



CONSTITUTION

RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. TITLE The Club shall be known as “The Rother Valley Riding Club”
2. OBJECTIVES – The objectives 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, competitive events and other activities
 - c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society
 - d) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and user in the district
3. MEMBERSHIP
 - a) Senior Membership shall consist of any persons who have attained the age of 18 years and over. Junior Membership shall consist of persons between 5 and 17 years. Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Committee on any persons deemed, by them, to have rendered notable service to the Club
 - b) The annual subscription shall be payable on 1st January. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the membership list. Any member joining after 1st September shall pay a reduced half-year membership. Any member joining the Club on or after 1st November shall be deemed to have paid his or her subscription for the ensuing year.
 - c) The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has wilfully disobeyed any of the Club rules 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.
4. ADMINISTRATION – The Committee
 - a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and up to twelve other Committee members
 - b) At the Annual General Meeting each year one third of the members of the Committee shall retire being those who have been longest in office and as between those who have been in office for the same length of time, the members to retire being determined by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
 - c) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number.
 - d) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising among members of the Committee but any person co-opted shall retain office only until the following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election

- e) Any Committee member missing three consecutive meetings unless under exceptional circumstances shall be asked to resign.
- f) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
- g) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation for the rules or for anything related to the Club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on members.
- h) The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice President. These shall not by virtue of only such appointment become members of the Committee
- i) The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1st January each year
- j) The Annual Subscription shall be reviewed as and when necessary
- k) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in February each year
 - i. To receive and, if approved, to adopt a statement of the Club's accounts to the end of the preceding year
 - ii. To fill vacancies on the Committee
 - iii. To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before members and to receive suggestions from members for consideration by the Committee
 - iv. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to members in the preceding newsletter (not less than fourteen days before the meeting) and shall specify any matter to be dealt with

A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by a request signed by not less than five members

- l) The accounts shall be balanced each year at the end of each financial year
- m) These rules may be reviewed as and when necessary
- n) The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to persons or property howsoever caused
- o) Members shall be correctly turned out at Club activities and must wear the current standard headgear when mounted and must be correctly fitted. Medical armbands and current standard body protectors must be worn for all events taking place over a cross country course
- p) No horse or pony under 4 years of age may be ridden at any Club event
- q) To be qualified to enter a team competition, Club members must have paid their annual subscription not less than one calendar month before the event