

EAST CLWYD RIDING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

&

RULES

Amended at AGM October 06

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Section 1. Title

The Club shall be known as East Clwyd Riding Club

Section 2 Headquarters

The address of the Riding Club will be the address of the Secretary, though meetings will always be held at places convenient to the majority of the Committee Members, by their mutual consent.

Section 3. Objects

The purpose of the Riding Club shall be:-

To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst horse riders and the public in general.

To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the Objects.

To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding, welfare and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.

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.

To concern itself with any objective which will benefit the horse and rider user within the district.

Section 4 Officers and Administration.

1. The Committee.

4.1) All powers of management shall be vested in a Committee consisting of a Chairperson, Vice Chair, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and at least 5 other Committee Members.

4.2) The Committee will elect a Chairperson (who will have an additional casting vote), a Vice Chair, Hon. Sec. and Hon. Treasurer.

4.3) the Committee are charged with having a meeting every 2 months, at a time and at a place mutually convenient, in order to discuss the proper running of the Riding Club for the benefit of it's members in all matters appertaining to the Riding Club and an e-meeting inbetween. A minimum of 7 Committee members will form a quorum, 2 of which shall be an officer described in 4.1 above.

4.4) the Chairperson will hold executive power in respect of day to day administration of the Clubs affairs, however any decisions made will require ratification by the Committee at the earliest opportunity.

4.5) At the Annual General Meeting each year, members who have served 3 years must retire. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election

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

4.7) the Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and the decision shall be final and binding on the members.

4.8) the Committee may formulate by-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.

4.9) the Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising among members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.

4.10) Neither any Officer or Committee Member of the Club will be held responsible for debts incurred upon its behalf.

4.11) The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.

4.12) Any Committee member not attending three consecutive meetings without adequate reason will be deemed to have resigned.

4.13) Any Committee Member wishing to resign from their position must give three months notice.

Section 5

The Appointment of Trustees.

The number of Trustees shall be not more than four nor less than three and the property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control to the Treasurer) shall be vested in them. Trustees shall be Club Members. They shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the Committee (of which an entry in the minute book shall be conclusive evidence) and they shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club Property. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removal from office by a resolution of the Committee present and voting at any meeting to remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee. Whereby a reason of any such death resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or if the Committee shall deem it expedient to appoint an additional Trustee or additional Trustees the Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees. For the purpose of giving effect to such nomination the Chairperson is nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of the Trustee Act 1925 Section 36 and shall by deed appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provision of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any appointment. Any statement or fact in any Deed or Appointment shall be in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club or the Committee by conclusive evidence or the fact Trustee Act 1925 so stated.

Section 6. Finance

6.1) the financial year of the Club shall commence 1st October each year.

6.2) the Accounts of the club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous AGM.

Section 7. Annual General Meeting.

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

7.1) to receive and if approved adopt a Statement of the clubs Accounts to the end of the preceding year.

7.2) To fill any vacancies on the Committee.

7.3) To appoint an auditor.

7.4) To be notified of the appointment of Trustees.

7.5.1) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the AGM shall be sent to the membership not less than 14 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

7.5.2) A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by a request signed by not less than 5 members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members 10 days notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such meetings.

7.5.3) Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him/her to their address in the United Kingdom registered in the Club records. If any member has no address in the United Kingdom such member shall not be entitled to receive notice. The accidental omission to give notice to a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting to any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.

7.5.4) the Riding Club may be dissolved only by a General Meeting. If the Club is dissolved any assets will be disposed of by the Committee.

7.5.5) Any CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES must take place at an Annual General Meeting, provided that two thirds of the members present are in favour of the amendment and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.

Section 8 - GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS.

8.1 Membership shall be available to any person having reached the age of 18 years and shall be divided into 4 categories. Life Membership, Annual Membership, Family Membership, Honorary Membership.

Membership cards shall be issued upon acceptance of fees deemed acceptable by the Committee.

8.2. Membership shall be a privilege NOT a right. Application or Membership therefore may be terminated or rejected by the Committee for reasons that the said Committee may feel detrimental to the interests, policies, programmes or objectives or even the harmonious relationship of the Riding Club and its Members.

