OXFORD TRI CLUB CONSTITUTION

(As approved at our 2023 AGM on the 19/10/23)

1. Name

The club will be called OXFORD TRI and will be affiliated to the British Triathlon Federation.

2. Aims, Objectives and Strategy

2.1 The aims and objectives of the club will be:

To Include;

* Seeking to welcome and include all individuals within our club community.
* Aspiring to reduce barriers to participation in triathlon and multi-sport events.
* Promoting equality, diversity and inclusion in our own club and the wider sport of triathlon.
* Being transparent about the leadership and management of Oxford Tri.

To Empower;

* Providing a mixture of coached and non-coached sessions which support our community in improving their physical and mental health.
* Supporting the personal development of individuals seeking to progress into coaching or additional roles within Oxford Tri.
* Listening to our membership community as we seek to continuously develop and improve the positive impact of Oxford Tri.

To do it Together;

* As a community we actively support, encourage and care for our fellow club members.
* Actively partnering with other sports clubs and organisations within Oxford, with the aim of improving the sporting experience for all.
* Seeking to support our wider Oxford community through club-based initiatives.
* Celebrating all forms of achievements with our club community.

3. Membership

Membership of the club consists of members and officers.

3.1 The minimum attained age to become a member is 18.

3.2 In becoming a member, individuals agree in principle to volunteer at least once a year at an event or club session which supports the running of the club. These events or club sessions will be decided upon by the Club Management Committee and communicated relevantly.

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

4. Membership Structure and Fees

Membership fees and structure will be set annually and agreed by the Management Committee or determined at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

4.1 Trial Memberships will be given to potential members at the discretion of the Club Membership Lead. If the Club Management Committee or Club Membership Lead believe that a Trial Member is misusing this membership, they reserve the right to remove it immediately.

4.2 Membership fees for active coaches who coach an average of one session a month across the year will be eligible for a discounted membership.

5. Officers of the Club

All officers of the club must also be members.

5.1 The Management Committee of the club will be:

•  Chair

•  Secretary

•  Treasurer

•  Lead Coach

•  Website Lead

•  Six to eight General Committee Members (may also hold a non-committee role below)

5.2 The Non-Committee roles shall be:

•  Club Captain

•  Welfare Lead

•  Publicity Lead

•  Kit Lead

•  Social events Lead

•  Membership Lead

These roles will not form part of the management committee, however it is preferable that a general committee member holds one of these non-committee roles. There is also the opportunity for some of these roles to be shared which would result in the appointing of Co-Leads.

5.3 Officers will be elected annually at the AGM and will serve for the calendar year starting 1st January following their election. All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re- appointment.

5.4 The Management Committee has power to fill any vacancy that may arise outside the AGM.

5.5 A vice chair may be chosen at the first committee meeting from the Management Committee Officers.

6. Management Committee

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

6.1 The club will be managed through the Management Committee consisting of the officers listed in section 5.1 above. Only these posts will have the right to vote at meetings of the Management Committee.

6.2 The Management Committee will seek to meet monthly either in person or virtually to discuss club matters.

6.3 The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be five members of the Management Committee.

6.4 The Management Committee and Non-Committee Roles can form subcommittees which consist of members who are not part of either of these groups.

7. Finance

7.1 All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.

7.2 The Treasurer will be responsible for overseeing and providing insight into the finances of the club.

7.3 The financial year of the club ends on December 31st.

7.4 A statement of annual accounts will be presented at the AGM.

7.5 Two members of the Management Committee, including the Treasurer should be listed as banking signatories at all times.

8. Annual General Meeting

An AGM shall be held in the month of October each year. The Secretary shall give all members 21 days notice of the date of meeting. Notice of any business to be placed on the agenda must be given to the Secretary at least 14 days prior to the meeting. The Secretary shall give at least seven days notice to all members of the time and place of the AGM and provide an agenda and officer nomination forms.

The AGM will receive a report from officers of the outgoing Management Committee, an audited statement of the accounts to December 31st and a year to date finance report.

Nominations for all officers of the club should be declared to the Secretary prior to the AGM using a nomination form sent with the AGM agenda. The Secretary will usually act as the Returning Officer for the nominations except for the Secretary role if they are standing again.

Nominations at the AGM will only be accepted for positions where no nominations were received prior to the AGM.

Any member standing for a position who was unsuccessful may be nominated for another position at the AGM without having been nominated prior to the AGM.

All candidates must have a proposer who is prepared to support their application. Election of club officers is to take place at the AGM using the following procedure:

•  The proposer will be allowed up to one minute to deliver a proposing speech for their candidate.

•  Candidates to be allowed two minutes to speak on their suitability for the role.

•  After this, questions will be taken from the floor.

•  Questions must be addressed to the Returning Officer and must be directed at all candidates, not at any single candidate.

• Time taken to answer the questions is at the discretion of the Returning Officer but should nominally be not more than one minute.

•  “Re-Open Nominations” shall be an option in each ballot.

•  Voting shall be by secret ballot unless the members decide otherwise (for example for uncontested positions).

Candidates may stand in absentia if attendance is not possible. A proposer is still required to speak on their behalf and this should be agreed with the Returning Officer before the date of the AGM.

If there are more nominees than the maximum eight for General Committee Members, the election will be by written ballot. In the event of a tie a show of hands for the tied nominees will determine the winners.

All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

The quorum for an AGM will be 15 members or 25% of the membership (counted on the last day of the month preceding the AGM) whichever is the smaller.

The Management Committee has the right to call Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) outside of the AGM. Procedures for an EGM will be the same as for the AGM.

9. Discipline and Appeals

All complaints regarding the behaviour of a member(s) should be submitted in writing to the Secretary or Chair.

The Chair, Secretary and welfare officer will decide if the complaint should be a) reviewed by the whole committee or b) the complaint is best resolved outside of the committee in an appropriate manner. This decision must be made within 14 days of the complaint being received unless circumstances are such that a fully informed decision is not possible within 14 days (e.g. member on holiday).

If the complaint is heard by the committee it has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action which can include termination of membership without compensation. The outcome of the committee’s decision should be notified in writing to the complainant and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.

All disciplinary actions taken by the committee will be clearly documented with the rationale for decisions made.

If the complaint is sought to be resolved outside of the committee structure to the complainant and the member against whom the complaint was made must be notified of actions within 14 days of the decision being made to pursue this route.

In the event that the complaint is being made about the Chair, Secretary or welfare officer complaints will automatically be heard by the full committee

There will be the right to appeal that will be heard by the Management Committee, the committee should consider the appeal within 14 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

10. Dissolution

The club shall not dissolve except by a resolution of an AGM or EGM convened for the purpose and through a 75% vote of at least 25% of the membership (counted on the last day of the month preceding the meeting). In the event of dissolution, any surplus assets shall be handed over to a body or bodies with similar objectives or to a charity or charities as agreed in the dissolution meeting.

11. Amendments to the Constitution

The constitution can only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM, with at least 7 days notice of changes.

12. Declaration

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