMs amongst the Officers or Committee Members, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt another club member to fill the post until the next AGM.

#### **2.2 Executive Committee organisation**

- 2.2.1 The Committee shall meet and act as required for the efficient conduct of the Club's business, normally six times a year.
- 2.2.2 The Secretary shall maintain minutes and record the business of all meetings and the names of those present.
- 2.2.3 A quorum shall consist of five Officers/Committee Members, of which at least three shall be Officers.
- 2.2.4 The Committee shall have the power to constitute sub-committees as may be deemed necessary.

### **3 Affiliation**

- 3.1 The Club shall be affiliated to the British Orienteering Federation (BOF) and to the South East Orienteering Association (SEOA).
- 3.2 The Club shall recognise BOF as the co-ordinating body for the sport of orienteering in Great Britain.

### **4 Membership**

- 4.1 Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
- 4.2 The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.



The membership categories and fees for them shall be agreed by the Committee. The fee shall be due on 1 January each year.

- 4.3 The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
- 4.4 Only members of the Club present at a General Meeting shall have the right to vote at the meeting, except that Groups and Families shall have not more than two votes each.

## **5 Finance**

- 5.1 The financial year of the Club shall run from 1 November to 31 October. The accounts of the Club shall be drawn up at 31 October each year and submitted to the subsequent AGM.
- 5.2 All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
- 5.3 Upon dissolution of the club any remaining assets shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

## **6 Annual General Meeting**

- 6.1 The Club shall hold an AGM not later than two months after the end of the financial year.
- 6.2 Notice of the AGM shall be sent to all Club members not less than 30 days before the meeting.
- 6.3 The AGM shall approve minutes of the previous AGM, review the accounts and elect the committee, as a minimum.

## **7 Extraordinary General Meeting**

- 7.1 An EGM may be called by the Committee, or on written application to the Secretary, the application to be supported by at least 10% of the total voting membership of the Club, as defined by 4.3. Such a meeting shall be held within 42 days of the Committee decision, or receipt of the written application, and shall only discuss the business for which it has been called.
- 7.2 Notice and agenda of any EGM shall be sent to all members not less than 14 days before the meeting.

## **8 Amendments to the Constitution**

- 8.1 Alterations to the Constitution shall require a two thirds majority of those voting at the AGM or any EGM.
- 8.2 Any amendment to the Constitution shall be proposed in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before the AGM and sent to all members at least 14 days before the AGM.

Adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, 21 December 2021; ratified by the SLOW Committee on 9 February 2022.