

NORTH DEVON RIDING CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND RULES OF THE CLUB

Title: The club shall be known as “North Devon Riding Club”

Objects: The objects of the club shall be:

1. To encourage riding as a sport and recreation.
2. To promote good fellowship amongst riders.
3. To improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
4. To organise instructional meetings, training opportunities, lectures, competitive events and other events deemed to further the objects of the club and to benefit the horse and horse riding.
5. To investigate the subject of bridleways and rights of way with a view to opening those that have been closed and help maintain those already in existence. ALL members will be expected to respect the land in those areas.

Membership:

1. This shall exist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years as at date of joining and, having been accepted by the committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period.
2. The annual subscription shall be payable by the 1st January each year. Any member whose subscription is more than two months in arrears shall have their name removed from the contact and membership lists after written notice to that effect has been sent to them (email is deemed sufficient in this respect).
3. Any member joining the club on or after 1st September shall be deemed to have paid his or her subscription for the current and following year.

4. Honorary membership may be conferred by the committee upon any person deemed to have rendered notable service to the club.
5. 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 been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the club, providing that before expelling the member in question the committee shall call upon them for an explanation of their conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him/her.

Administration:

The committee:

1. All power of management shall be vested in the committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to 9 other committee members. 5 committee members shall form a quorum.
2. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) the committee shall retire. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
3. The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the committee from amongst their number.
4. 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 unless over-ruled at the AGM or a General Meeting.
5. The committee may formulate by laws for the detailed

running of the club and elect sub committees for any special activities that the committee may authorise.

6. The committee shall have the power to fill any vacancies arising within the committee.
7. The financial year for the club will commence on the 1st of September in each year.
8. The annual subscription shall be £22 riding and £12 non-riding or such sum as shall from time to time be determined by the committee.
9. The Annual General Meeting shall be held between September and October of each year to deal with the following business:
 - To present and accept the statement of accounts.
 - To fill vacancies within the committee.
 - To deal with any matters which the committee require.
 - To receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the committee.
10. A special General Meeting may be called by the committee or by special request signed by no less than 5 members, specifying the business to be discussed. All members shall be notified of the date of the meeting (email is deemed sufficient in this respect).
11. Accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to a member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.
12. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or General Meeting, provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendments. Any resolution will be deemed to be passed if carried by a majority of the members present and voting thereon.

13. Members shall be correctly turned out at all events. Any protective clothing required by current British Riding Club rules must be worn. It is the participant's responsibility to comply with these rules. Body protectors may be required at certain events.
14. The club may use the profits from fund raising events to make charitable and other donations as agreed by the committee.
15. In the event that the dissolution of the club shall occur, the assets of the club shall be used first to discharge all liabilities of the club and a special General Meeting called to agree the distribution of any remaining assets.
16. No person shall be able to stand on the committee of more than one British Riding Club (affiliated or non-affiliated).

Signed:
Lucy House (Chairman)

Date: 26 October 2016