8.3. Whilst in good standing ALL full members shall have equal rights , interests and responsibilities with respect to the Riding Club and its property. They shall be bound and will obey all the laws, rules and regulations of the Riding Club and the decisions and actions of the Committee. They shall be entitled to vote by personal attendance at the AGM and any Special General Meeting.

8.4. Annual membership shall be of a fee determined by Committee each year and shall be due and payable on 1st October each year. Members joining between August 1st and September 30th will be granted membership from the time of joining until 30th September of the following year. If annual membership is not received by the AGM, members will be deemed to be lost. Family membership is restricted to 2 adults 18 years or over living at the same address. Only one newsletter may be claimed by family membership.

8.5. Life membership is available at a fee of 8 times the annual membership fee. It is not transferable.

8.6. From time to time the Riding Club, acting through the Committee reserve the right to award honorary membership to persons who merit special recognition because of their efforts in the promotion of the Riding Club or riding in general. These members shall not have voting rights. Their honorary membership does not preclude them from being annual or life members. Honorary membership will last as long as the member maintains an active interest in the club.

8.7. It is a condition of membership that members will be willing to do at least one help day per year. Members who undertake additional help days will be offered free entry to one or more competitions and rallies. Committee members will be entitled to one free entry to a competition or rally per year in recognition of their work for the club

Violations

8.8. In furtherance of their official duties. Committee Members, Judges and Stewards will be treated with courtesy, co-operation and respect and no member shall direct abusive or threatening conduct towards them. Violation of this rule shall be grounds for disciplinary action.

8.9 No member shall conspire with another person to intentionally violate the rules of the Riding Club

8.10 No member shall use the Riding Clubs or a Committee members name in advertisements unless written agreement is obtained from the Committee.

8.11. No member will enter a ridden class with an equine under an age determined at May 1st in its fourth year.

8.12. Neither horse nor riders are allowed to compete under a judge who is immediate family to the owner or rider of the horse.

Disciplinary Procedure.

8.13 Any member, Instructor or Riding club Official may report another to the Committee if that member feels that the actions or conduct of that person will bring the reputation of the Riding Club into disrepute. If the report is found to have an element of truth, then the Committee will write to the offending party at his last address shown in the membership records, and sent by recorded delivery, giving him at least 21 days notice of a hearing of the case by the Committee at a place determined by them. That member may attend the meeting to present evidence or to refute allegations against them. The member can bring a supporter and any witness with them and may request that the meeting be brought forward. Provided a committee quorum can be assembled the date will be changed.

8.14. The decision of the Committee will be final and binding on all parties. If the cause is proved then the Committee have the power to warn, suspend (length of suspension to be decided by Committee) or expel that member. Frivolous reports may also face disciplinary action.

8.15. Any member suspended or expelled loses the right to membership privileges forthwith.

General

8.16.1. During all events everyone mounted, whether a member or not must wear a hard hat to current British Horse Society standards. Such head gear must be worn with the harness properly adjusted and fastened. Failure to do so will incur elimination in at competition and the member being asked to leave training events.

8.16.2 Body protectors to current BHS standards must be worn when competing or training in x-country.

8.17. All equines taking part in any Riding Club event must hold a valid vaccination certificate which undeniably relates to that Equine, completed, signed and stamped on each line by a veterinary surgeon who is not the owner of the animal Details of when vacs need to be done are on website and in BRC rulebooks

8.18. Members booking to attend any events and not attending, for whatever reason, will be liable to pay all fees due for that event. Failure to meet this obligation will result in that member being barred from further events.

8.19. Children under the age of 12 attending any Riding Club event must be supervised at all times by an adult other than the member competing or taking part in the event. Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

8.20. Members attending all events must show respect for the facilities being provided. Members and their guests must be bound by the constraints imposed by the hosts and leave the premises clean and tidy

8.21. The rules for all Riding Club Competitions will be those of the British Horse Society Riding Clubs unless specifically stated otherwise. ECRC showjumping competitions run to BSJA rules whilst Area SJ Comps run to BRC rules, it is the members responsibility to acquaint themselves with the various rules.

8.22. Members attending all rallies and events must take reasonable steps to keep their horse under control. Members must take care and observe normal rules and conventions when working in before an event. Horses must not be left unattended tied to boxes/trailers nor lunged without prior supervisor consent.

