

# **Strathisla Riding Club**

## **Standard Rules and Constitution of a British Riding Club**

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**1. Title**

The Club shall be known as the STRATHISLA 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 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**

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years (and persons aged ~~eight to~~ **up to** seventeen years if a junior section is formed) and, having been accepted by the Committee, 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. 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. The 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 forward his or her name and address to the Hon. Secretary of the Club on the appropriate Membership 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 October 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 has been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall be upon him for an explanation of his conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him/her.
7. The Committee may also ask any member of the Committee to step down, after due warning has been given, if the Committee considers that he/she has not shown sufficient interest in their duties or well-being of the Club.

**8. Administration**

The Committee

- a) All powers of the management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and four other Committee members.
- 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, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst the number.
- d) One committee member shall be elected as the official Child Protection Officer.
- e) To deal with any special matters which the Committee may desire to bring before the members and to receive suggestions or complaints for consideration by the Committee.
- f) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless overruled at a General Meeting.
- g) 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.
- h) The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
- i) The Committee may fill any casual vacancy arising among its members but any person so co-opted shall retain office until the next Annual General Meeting and there be eligible for re-election.

9. The financial year of the Club shall commence the day after the AGM in each year.
10. The annual subscription shall be £25.00 for a Senior, £20.00 for a Junior or non-riding member and £50.00 for a family membership or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.
11. The financial running of the Club shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer who, with the approval of the Committee, shall open Current and Savings accounts as appropriate. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for producing the club Accounts for audit.
12. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-Presidents. They shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee
13. 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.
  - d) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for the consideration of the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 28 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to deal with.
12. A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by no 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 a 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 of any meetings may be given to any member by sending it by post or email to him/her at his/her 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 at 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. ***Liability***  
The club, it's Committee, or persons acting on behalf of the club shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to persons or property however caused.
  
16. ***Safety***  
Members shall be correctly turned out at all mounted club events. Hard hats must be worn to at least the minimum standard with harness properly adjusted and fastened. Hats marked PAS015:1998/2011, or SEI. American standard SNELL E2001, ASTM 958, SNZ3838 1998, Skullcap hats must be worn with a silk. Or any hat that complies with the current rulebook.  
**Body protectors must comply with Purple BETA label 2000 or 2009 or current BRC standards at all x-counry events.**
  
17. ***Disbanding of the Club***  
In the event of the club disbanding, for whatever reason, remaining Club funds will be donated to the Area Liaison Committee which will be agreed at the annual General Meeting. **All material assests will be sold; offered to members first and then to the open market. The committee will value the assets. Profits from sale of assets will be added to club funds/**