

Bridport Cycling Club Constitution

1. Name of the club

The club will be called Bridport Cycling Club or may also be called Bridport CC and hereinafter will be referred to as "The Club"

2. Aims and Objectives of the Club

The aims and objectives of the Club shall be to further the sport and pastime of amateur cycling in all its activities, to encourage friendship and mutual respect within the Club membership, to promote sporting and social events that will assist in the attainment of these ends.

3. Equality

The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status. The Club is committed to ensuring that equality is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so the Club acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity :- "Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society."

4. Club Affiliation

The Club will be affiliated to British Cycling (BC)

5. Club Kit

The Club colours and jersey design shall remain as per the current design with a minimum of 5 years between changes in design. Club members will have a role in any decisions on club kit design change which also have to be agreed by British Cycling

6. Membership

Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in participating in cycling in accordance with the Club Equality policy (Section 3). All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and published codes of conduct and practice that the club has adopted.

The Club Committee may refuse or remove membership, but only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute.

The membership shall consist of the following categories:

- Full member - over 18 years
- Discounted member - over 18 years
- Life member – honorary membership granted by the club for exceptional service

7. Membership Fees

Membership Fees are due at the beginning of the Calendar year and are to be paid within two months. The fees shall be agreed annually by the committee and published to club members in advance.

New members joining the Club part way during the Calendar year shall pay as follows:-

- January to June – Full fee
- July to December – 50% fee

Any changes to the application of this fee structure shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Any member details are stored securely and will remain private under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2016/679 Rules and are not shared with any third party, unless permission by the member has been given.

8. Committee

The affairs of the Club shall be overseen by the Committee in accordance with this Constitution and shall be responsible for the management of the Club, the Club funds, assets and affairs.

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

The Committee shall consist of the following posts, Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Media & IT person and any other positions that are deemed necessary for the proper running of the Club. These positions may be held by Full members only. Up to two positions may be held by the same person.

9. AGM

The Club will aim to hold an AGM once every calendar year .The AGM will be held in person or online via a virtual meeting platform. The AGM will use the following format:-

- To approve the minutes of the previous AGM
- Receive Accounts from the Treasurer
- Election/continuation of Officers on to the Committee
- Agree on proposed Membership fees for the following year
- Consider proposed changes to the Constitution
- Any other business that is relevant

Notice of the AGM shall be given by the Club Secretary to voting (paid up) full members. If a voting member is unable attend an AGM, their vote on any nominations/proposals may be cast by email/post to the Secretary.

All motions affecting the club constitution put before an AGM must receive a two-thirds majority of those paid up Full members who are voting. Any other motion may be carried by a simple majority.

10. Finances

The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club. The Treasurer will produce accounts of the Club for the latest financial. The Club's financial year shall be from the 1st January to 31st December.

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the treasurer. The Club's funds and assets shall not be used for any private use by the Committee members.

11. Discipline

Members shall at all times act in a becoming manner not contrary to the best interests of the club.

All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.

The Committee will meet to hear complaints.

The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

Any member who the committee considers has acted contrary to the best interests of the club shall be summoned to explain their behaviour to the committee and may be accompanied by any other member who may speak on his/her behalf.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made.

12. Insurance

The Club is affiliated to British Cycling which provides third party public liability insurance cover for our Club rides and events should any 3rd party claim negligence. If racing at British Cycling events you are also covered by the ruling body. Members are not insured at any other time and should consider 3rd party insurance which can be obtained by taking out a personal British Cycling membership, new club members can receive a discounted rate through the club secretary.

13. Club Dissolution

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM through a majority vote of the membership. In the event of dissolution of the Club, any trophies being the property of the Club and any other assets shall be disposed of by the majority wish of the members.

14. Club Sponsorship

In the event of the Club being sponsored, an agreement/contract shall be drawn up between Club and Sponsor. All proposed arrangements between Club and Sponsor shall be made transparent to the membership, who shall be able to vote on the matter and a summary of related financial transactions shall be presented within club accounts at the AGM.

The Committee shall include the membership in any decisions on Sponsor logos affecting/appearing on club kit.

Constitution adopted on transfer of administration from the previous secretary.

Date ; 5th March 2024

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