

RULES OF CRABWOOD CYCLING CLUB

Community Amateur Sports Club

(Revised 30/10/2006)

Purposes

The purposes of the club are to promote the amateur sport and pastime of cycling, and community participation in the same, in Southampton and the surrounding area.

Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport or pastime of cycling on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. There are currently three classes of membership: Full, Second Claim and Social.

The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

Every individual wishing to become a member shall complete an application form and submit this, with the appropriate subscription, for consideration by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may refuse membership, or suspend or expel members, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal, suspension or expulsion may be made to the members. If membership is refused, the subscription shall be returned.

Property and Funds

The property and funds of the Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members, other than is reasonably allowed by the rules, and all surplus income or profits are reinvested in the Club.

The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, away-event expenses, medical treatment, post-event refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

- (i) sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;
- (ii) employ members (though not for playing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned

being present;

(iii) pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;

(iv) indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of running the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

The Committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

Winding Up

The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three-quarters of those present and voting support the proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

- (i) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or
- (ii) to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or
- (iii) to the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

Priority

Where there is any conflict between any of the above Rules ("Key Rules") and any other rule or rules, the Key Rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for CASCs (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002).

Name

The name of the Club is Crabwood Cycling Club, and may, in addition, incorporate the name of any sponsor.

Club Colours

Club colours shall be decided by members at an AGM or EGM.

(b) All full members should wear the registered club colours when competing in open cycling events, and will not exhibit thereon the name or trade-mark of anyone other than the garment manufacturer or Club sponsor.

Duties of the Executive Committee

The management of the Club shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall meet as required to conduct the Club's business. At least five members must be present to form a quorum.

Any member of the Executive Committee absent from three consecutive meetings without explanation or apology shall be deemed to have resigned.

The Executive Committee is responsible for discipline and has the power to refuse, suspend or expel any member as stated in Rule 2(d). Any member refused, suspended or expelled shall be notified of the Committee's decision within seven days. If a member appeals against this decision, a General Meeting shall be called within fourteen days to consider the appeal.

Accounts

The Club's financial year shall commence on 1st October and end on 30th September, after which date the Treasurer shall prepare a statement of Income and Expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year. These shall be audited by at least one of the Club's elected Auditors, as agreed by the Executive Committee.

10. Annual General Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in October or November each year. At least fourteen days notice of the AGM shall be given to all members.

The agenda for the AGM shall include the following:

To approve the minutes of the previous AGM.

To receive reports from Officers of the Executive Committee for the preceding year.

To receive an audited statement of accounts, and agree the annual subscriptions for the following year.

To elect the Officers of the Club.

To consider any matter recommended by the Executive Committee.

To consider any matter affecting the Club, of which due notice has been given in writing to the Honorary General Secretary at least seven days before the AGM.

The Chairperson presiding at a General Meeting may at his/her discretion decide that any matter be decided by ballot, otherwise decisions shall be by a show of hands.

11. Elected Officers

The elected officers of the Club shall be:

President (elected prior to the AGM by the Executive Committee).

Vice-presidents (up to 12 in number)

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Events Secretary, Publicity Secretary, and up to three general committee members.

Two Auditors.

All officers covered by Rule 11(a)(iii) shall be either full or social members of the Club.

Management Committees:

The Executive Committee shall consist of those officers covered in Rule 11(a)(iii). The President and Vice-presidents may attend Executive Committee meetings, but without voting powers.

- (ii) The Executive Committee may co-opt other club members to serve on the Executive Committee or on other sub-committees as necessary until the end of the next AGM.

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by the General Secretary within 14 days of a request to that effect from the Executive Committee, or on the written request of not less than seven Club members signed by them.

At least seven days notice of an EGM shall be given to all Club members.

EGMs shall be confined specifically to the matter for which the meeting was requested.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are payable on application for membership, and subsequently fall due on 1st January each year in advance.

Members joining after 30th September shall not be required to pay a further subscription for the following year.

Any member whose subscription remains unpaid after 1st April shall cease to be a member of the Club, unless decided otherwise by the Executive Committee.

Resignations

Any member may discontinue their membership by giving written notice to the General Secretary. Members resigning after 31st January remain liable to pay their subscription for that year. Resignations will be accepted provided that all payments due to the club have been made, and that all Club property has been returned.

15. Amendments to Club Rules

These rules may be amended only at a properly convened General Meeting by two-thirds of the votes cast, but not so as to jeopardise the Club's status as a CASC, and not in any event to alter its Purposes (unless the procedure set out in 15(b) has been followed) or winding up provisions.

The Club Purposes may be changed to include another eligible sport if the Executive Committee unanimously agrees, and the Members also agree the change by a 75% majority of votes cast.

Any amendments shall be circulated to all members within 14 days of being passed,

General

A copy of these rules, which shall be binding to all members, shall be given to each member on election.

Only fully paid up members shall be eligible to hold Club racing awards and trophies.

A senior competent member shall be in charge of all Club runs and Club training activities, and shall keep a record of all those attending.

Members under 16 years of age must be accompanied on all Club runs and Club training activities by a parent, guardian or responsible adult.

Members under 18 years of age must have a completed Parental Consent form to allow participation in competitive cycling events.

The spouse of a fully paid up member shall be entitled to free Social membership.

Adopted at the AGM held at Colbury Hall on 30th October 2006.