



Dublin University Harriers and Athletic Club

Constitution and Club Rules

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1. Title

1.1 The Club

The name of the club shall be:

Dublin University Harriers and Athletic Club

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The acronym D.U.H.A.C. subsequently used in this document shall refer to the Dublin University Harriers and Athletic Club.

2 Objectives of D.U.H.A.C.

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The promotion of Cross-Country running, Road Relay running, and Indoors and Outdoors Track and Field Athletics, including Multi-Events, in the University.

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To consider and discuss all questions affecting the interests of D.U.H.A.C. and to take such action in regard to the protection, encouragement and promotion of such interests as deemed necessary or desirable.

3 Affiliation

3.1 University and Intervarsity Athletic Bodies

D.U.H.A.C. shall be affiliated to:

- D.U.C.A.C. and shall adhere to any rulings that Dublin University Central Athletic Club make.
- I.U.A.A. and shall run its Intervarsity matches according to the rules of this Association.

4 Colours

4.1 Club Colours

The Club colours shall be Maroon, White and Black. Any club vest or garment should be compatible with these colours.

5 Membership

5.1 Eligibility for Membership

Membership of D.U.H.A.C shall comprise of the following categories:

5.1.1 Student Members

This category is confined to those students currently taking an undergraduate or postgraduate course of study in the College and to those students who have finished their course of study in Trinity College the previous academic year. [In line with

Student Sport Ireland and F.I.S.U. (International University Sports Federation) eligibility rules, undergraduate students must be pursuing a level 6 course of study on the NQAI (National Qualification Authority of Ireland) Framework that is equivalent to 60 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System).]

Only these members are eligible to compete for D.U.H.A.C. in Intervarsity competition. Student Members shall pay a fee determined by the Committee.

5.1.2 Honorary Members

Where the Committee deems that a particular person would be of special value as a Club member, that person shall be granted Honorary Membership of D.U.H.A.C. Honorary Members may stand for election to the Committee and act as Club Representatives when and where necessary.

Honorary Members shall have no voting rights prior to their election to the Committee and their Honorary Membership shall be renewed each year at the Annual General Meeting.

All Past Presidents of D.U.H.A.C. shall be Honorary Life Members of D.U.H.A.C. and all Coaches of the Club shall be deemed to be Honorary Members of D.U.H.A.C. during their terms as official Coaches.

5.1.3 Staff/Graduate Members

These members shall be staff or graduates of Trinity College Dublin and be members of D.U.C.A.C.

Staff/Graduate Members shall pay a fee determined by the Committee in addition to the D.U.C.A.C. subscription.

5.2 Period of Membership

Students, Staff and Graduates are considered to be members of D.U.H.A.C. on payment of the appropriate subscription outlined above. Subscriptions are payable on the first day of Michaelmas Term. Any member whose subscription has not been paid by the first day of the following Hilary Term shall cease to be a member of D.U.H.A.C. and shall not be re-admitted until all arrears have been paid.

5.3 Obligations of Membership

Acceptance of membership of D.U.H.A.C. implies acceptance of the Constitution, Rules of Championships and Club Rules which may be passed by the Committee from time to time.

6 General Meetings

6.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in Trinity Term.

6.2 Definition of a Quorum

At a General Meeting a quorum shall consist of five Committee Members and ten other members of D.U.H.A.C.

6.3 Notification of a General Meeting

Business to be placed on the Agenda and nominations for Officers and Honorary Members shall be handed in to the Hon. Secretary seven days before any meeting. He/she shall post or circulate the nominations and the agenda at least five days before the meeting.

6.4 Nominations and Voting

The paid-up members of D.U.H.A.C. on the first day of Trinity term, including those who have paid any arrears, shall be entitled to nominate and vote in the election of Officers (who in turn must be paid-up members of D.U.H.A.C. on the first day of Trinity term) and on any issue of general concern. Elections shall be by secret ballot where more than one candidate for a particular position exists, unless both candidates agree to a vote by a show of hands and this show of hands is undisputed. Where more than two candidates stand for a position, any one must gain 50% + 1 of the votes cast to be elected. Where none of the three candidates gains an overall majority, the two candidates with the highest numbers of votes shall be voted on again.

6.5 Executive Committee

The affairs of D.U.H.A.C. shall be managed by an Executive Committee. The following shall be the Officers of D.U.H.A.C.:

1. President
2. Two Vice-Presidents
3. Men's Harriers Captain
4. Women's Harriers Captain
5. Men's Athletics Captain
6. Women's Athletics Captain
7. Hon. Secretary
8. Hon. Treasurer
9. Public Relations Officer
10. Safety Officer
11. Two Ordinary Committee Members

6.6 President and Vice-Presidents

The President and Vice-Presidents shall not be undergraduates and should be graduate members of D.U.C.A.C. or staff of Trinity College Dublin. The Captains shall be athletes eligible to compete for the University. Of the remaining Committee positions, at least four should be filled by student members of D.U.H.A.C. Honorary members can take any position if they fulfill the above requirements for that position. Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled by co-option, if deemed necessary by the rest of the Committee. Two Vice-Presidents may be elected and hold office simultaneously.

