

STANDARD RULES & CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH LINCOLNSHIRE RIDING CLUB

1. Title:

The club shall be known as The South Lincolnshire 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, to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- b) To organize instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities to further objects.
- c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognized organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
- d) To investigate the subjects 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 seventeen years and under 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 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. A member shall complete the application form as prescribed by the Committee. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. The Committee may refuse membership only for good cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or the sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to the members. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.
5. The annual subscription shall be payable on January 1st. Membership is available throughout the year on payment of the annual membership. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have their name removed from the Membership List after written notice to that effect has been sent to them.
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 expulsion, the Committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct and allow a proper opportunity to answer the allegations against them.

ADMINISTRATION

7. The Committee:

- a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Safe Guarding Officer (if there is a junior section) and other Committee members as elected by the membership at the AGM to enable proper functioning of the club and compliance with British Riding Club regulations. Prospective committee members are to submit their name, proposer and seconder to the Honorary Secretary prior to the AGM. Two thirds of the Committee Members shall constitute 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 decisions 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 authorize.
- 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 be eligible for re-election.

8. The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st January in each year.

9. The annual subscription shall be the sum determined by the Committee at the AGM.

10. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice President. 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.
 - d) To deal with any special matters which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 14 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 the members 14 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 Accounts must be audited by an independent professional and not a member of the club.
 14. Notice may be given to members by any accepted method of communication.
 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 to current standard must be worn at all times. Body protectors are advisable for all jumping activities and compulsory for cross-country events.
 17. Any funds remaining in the event of The South Lincolnshire Riding Club disbanding will be donated to Riding for the Disabled.