

Chiya Guff Run Club – Chapter Affiliation Agreement

This Affiliation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into between:

Founder / Brand Owner

Name: Anish Adhikari

Founder, Chiya Guff Run Club

(“Founder”)

And

Chapter

Name: Chiya Guff Run Club – _____

(“Chapter”)

Effective Date: _____

1. Purpose

This Agreement permits the Chapter to operate under the “Chiya Guff Run Club” name while protecting the club’s culture, safety standards, brand integrity, and legal position.

This is an affiliation only and does not create a partnership, franchise, employment relationship, or joint venture.

2. Core Identity (Non-Negotiables)

The Chapter must uphold at all times:

- Inclusive, community-first running
- No elite, exclusionary, or competitive culture
- Welcoming runners of all abilities
- Social connection after runs (tea or equivalent)
- Mental wellbeing through movement and conversation

Any breach of these values may result in immediate termination.

3. Chapter Structure & Naming

The Chapter will operate as:

“Chiya Guff Run Club – [Location]”

Chapter levels include:

- Trial Chapter
- Official Chapter
- Flagship Chapter (by invitation only)

Chapter status is granted and reviewed solely at the Founder’s discretion.

4. Legal Independence & Responsibility

The Chapter operates independently and is solely responsible for:

- Legal structure and compliance
- Public liability insurance
- Financial management
- Volunteer and participant safety
- Local operations and decision-making

The Founder and Central Club assume no liability for Chapter activities.

5. Safety & Insurance (Mandatory)

Before operating publicly, the Chapter must:

- Hold valid public liability insurance
- Appoint one or more Run Leaders
- Maintain safe routes and emergency procedures
- Ensure inclusive pacing options

The Chapter accepts full responsibility for participant safety.

6. Brand Use & Communications

The Chapter agrees to:

- Use approved branding, tone, and messaging
- Maintain a welcoming and community-first presence
- Seek written approval before sponsorships, partnerships, or commercial activity

Brand ownership remains solely with the Founder.

7. Dispute Resolution

If a dispute arises under this Agreement:

1. The parties will first attempt resolution through good-faith discussion.
2. If unresolved, the dispute will proceed to informal mediation.
3. Legal action may only be taken after reasonable attempts to resolve the matter.

This clause does not limit the Founder's right to immediately terminate affiliation for serious breaches.

8. Legal Notice

This Agreement:

- Is governed by the laws of Australia
- Creates no partnership, franchise, or employment relationship
- Supersedes all prior verbal or informal agreements

If any provision is found invalid, the remaining provisions remain enforceable.

9. Termination

The Founder may terminate this Agreement immediately if the Chapter:

- Breaches core values
- Compromises safety
- Damages the brand
- Acts inconsistently with Chiya Guff Run Club principles

Upon termination, the Chapter must immediately cease using the Chiya Guff Run Club name and branding.

10. Signatures

Founder

Name: Anish Adhikari

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Chapter Lead

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____