

## The Rules of the Royal Dean Forest Cycling Club

- 1) The name of the Club shall be "ROYAL DEAN FOREST CYCLING CLUB" referred to in these rules as "THE CLUB".
- 2) The objects of the Club shall be:-
  - a) Promotion of all aspects of the sport which include road racing, time trials, touring, Audax, mountain biking, track racing, leisure cycling and cycle cross.
  - b) Promotion of good fellowship in cycling.
- 3) That the Club be affiliated to such organisations as is decided at the Annual General Meeting.
- 4) The membership categories to be :-
  - a) Ordinary members – shall be senior 1<sup>st</sup> claim – aged 18 or over on 1<sup>st</sup> January who have paid the subscription for the current year.
  - b) Junior members – shall be at least 12 and under the age of 18 on joining the Club (1<sup>st</sup> claim).
  - c) Associate members – cannot vote at meeting or be elected to office and pay a reduced subscription, neither can they race in the name of the Club (2<sup>nd</sup> claim).
  - d) Second claim members – cannot be elected to office and pay a reduced subscription. Can be awarded standard medals (2<sup>nd</sup> claim).
  - e) Honorary members to include those interested in the Club, whom the Club may see fit to elect. Such members shall be entitled to attend meetings but not required to pay a subscription (2<sup>nd</sup> claim).
  - f) Vice-Presidents – such ordinary members of the Club who, having given long and valuable service to the Club, the Club desires to honour. Their term of office may be terminated at the discretion of the committee. Such Vice Presidents shall be ex-officia members of the committee; they shall not be entitled to vote therein unless they hold a committee position.
  - g) Life members – this shall be very sparingly given for outstanding services and must receive a unanimous vote at the AGM (2<sup>nd</sup> claim).
- 5) A member shall cease to be a member for any of the following reasons:-
  - a) If he or she shall resign by notice in writing to the secretary;
  - b) If their annual subscription shall be in arrears for three months;

c) Any member acting in a manner objectionable or contrary to the interests of the Club shall be called upon by the committee for an explanation, and if that member fails to justify their actions the committee shall have full power to expel them, but the member shall have the right of appeal to a general meeting.

6)

- a) The committee of management shall be elected at the AGM.
- b) They shall be members of the Club, consisting of the officials, plus two others who hold no other position.
- c) In the absence of the chairman, the senior member of the committee be asked to take the chair.
- d) The committee shall cause proper minutes to be made of all decisions of the committee and general meetings.
- e) The committee shall have power to add to their numbers for special purposes and to fill vacancies that occur during their term of office.
- f) A quorum to be formed by a chairman and four other officers
- g) The committee shall meet as often as is necessary in the opinion of the general secretary.
- h) The committee has full power to expend the monies of the Club provided that they are applied towards the object of the Club.

7)

- a) A special meeting to be held first Club night in September to discuss the following year's racing programme.
- b) The AGM of the Club shall be held on the first Club night in October for the presentation of accounts, reports and for the election of officers. The Club financial year shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The Club membership year shall also finish on 31<sup>st</sup> August; new members joining after 1<sup>st</sup> July are exempted for renewal until September of the following year.

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- a) A special meeting may be called on a requisition signed by not less than ten members; the requisition to state clearly the nature of the business.
- b) Not less than seven days notice of such a meeting to be given.
- c) If a special meeting is called to wind up the Club it shall be advertised for two weeks running in the Forest papers giving details of the proposal.

9) A majority of two thirds of those voting at an AGM shall be necessary to effect any alterations in the Club rules or procedures. No alteration, amendment or addition shall be made in any of the foregoing rules except at the AGM of the Club or at a special meeting called for the purpose. Notice of any proposed alteration, amendment or addition to be sent to the secretary fourteen days previous to the meeting and details of such proposals shall appear on the agenda of such a meeting.

10) Subscriptions shall be as follows:-

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| a) Family membership       | £10-00 |
| b) Ordinary membership     | £7-00  |
| c) Junior membership       | £5-00  |
| d) Second claim membership | £5-00  |

11) Only senior members of the Club will be allowed to vote on matters concerning the running of the Club's administration and finances which have been proposed by the committee.

Rules amended October 2008.