CONSTITUTION (2008 updated 2014 & 2016)

NAME:

The name of the Association shall be Nottinghamshire Schools Athletics Association (NSAA). It is a voluntary body having no paid members.

AIMS:

To promote, encourage and support athletics at all levels, for all pupils, attending all schools situated within the City of Nottingham and the County boundaries of Nottinghamshire.

To include all disciplines of the sport, both indoor and outdoor, for Track & Field, Cross Country, Race walking, Fell running and Road running.

To stage within the County of Nottinghamshire an Annual Cross Country Championships and an annual Track & Field event. Other events may be staged throughout the year.

AFFILIATION:

The NSAA will affiliate to the English Schools' Athletics Association, Nottinghamshire Amateur Athletics Association and England Athletics.

COMMITTEE:

The Executive Committee shall be made up of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Track & Field Secretary, Cross Country Secretary and Awards Secretary.

The General Committee will consist of the Officers plus at least 5 others of which one should be a Partnership Manager/ School Games Organiser.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected for two years and can, if they wish seek re-election after a further two years.

All other members except the Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the Annual General Meeting for 12 months; any elected member can seek re-election each year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM):

Will be held in the second week in November each year. All schools within the County and City are entitled to send one voting member who is, or has been a teacher to the meeting, plus one member from each District.

OTHER MEETINGS:

The General Committee will meet on at least 3 occasions throughout the year to deal with any current issues. Sub-committees may be formed to work on specific projects.

FINANCE:

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION Chair: Mr M Musson Vice-Chair: Mr P Allison

The Financial year of NSAA runs from the AGM of one year to the AGM of the next. Audited accounts and balance sheet are presented at the AGM. If the Association for whatever reason is wound up after payment of any outstanding debts, the balance of funds will be transferred to the Governing Body the English Schools Athletics Association (ESAA)

PARTNERSHIP AREAS:

The County of Nottinghamshire has been divided into eight districts, each district is entitled to send one representative to the general meetings. They do not have voting rights. Other interested parties may on occasions be invited to attend meetings.

TEAMS:

Teams will be chosen to represent the County at various National Athletics Championships or other events throughout the year.

Teams will be selected on merit with the following proviso:

- In the County Cross Country event: the first 7 runners will be allocated an automatic place for the National Championships. The 8th place will be decided by the Committee. Any athlete unable to compete at the County Championships (illness or injury) but wishes to be considered for a place in the Nationals team must put their request in writing to the Chairman prior to the event.
- 2. Athletes must qualify for the County Championships through their District events.

The only exceptions to this are:

(a) Year 12 & 13 athletes who can progress directly to the County event as there are currently no District races.

(b)Athletes who attend schools that don't take part in their respective District events. These athletes must notify the County Schools Chairman via email or letter to explain their circumstances and state their School, date of birth and Full name.

Selection Policy for the ESAA Track & Field Championships is based on standards set by ESAA so the following policy is to be followed:

SELECTION POLICY FOR ESAA TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS.

An executive committee meeting will take place following the County Schools' Championships to select the team for the ESAA Track & Field Championships.

The athletes selected will be notified by post together with details of the cost, travel times and all other details. Athletes selected **will be expected to travel on the team coach to the venue** which will pick up throughout the County on the Thursday afternoon prior to the event on the Friday and Saturday.

Up to 40 athletes may be selected with a maximum of three athletes per event (ESAA rule)

There is **<u>NO PRE-SELECTION</u>** and gaining the National or Entry standard **DOES NOT** guarantee a place in the team.

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The committee will prioritise the performance of athletes in the following way when making the team selection. ALL athletes' performances MUST HAVE been achieved in the year of competition in outdoor events only.

1a. Athletes who achieve ESAA National Standard at the County Schools Championships.

1b. Senior Athletes who achieve ESAA National standard during the season

2a. Athletes who achieve ESAA Entry standard at the County Schools Championships.

2b. Senior athletes who achieve ESAA Entry standard during the season.

3. Any athlete who achieves ESAA National Standard during the season up to and including 'Mason Trophy Day'

4. Any athlete who achieves ESAA Entry Standard during the season up to and including 'Mason Trophy Day.'

No-one will be considered for selection after 'Mason Trophy Day' irrespective of whether or not they achieve the standard.

If places remain unfulfilled after the selection process outlined above athletes will be considered at the discretion of the selection committee.

The committee reserves the right to select athletes from this category if they feel it is justified.

NOMINATIONS FOR ATHLETES IN CATEGORIES 1B, 2B, 3 & 4 ABOVE

Information **must** be submitted on the form provided (which is available at the COUNTY Championships, the Schools Championships and on the Notts AAA website) before 6pm on the day of the County Schools Championships. This must be returned to County Schools Secretary.

Submission of personal best performances on the ESAA website DOES NOT guarantee selection for the County team unless an ESAA National standard or ESAA Entry standard has been achieved and a relevant form has been completed and returned to the County Secretary.

Clubs are invited to send one representative to the selection meeting, they will not have any voting rights but can advise on athletes' performances.

APPROVED AT THE AGM 2016.