



# Over & District Riding Club

## Rules and Constitution



1. The club shall be known as the Over and District Riding Club
2. The objectives 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 and competitive events and other activities 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 breeds and types of horses and ponies.
  - d) To investigate the subject of bridle tracks and rights of way with a view to opposing 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 will be open to persons who have attained the age of seventeen years (adult members) and to persons aged sixteen years and under (junior members) who have been accepted by the Committee, having 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 (supporters). No junior member may be a voting member of any Riding Club. However, Clubs with a junior membership may appoint a Junior Committee to discuss matters relevant to the junior membership. This Committee, through the Chairman of said Committee, may make recommendations to the Adult Committee for their consideration.
4. Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another and his or her name and address forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the Club on the appropriate Nomination Form.
5. 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 after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her. Any member joining the club on or after 1 February shall be deemed to have paid his or her subscription for the ensuing year.
6. The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee have been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him.

### ADMINISTRATION

7. The Committee
  - a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and at least 2 other Committee members. Five members shall form a quorum.
  - b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire, the members to retire being those who have been longest in office. Those who have been in office for the same length of time shall determine retiring members by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
  - c) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number.
  - d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
  - e) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
  - f) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
  - g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.



8. The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1 February in each year.
9. The annual subscription shall be £20 or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.
10. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-Presidents. They shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.
11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September/October of 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 fill vacancies on the Committee.
  - c) To appoint an Auditor to deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members.
  - d) To receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee.

A notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 30 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 the meeting.
13. The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting. The person should be experienced in accounting matters and not a member of the club.
14. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him at his address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the United Kingdom 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 a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
15. 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.
16. Members shall be correctly turned out at all mounted club events. Hard hats must be worn. Dogs must be kept on leads.

#### CLUB EVENTS

17. Rules and Regulations for Club Events
  - Hard hats to the standard EN 138491997), PAS015 or ASTM F1163 and footwear with heels to be worn by mounted riders.
  - A neat and tidy appearance of horse and rider is required.
  - General behaviour to be considerate towards others at all times.
  - No bad language will be tolerated,
  - No galloping in the field.
  - All dogs must be kept on a lead.
  - Members are required to clean & tidy the field following rallies etc.
  - Members are asked to help with Club activities when required.
  - No earrings or other dangerous jewellery to be worn when mounted.
  - Horses in ridden classes must be a minimum of 4 years of age and be fit to be ridden.
  - Respect property made available for club use to be shown at all times.
  - Consideration towards other riders and car drivers to be shown at all times.
  - Failure to observe these rules will result in expulsion from the Club with no refund of any fees paid.
  - Please note that all outdoor meetings will be held as scheduled subject to adverse weather conditions.
  - Whilst every responsible care will be taken, the Club does not hold itself responsible for any accident of mishap, however caused.