8.23 Complaints at competitions should be made to the Supervisor who will bring the matter to the attention of the Committee.

RULES OF DRESS FOR COMPETITIONS AT SHOWS - Section 9 (Open Shows - National rules apply for each discipline.)

9.1. Protective headwear complying to current BHS rules, duly adjusted and fastened must be worn at all times when mounted.

9.2. Correct riding or hacking jacket. Only to be removed at the discretion of the judge and only if a light shirt(with long sleeves) with a tie or stock is worn underneath.

9.3. Light shirt with tie or stock.

9.4. Light coloured Jodhpurs only.

9.5. Gloves must be worn in dressage

9.6. Correct long or short riding boots. Leather gaiters may be worn. No Chaps are permitted.

9.7. Spurs must not be of a severe design with necks no longer than 3cms. With curve directed downwards.

9.8. No nose ring, ear rings etc.

9.9. Body protectors to BHS current standard.

9.10. No ponies allowed to compete unless cleared with Committee first.

9.11 Grooms must dress safely i.e no open toed shoes etc.

9.12. Only the rider competing or booked on rally/clinic etc may ride the horse at any time during ECRC or Area events

British Riding Club Rule Books

Lists all rules for competition and dress.

These are available from the British Horse Society Bookshop.

Permitted Tack

Competitions	Bridle	Bitguards	Tongue Straps	Noseband	Breastplates	Neckstraps	Whips	Spurs (Metal only)	Martingales	Bandages/ Boots	Commanders
Dressage	Snaffle only	X	X	Drop, Flash Cavesson. must be worn	✓	Prelim only	Any length area only	✓ rowels snrs only	X	X	At area only
Dressage - Elem & Medium	Snaffle or Double bridle	X	X	Cavesson must be worn with double bridle	✓	X	As above	✓ rowels snrs only	X	X	At area only
Riding Test	Snaffle only	X	X	One only - Drop, Flash or Cavesson	✓	Novice only	Any length area only	X	X	X	At area only
Show Jumping	Bitless (Seniors only)	✓	✓	One only	✓	✓	45 cms -> 75 cms	3 cms	only one	✓	---
Equitation Jumping	Snaffle only	✓	✓	One only - Drop, Flash or Cavesson	✓	✓	45 cms -> 75cms	X	X	✓	---
Horse Trials Dressage	See BE rules	X	X	One only	✓	X	X	3.5 cms	X	X	X
Horse Trials Show Jumping	See BE rules	✓	X	One only	✓	✓	45 cms -> 75 cms	3.5 cms	Running or Irish	✓	---
Horse Trials - X Country	See BE rules	✓	X	One only	✓	✓	45 cms -> 75 cms	3.5 cms	Running or Irish	✓	---
Hunter Trials	See BE X Country rules	✓	X	One only	✓	✓	45 cms -> 75 cms	3.5 cms	Running or Irish	✓	---

Seat savers and covers are not permitted

Instructional Rallies and Clinics - Section 10

10.1 Riders must be tidily dressed i.e. Jodhpurs, long or short riding boots (not muckers, wellies etc.) and a simple sweat shirt. T shirt, shirt or jumper. Hard hat to current standard must be worn at all times when mounted.

Competition League - Section 11

11.1 The competition year is October to September and league placings will be published on the website. A trial commenced in October 06 - Riders will no longer be 'pointed' out of classes but will be encouraged to move on once they have been placed in the first 6 in the league. It was agreed at the AGM that this would be reviewed in Oct07

Help Days - Section 12

12.1. Members will be notified of their help day by the help days co-ordinator. Please make a note of the date because further reminders will not be given.

12.2 If the help day is not carried out the member will be suspended for 30 days and therefore cannot take part in or compete at any club activity.

12.3 The suspension will be lifted once the member has contacted the help days co-ordinator and booked another date.

Failure to carry out this re-booked help day within 30 days will result in termination of membership

12.4 Helpers must be nominated by all riders riding in Area competitions. Failure to provide a helper will result in the whole team being disqualified.

Health and Safety. - Section 13

13.1 Should any behaviour be considered contrary to Health and Safety the member or competitor concerned will be asked to leave the event .

Information and rules in this booklet are not exhaustive, changes will be posted on the website and in BRC rule books. Committee members will do their best to point members in the right direction if asked.

