



Birkenhead North End Cycling Club

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BIRKENHEAD NORTH END CYCLING CLUB CLUB RULES 2015

CONSTITUTION

1 **That the Club** be called the Birkenhead North End Cycling Club. The purposes of the Club are to promote the amateur sport of cycling in Wirral, community participation in the same, and the social welfare of its members. (KEY RULE Revised AGM 2009)

2 That **the officers** of the Club shall consist of President, Vice Presidents, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Captain, Vice Captains, Time Keepers, Handicappers, Treasurer, General Secretary, Time Trialing Secretary, Road Racing Secretary, Clubroom Secretary, Circular Writer, Two Auditors and Delegates to the Associations to which the club is affiliated at the Annual General Meeting.

No member shall be elected to the office of President for more than three consecutive years. A member shall revert to their former status after presidential term of office.

3 That **all nominations** for the Presidency or any alteration or addition to these rules must be sent to the Secretary clearly specifying the nature of such alteration desired not later than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting – or as per Rule 7.

4 That any officer other than President or Vice President **absenting themselves** from three consecutive meetings shall have their position declared void unless a satisfactory reason be forthcoming.

5 That **the Annual General Meeting** be held to receive the reports of the Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Racing Secretary, Clubroom Secretary and Captain, to transact any other competent business in addition to receiving the Balance Sheet for the past year. The entrance fee and subscription rates shall be reviewed and amended as appropriate, for all categories of membership. Seven to constitute a quorum.

6 That a **General Meeting** be held on the second Wednesday of each month to deal with the specific work, applications for membership, resignations from membership, decide the meaning of these rules and adjudicate upon any matter not covered by them. Four to form a quorum.

7 That **the Hon Secretary** or any other three members may call a special General Meeting provided that 14 clear days notice is given to all members. This notice is to indicate the purpose of the Special Meeting. Seven shall constitute a quorum.

8 That any member **violating any Club rules**, or found guilty of misconduct, shall be dealt with by a meeting of members: - which meeting the member in question may attend to offer any explanation they may desire to make and the meeting shall, if necessary, recommend that they be expelled and any member so expelled shall forfeit all claim upon the funds or property of the Club.

9 That **the Club colours** shall be red, yellow & black in order of predominance. Club members riding in events under the Club name shall ride only in these colours (revised 2002 AGM).

10 That **the Sponsorship Committee** comprise. The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer together with others elected at the AGM. A quorum shall consist of four members of the Committee and should include at least one of the Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

Duties of the Sponsorship Committee shall include:-

i) Examination of and where agreed payment of claims submitted for basic expenses incurred by members taking part in National Championship, Star Trophy and Peter Fryer events. Claims for other non-specified events may be accepted at the discretion of the Committee.

[Note: Generally, these expenses are limited to Entry Fees plus 50% of the travelling costs although this can be varied at the discretion of the Committee. Exceptionally



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large claims will be submitted to the monthly meeting]

ii) Making recommendations to the monthly meetings about any other payments, which should be made.

iii) To liaise with the Sponsor's representative and to discuss ways in which we can mutually promote our interests.

iv) To elect from their members a representative or representatives to liaise with the Sponsor/Sponsors.

v) To investigate, when appropriate, new forms of Sponsorship.

A report shall be made to the monthly meeting, which will state how much has been paid in expenses without disclosing the names of the claimants.

All authorised claims to be retained by the Treasurer.

MEMBERSHIP

11a Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is possible on a non-discretionary basis.

11b The Club shall set different classes of membership and subscription on a non discriminatory and fair basis. Subscriptions shall be set a level that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

11c The Club officers may recommend refusal of membership, or removal of it only for good cause, such as conduct likely to bring the Club or the sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members at a general meeting (11a to 11c are KEY RULES agreed AGM 2009).

11d That a person wishing to join the Club shall submit an application form and be proposed and seconded by full members (viz. 12

months membership). On payment of the appropriate entrance fee they will then be eligible for election at a General Monthly Meeting. If elected they will be entitled to their badge and a copy of these rules if required, plus a list of normal club activity, to be collected at the club meeting when their application is lodged. Any person over the age of 16 wishing to apply for membership is to attend when their application is submitted and leave the room whilst it is discussed. Failure to do so will result in the application being rejected. In exceptional circumstances the proposer and seconder together can represent the applicant. (Amended at SGM 2012).

