

# STANDISH CLYCLING CLUB CONSTITUTION

## 1. Name of Club

The club will be called Standish Cycling Club (Hereinafter will be referred to as the Club), and may also be known as Standish CC. Standish Cycling Club will be affiliated to the Cycling UK.

## 2. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be to promote cycling in Standish and the local area

## 3. Membership

- (a) Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in cycling, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- (b) The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- (c) The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport in disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to an appointed panel consisting of club members.

## 4. Sports Equity

- (a) This Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

*Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.*

- (b) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- (c) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.

- (d) All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- (e) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

#### **5. Committee**

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the at least three members of the Club.
- (b) The Committee may co-opt members of the club to serve until the end of the next AGM
- (c) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (d) A Committee member ceases to such if they ceases to be a member of the Club, resigns by written notice, or is removed by the Committee for good cause after the Member concerned has been given the chance of putting their case to the Committee with an appeal to the Club members, or is removed by Club members at a general meeting. The Committee shall fairly decide time limits and formalities for these steps.

#### **6. Finances**

- (e) The club treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- (f) The financial year of the club will run from 1<sup>st</sup> January and end on 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- (g) All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- (e) An un-audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- (f) All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.
- (g) The Financial records of the Club are open to any member to inspect on request

#### **7. Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings**

- (h) General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- (i) The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the previous AGM to:

- Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
  - Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
  - Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
  - Elect the officers on the committee.
  - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
  - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
  - Deal with other relevant business.
- (j) Notice of the AGM will be given by the club secretary with at least 14 days' notice to be given to all members.
- (k) Nominations for officers of the committee will be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM.
- (l) Proposed changes to the constitution shall be sent to the secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate them at least 7 days before an AGM.
- (m) All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (n) The quorum for AGMs will be at 25% of the total membership of the Club.
- (o) The Chairman of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.
- (p) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the committee members.
- (q) All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

## **8. Amendments to the constitution**

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

## **9. Dissolution**

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- (b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any clubs funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will become the property of another club with similar objectives or the name of governing body

## **10. Declaration**

*Standish Cycling Club* hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

This constitution is agreed upon by all current members of the committee and is valid from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.