



ILFRACOMBE AND DISTRICT RIDING CLUB



RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The club shall be known as the Ilfracombe and District Riding Club.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the club shall be:

- a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship
- b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures, competitive events and other activities deemed to further the Objects
- c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all types and breeds of horses and ponies
- d) To investigate the subject of bridle tracks and rights of way with a view to opening those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence
- e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district

3. MEMBERSHIP

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of seventeen years and persons aged four to sixteen years in the junior section who have paid the due subscription for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the club.

4. The Annual Subscription shall be payable on the first day of the club's financial year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the membership list. Any members joining the club on or after 1st October shall be deemed to have paid his subscription for the ensuing year.

5. The committee may expel from membership of the club any member who has disobeyed any of the rules of the club or who has been guilty, in the opinion of the committee, of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the club, provided that, before expelling him or her, the committee shall call upon him or her for an explanation of his or her conduct and shall give him a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him.

6. ADMINISTRATION

a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant-secretary, Treasurer, Health and Safety Officer, Club Safeguarding Officer, four senior committee members, and up to four junior members. Four senior members shall form a quorum.

- b) At the Annual General Meeting each year the members of the committee shall retire. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election. The posts mentioned in 6a) shall be specified when elected at the A.G.M. by the members of the club. For the purposes of safeguarding of vulnerable members, criminal record checks may be carried out on officers in a position of trust, however existence of a criminal record may not necessarily result in an officer-elect being inadmissible. In the event of there being more nominations than places, the places shall be decided by secret ballot.
- c) The Secretary shall be responsible for the safe keeping of confidential personal information relating to any criminal record checks required of its officers. Such information shall be transferred on appointment of a new Secretary. On expiry, the Secretary is responsible for its confidential destruction.
- d) The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining a register of Club assets.
- e) The decision of the committee shall be final unless overruled at a General Meeting.
- f) The committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything related to the Club not provided therein and the committee's decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- g) The committee shall have the power to formulate bye laws for the detailed running of the club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the club which the club may authorise.
- h) The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy arising amongst members of the committee.

7.The Club shall implement a written Child Protection Policy.

8.The committee may appoint annually a President and a Vice-president. These shall not become, by virtue only of such appointment, members of the committee.

9.The financial year of the club shall commence on the first day of October in each year.

10.The Annual Subscription shall be as from time to time determined by the committee.

11.The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October each year to transact the following business:

- a) To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the club's accounts to the end of the preceding year
- b) to elect a new committee
- c) to appoint an auditor
- d) to deal with any special matter which the committee may desire to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the committee. Notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to members not less than fourteen days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

12.A Special General Meeting may be called by the committee or by a request signed by not less than five members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such a meeting. No other business, other than as notified to members, shall be transacted at the meeting.

13.The accounts of the club shall be audited each year by the person appointed on the previous A.G.M.

14.Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post or e-mail to him at his address in the U.K. registered in the records of the club. If any member has no address in the U.K., such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of the notice of a meeting by, any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

15.Members shall be correctly turned out at all club events. Hard hats shall be worn at all times when mounted, except when an official BRC exemption applies.

16.COMPETITIONS

- a) The maximum number of horses/ponies any one rider may ride in a class is three
- b) The committee reserves the right to refuse or withdraw any entry
- c) No horse/pony may be ridden by more than two people at an event

17.Any senior member wishing to ride a stallion at any club event must produce a valid certificate of insurance to the Secretary each year. No junior member may ride a stallion at any club event.

18.Juniors below 14 years of age must be accompanied by a person aged 16 or over at Club functions. Juniors below 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Committee members are not bound to be responsible for unaccompanied juniors, by virtue only of being members of the Committee.

19.The club, its committee or persons acting on its behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.

20.These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or special General Meeting, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.