11e All existing members wishing to renew their annual membership shall complete a Renewal Form giving current contact details, plus any health information relevant to cycling eg Asthma, angina or allergies etc. (Added at SGM 2012).

12 That the **categories of membership** shall be: - Full members, Junior members under 18 years of age, Juvenile members under 16 years of age. Associate members, Second Claim members and members over 65 years of age.

13 **An Associate member** shall have full rights of membership except participation in Club time trials and more than 4 Club runs per year and should not be a member of another cycling Club in the area covered by the LTTCA and WCTTCA boundaries. Associate members can become full members upon application as in Rule 11d (revised 2003 AGM).

14 That no person may gain **Second Claim membership** to the Club unless their first claim club is outside the RTTC Liverpool DC area, nor shall any person having resigned from the Club be eligible for second claim membership whilst domiciled in the Liverpool DC area. A Second Claim member shall not be eligible for Club awards, prizes or trophies.

15 That **the President, Vice President and Life Members** shall not be liable for annual subscription.



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- 16a Any person aged 17yrs and over wishing to **apply for membership** must first attend four runs accepted by the meeting as “club runs”. They must then submit an application for membership in conformity with Rule 11d.
- 16b Any person aged 16 yrs and under, wishing to apply for membership to the Youth Section must complete four BNECC youth coaching sessions. They must then submit an application for membership in conformity with rule 11d.
- 16c Any child who has joined the Youth Section and wishes to ride with the main club, must complete appropriate Group Riding and Bikeability training (National Standard level 3).
- 16d Any child (minimum age 13) wishing to ride with the main club will need to ask a coach to contact the relevant road captain or vice captain to confirm that the child has completed the required level of training (Agreed at 2009 AGM).
- 17 That an **independent third party insurance cover** be provided for Club members acting in charge of club activities. (rev Mar 05).
- 18 That any member wishing to **resign** from the Club must send written notice to the Hon Secretary not later than the 1st February otherwise they will be accounted liable for subscription. Club subscriptions are due on January 1st each year. Subscriptions unpaid by March monthly meeting will deem those memberships to have lapsed.
- CLUB ACTIVITY**
- 19 That no member shall be allowed to compete in any Open or Club Races unless their subscriptions are fully paid.
- 20 That no member shall be allowed to compete in an event not recognised by the Club.
- 21 That no member shall be awarded more than one prize in any one Club event.
- 22 That the entry fees for all Club events shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting and that entry fees be paid with the handing in of entry forms for all Club events.
- 23 That **the Captain** (or in his absence the Vice Captain) has entire charge of all Club runs.
- 24 That **the organisers** of open time trials and road races shall co-opt a committee of not less than three members. They shall meet at a frequency of not less than once a month for a period of not less than three months prior to the event. The organiser shall report progress of the event organisation to the Club monthly meeting.
- 25 That all members are expected to assist in Club **marshalling duties**. A Marshalling rota shall be published in February each year listing members’ allocated duties throughout the year. It is the Member’s responsibility to carry out that duty or to obtain suitable cover. The Rota Steward to be advised of any such changes.
- 26 That the last date for qualifying for all **Club Championships** be 30th September in each year. All claims to be submitted to the TT secretary by 15th October in the current year. The onus for claiming is on the individual.
- 27 That all **Club trophies** be for perpetual competition and that all Club Championships to receive for first a silver gilt medal, second – silver medal, third – bronze medal.
- 28a That the **Club Best All Rounder** Time Trial Championship to be decided by the fastest average, aggregate mph over 25, 50, 100 miles and 12 hrs plus the aggregate of the averages and then the average of both results.
- 28b The **Ladies Best All Rounder** Time Trial Championship shall be decided by the fastest average, aggregate mph over 10, 25 & 50 mile Time Trials, plus the aggregate of the averages and then the average of both results.
- 29 That the Club **Time Trial Championships** shall be decided by the fastest average aggregate mph of times recorded at 25