Individual Registration with England Athletics

Important Information for all Weston Athletic Club Members

The Background
In 2007 the registration scheme for running clubs across the UK with England Athletics (UK Athletics) changed. They introduced a new subscription fee for clubs, new race fees structure and a new individual registration scheme for all club members. This immediately increased costs for both clubs and its members.

At the same time however a new organisation was formed called ARC (Association of Running Clubs). They offer an almost identical insurance cover and race registration/licensing scheme but with less subscription and race fees and no requirement for individual club members to register. Weston Athletic Club, along with many other clubs, decided to register with ARC and now runs its races under this new registration and licensing body.

Your club Committee decided also to maintain club registration with England Athletics and one of the reasons for this was to secure the annual London Marathon Club places and to allow members to continue enjoying the £2 affiliated discount for England Athletics Licensed races.

How Does This Affect You?
The issue we now face is that for individual club members to continue to secure the £2 affiliated discount for England Athletics licensed races we will need also to register each member. It is obvious that whilst race organisers do know which clubs are and are not registered with England Athletics, they have until now been unable to know if individual members are registered.

What You Need To Do
Whilst not mandatory, Weston AC recommends that members select the UKA/ EA membership option during the online club membership application process (currently £20 per annum). Should you elect not to select the UKA/EA membership option during the club membership application process, but change your mind at a later date, you will need to email membership@westonac.co.uk to obtain a UKA/EA application form.

For those members who do opt for UKA/EA membership, the club will submit your details to England Athletics who will issue membership cards (for those members who have previously registered and been issued with a card and URN from previous years they should retain this card as once registered, your URN stays the same from year-to-year). The EA Registration fee (set annually) covers the period 1st April to 31st March and is only for first claim members. This additional fee applies only to those of you who wish to compete under UKA rules (that basically means anyone competing in track and field and also a large number of UKA licensed road and cross country races). You can of course enter these UKA Licensed races without individual registration but will not benefit from the £2 affiliated discount.

What If I Decide Not To Register?
You will be entitled to claim your £2 discount on all ARC licensed races but **not** EA (UKA) licensed races. You will need to check individual race entry forms to see who the licensing body is. Also, you will **not** be able to enter the draw for the London Marathon club places as EA registration will be one of the qualifying requirements.

If you have any further questions about this please contact a committee member.

More details can also be seen on the England Athletics or ARC Websites.