6.7 Overall Captain of D.U.H.A.C.

The position of overall Captain of D.U.H.A.C. for any academic year shall be decided by the Executive Committee at its first meeting from among the Women's Athletics Captain, the Men's Athletics Captain, the Women's Harriers Captain and the Men's Harriers Captain.

6.8 Term of Office of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall hold office for one year, effective from the time that D.U.C.A.C.'s accounts are audited, but shall be eligible for annual re-election. The President and Vice- Presidents shall hold office until they resign or are out-voted by another candidate at an A.G.M. No other Committee Member shall hold the same office for more than three years.

6.9 Sub-Committees

The Committee of D.U.H.A.C. shall have the power to appoint Sub-Committees consisting of one or more persons to deal with any special matters that may arise from time to time.

6.10 Amendments to the Constitution and Changes of Rules

Changes to this Constitution and to the Rules of D.U.H.A.C., whether by way of variation, addition or repeal, shall be a reserved function of the Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. To exact any change in this Constitution a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority of the members present and voting shall be required.

6.11 Meetings of the Executive Committee

The Hon. Secretary shall convene the Executive Committee for the transaction of general business not less than once a month during term, and the agenda shall be notified at least two days beforehand. At Committee meetings five shall form a quorum.

6.12 Minutes of Meetings

It shall be the duty of the Hon. Secretary to record the minutes of all meetings of D.U.H.A.C. and to present an annual Hon. Secretary's Report to D.U.C.A.C. after each Annual General Meeting.

6.13 Accounts

A balance sheet and an income and expenditure account shall be prepared each year by the Hon. Treasurer, and a copy of these accounts shall be sent to D.U.C.A.C.

6.14 Extraordinary General Meeting

The Hon. Secretary shall convene an Extraordinary General Meeting at any time if so directed by the Executive Committee, or on the written request of not less than twenty members.

6.15 D.U.H.A.C. Constitution and Rules

A copy of these Rules shall be maintained under the auspices of D.U.C.A.C. It is the responsibility of the Hon. Secretary to bring a copy of these rules to any General Meeting to settle any disputes arising. Each member shall be entitled to receive a copy of these Rules upon written application to the Hon. Secretary.

7 Award of Club Colours and University Colours (Pinks)

7.1 Club Colours

Any Club Member who fulfills any two of the following requirements, shall be deemed eligible for the award of D.U.H.A.C. Colours:

1. Represented D.U.H.A.C. in at least two matches of the same nature against University College Dublin.
2. Represented D.U.H.A.C. in at least two Intervarsity championships of the same nature.
3. Won any event in the above matches.
4. Have been a member on a winning team in any of the above matches.
5. Represented his/her country in any event.

7.2 Colours Ties

A member to whom Colours has been awarded shall be entitled to wear the Club tie with the distinctive University Crest (Harp and Crown) embroidered thereon, and the D.U.H.A.C. blazer. These may be purchased at the member's expense.

7.3 University Pinks

Any Club Member who fulfills the following criteria, shall be deemed eligible to be nominated for award of a University Pink.

1. Have competed in the Irish Intervarsity Championships for DUHAC for 2 years.
2. Have earned DUHAC Colours for 2 years. (This is achieved by competing in the Colours Match against UCD)
3. Have won two individual medals in Intervarsity competition (IUAA Championships) OR Have won an individual Intervarsity medal and a National Senior individual indoor or outdoor or cross country medal.
4. Have represented his or her country at University or Junior or U.23 or Senior level (This can be achieved in any of the following events: Celtic University or Home Countries Cross Country Events; World University, European or World Junior, U.23, or Senior Cross Country Championships; World University Games; European or World Junior, U.23 or Senior Indoor or Outdoor Championships; Europa Cup; or similar Area Games or championships in the case of overseas students; Commonwealth Games)

7.4 Pinks Attire

A member to whom a University Pink has been awarded by the D.U.C.A.C. Captains' Committee shall be entitled to wear the Pink's attire as decided by D.U.C.A.C.

8 Competition and Coaching

8.1 Athletics Competitions

The Committee shall ensure that all members have the option to compete, subject to qualification, in all relevant I.U.A.A. competitions. In particular D.U.H.A.C. members should compete in or organize:

- Colours matches in Cross-Country and Track and Field athletics
- Intervarsity competition in:
 - Outdoor Track and Field Athletics
 - Indoor Track and Field Athletics
 - Road-Relay Championships
 - Cross-Country Running
- The Trinity Relays Inter-Club Meeting on College Park.
- The College Dash around Front Square ("The Chariots of Fire")
- The College Races

8.2 Coaching

The Committee of D.U.H.A.C. shall provide coaching, where possible, for all standards of athletes, in the relaxed and friendly spirit of University athletics.

9 Special Circumstances

9.1 Interpretation of Rules

The Committee shall decide any question as to the interpretation of the Rules and deal with any matter not definitely provided for therein.