

South Lammermuir Riding Club



CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. The Club shall be known as:

THE SOUTH LAMMERMUIR RIDING CLUB

OBJECTS

2. 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 deemed to further these 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 concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

MEMBERSHIP

3. This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of seventeen years and, having been elected by the Committee, have paid all the due subscriptions for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee on any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club.

4. Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed and seconded by members. The Committee shall confirm election to membership.

5. The joining fee & Annual Subscription shall be paid by a new member. The Annual Subscription becomes due on 1st October.
6. Any member who has in a subsequent season failed to pay the subscription within the prescribed time (before 31st December) shall be a lapsed member.
7. Any lapsed member will be required to pay the Joining Fee plus the Annual Subscription in order to rejoin the Club.
8. The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has wilfully disobeyed any of the rules of the Club or who has in the opinion of the Committee been guilty of any misconduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that before expelling him the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and shall hear what he may wish to urge in his defence.

ADMINISTRATION

9. The Committee
 - a) All powers of management shall be vested in the Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and six other Committee members, five shall form a quorum.
 - b) At the Annual General Meeting each year one third of the ordinary members of the Committee shall retire, the members to retire being those who have been longest in the office. Retiring members shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.
 - c) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and Training Officer shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless overruled at a General Meeting.

e) The Committee shall be the sole authority on the interpretation of the rules or 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 byelaws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activity of the Club, which the Committee may authorise.

g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising among members of the Committee. Retired members of the Committee shall be eligible to fill such a vacancy, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following A.G.M. and shall then be eligible for re-election.

10. The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1st October each year.

11. The Joining Fee shall be £5 and the Annual subscription shall be £18 for a Riding Member and £12 for a Non Riding Member or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.

12. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice-Presidents. These shall not by virtue only of such appointment become members of the Committee.

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

a) to receive and if approved 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 before the members and to receive suggestions from members for

consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the A.G.M. shall be sent to members not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

14. A special general meeting may be called by the Committee or by 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 meeting.
15. The person appointed at the previous A.G.M shall audit the accounts of the Club each year.
16. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post or e-mail to him at his address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member had no address in the United Kingdom such person shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give any notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.
17. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual 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.
18. The Club, its Committee or person acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.
19. Members shall be correctly turned out at all Club events. Hard hats, to the approved standard, must be worn when mounted and back protectors are compulsory for cross-country riding.