

## **DISCRETIONARY FUNDS POLICY**

North Down Athletic Club would not want anybody suffering significant financial hardship, to be prevented from participating in running.

To reduce the likelihood of this, the committee has established a limited hardship fund in order to cover the costs of such items as membership fees, race fees and club vests. The fund can be accessed by approaching either the Chair, the President or either of the club captains in strict confidence. The Chair, the President and the Club Captains will jointly make a decision by reviewing each case in the following areas:

- The runner's circumstances (e.g. low income, student, unemployed, or on benefits due to disability or health)
- The runners' contribution of time and effort to the club NDAC

Successful applications are dependent on there being sufficient funds available. Applications are influenced by funds available in the club and the reason for application

No more than one application can be made for an athlete per year, unless otherwise determined at the discretion of the Committee.

The decision made by the committee is final. NDAC reserves the right to distribute any funds as deemed appropriate. Appeals are not possible.