

Mid Antrim 150 Club Ltd

Rules

1. TITLE AND DEFINITIONS,

The title of the Club shall be “Mid Antrim 150 Club Ltd.”, hereafter referred to as “the Club”.

The Club is formed as a “not for profit organisation”

2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To further interests in Motorcycle sport.
- b) To promote competitions in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Motorcycle Union of Ireland (MCUI).
- c) To provide members with information and assistance on matters connected with Motorcycle competitions.
- d) To arrange tours, seminars, social and other meetings/events.
- e) To afford members such benefits such benefits and privileges, as it may be possible to arrange.

3. CONSTITUTION

Personnel of not less than 18 years of age shall be eligible for full membership of the Club. Persons under the age of 18 will only be eligible as a Junior Member.

4. CODE OF ETHICS

The Club agrees that sporting integrity is based on acceptance of rules, fairness, equality, respect for others, moral conduct and a sense of what is right. Violence, bullying, breaking the rules, abuse of drugs, lack of fair play and other unethical behaviours are unacceptable and the Club reserves the right to discipline any of its members, officials or competition licence holders involved in such activities.

The Club agrees to :

- (a) Set a good example at all times.
- (b) Sign and agree to relevant Codes of Conduct.
- (c) Follow the spirit of policies as required e.g. Equal Opportunity Policy.
- (d) Abide by and agree to international/ national policies and guidelines e.g. anti-doping, safeguarding procedures.
- (e) Reserve the right to discipline any of its members, officials or competition licence holders who fail to act in a manner acceptable to this code.

5. EQUALITY STATEMENT

The Club aims to promote the sport of motorcycling for all present and potential competitors, officials, members, instructors, coaches, volunteers and employees and will be mindful of the need to carry out its functions in a manner which promotes equality of opportunity between:

- (a) Persons of different religious belief, political group, racial group, age.
 - (b) Persons regardless of marital status or sexual orientation.
 - (c) Men and women generally
 - (d) Persons with a disability and persons without.
 - (e) Persons with dependants and persons without.
- Furthermore the Club
- (f) Aims to make its services and training programmes accessible to all and may take special measures to ensure that certain groups are not unfairly disadvantaged, provided such action does not adversely affect the standard, quality and integrity of its schemes.
 - (g) Reserves the right to discipline any of its members, officials or competition licence holders who practice any form of discrimination in breach of this statement

6. SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

The Club is committed to safeguarding the well being of all competitors, officials, members, instructors, coaches, volunteers and employees, and as such comply fully with the up to date policy, practice and/or procedures of the Motorcycle Union of Ireland(Ulster Centre) SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE IN MOTORSPORT.

7. MANAGEMENT

- a) The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club and for its management shall be vested in the Committee. The members of the Committee voted in at the Annual General Meeting, shall be the Directors of the Mid Antrim 150 Club Ltd. *The committee shall consist of six members, with the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer being ex officio.*
- b) The Club shall have a Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer and Competition Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- c) At any meeting at which the Chairman/Convenor shall not be present, a Deputy Chairman/ Convenor elected by the members present shall preside, and when doing so shall have all the powers of the Chairman.
- d) The quorum necessary for the Committee to transact its business shall be six.
- e) The Annual General Meeting of the Club, will be held during the month of October.
- f) Any member of the Club Committee who fails to attend more than half of the General Committee Meetings held between each Annual General Meeting of the Club, without giving a satisfactory explanation for his non- attendance, will not be eligible for re-election to the Committee for the preceding year
- g) Any person who is not a Club Member, but wishes to attend a Club Meeting, can only do so with the permission from the Club Committee, This same person will not have an automatic right to speak, but must seek permission from the Chairman of the meeting.

8. MEETING OF CLUB COMMITTEE

The Committee shall meet on a regular basis, normally monthly. The Secretary either of his/her own accord or by the direction of the Chairman shall give at least 7 days notice of a meeting.

Any member submitting items for inclusion on the agenda shall notify the Secretary no later than ten days before the Committee meeting at which they are to be considered.

9. DUTIES OF THE CHAIRMAN

It shall be the duty of the Chairman to attend in person or by deputy, all meetings of the Club Committee to conduct the proceedings in accordance to the Agenda previously agreed with the Secretary.

10. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the Section Secretary to attend in person or by Deputy, all meetings of the Club Committee to take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be typed up and circulated to all members present at the meeting. The Secretary shall also conduct the general correspondence of the Club, and any correspondence as directed by the Committee.

11. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

- a) The Club Treasurer shall keep correct accounts and books showing the financial affairs, receipts and disbursements of the Club. The Treasurer shall also complete the annual Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the Club
- b) Any cash expenses paid will be properly receipted and all other monies shall be banked in an account in the name of the Club.
- c) The Club shall hold its own bank account and all monies will be treated as the property of the Club. Any expenditure will require approval at a Club Committee meeting.
- d) The accounts of the Club shall be closed on the 30st August annually, and shall be internally audited, if requested, by at least 2 members of the Club appointed by the Committee.
- e) The company auditor and solicitor shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

12. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

Applications of candidates for membership to the club shall be submitted, with the appropriate fee to the Committee by the Club Secretary (or Membership Secretary), and the election of such candidates shall be at the discretion of the Committee. (The decision of the Committee is final and binding.) The name, address and contact details of the candidate, shall be stated on each application submitted to the Committee complete with the names of his or her proposer who must be a member of the Club.

Membership of the section shall continue only for the period covered by the current subscription

All applications must be made by an individual in his or her own correct name and be signed by the said applicant personally. A parent or legal guardian must countersign applications by persons under the age of 18 years.

All persons who on the 31st day of December were members of the Mid Antrim 150 Club, shall be entitled on payment of their annual subscription, to have their names entered on the register of members of the Club.

- 12a.** In the event of a split decision by the committee, all relevant arguments, both for and against the election of the new member, to be submitted in writing to the club secretary at least 3 days prior to the next committee meeting.

13. MEMBERSHIP FEE

The subscription to be a Full Member of the Club shall be a minimum of £15 (inc. VAT) per annum, and to be a Junior Member of the Club the subscription shall be a minimum of £10 per annum.

A parent/guardian must also sign applications for Junior Membership.

All members shall notify the Club Secretary (or Membership Secretary) of any change of address or contact details.

14. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership will expire on the 31st December each year. Subscriptions shall become due on the 1st January.

Memberships taken after 30th September will be valid for the following year. Only fully paid up members at 30th September may vote at an AGM. Only members fully paid up 21 days Prior to an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting (EGM) are eligible to vote.

Any member of the Club who has not paid his or her subscription within one month of the date which it became due may, unless sufficient reason be shown to the satisfaction of the Club Committee be taken off the Register of Members forthwith. Any member whose subscription is in arrears shall not be eligible to take part in any meetings organised by the Club.

15. RIGHT TO VOTE

- a) Each committee member shall have one vote.
- b) The Chairman in addition to his vote as a member of the Club will have a casting vote which will only be used if there is equality in the voting. The Chairman has the right to use or decline the use of the casting vote on any resolution.

16. RESIGNATION

Any member wishing to resign his/her membership shall give notice in writing of such desire to the Club Secretary. Also any member ceasing, voluntarily or otherwise, to be a member of the Club, shall thereafter cease to have any claim upon the property of the Club or to enjoy any privileges of membership, but he or she shall remain liable for the payment of any debts due to the Club from him or her.

17. USE OF CLUB BADGE, NAME AND ADDRESS

The Club badge shall only be used on official Club documents, headed notepaper and correspondence sent by the Secretary. Other limited use of the badge is at the discretion of the Club Committee.

The name and address of the Club shall not be given by a member as his address for trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

18. DISCIPLINE

All disciplinary meetings will be conducted at a Club Committee level. Any director or member holding an honorary position, which in the view of Committee members, has brought the Club into disrepute, or acted outside the remit of their position, may face a vote of no confidence.

The member(s) bringing the vote of no confidence must do so in writing to the Club Secretary, stating the reason(s). All those affected by such notice will be notified and a meeting will be called within 28 days, giving at least 7 days notice to hear this matter. If either the Chairman or Secretary is the subject of this notice a deputy will be elected at the meeting to fill their position for the duration of the meeting.

Once a vote of no confidence has been brought, both the member(s) bringing the motion and the defendant(s) will be given an opportunity to state their case before the members present at the meeting called for the purpose of hearing this matter.

No other matter shall be discussed at this meeting.

A no confidence vote will be carried by a majority vote. In the case of a tie, the Chairman shall not have a casting vote and the motion will be defeated.

Any Director or member holding an honorary position, who loses a vote of no confidence, must resign from their position with effect. They may also be asked to resign their membership of the Club.

Any other member who brings the Club into disrepute by violation of rules 4, 5 or 6, will be allowed the same redress as carried out for a vote of no confidence. The sanction if guilty will be immediate expulsion from the Club. If that member intimates a desire to re-join the Club at a later date, the period of expulsion, will be determined by the Club Committee.

Any member, who without authorisation, exceeds an agreed budget or who makes expenditure in the name of the Club, shall be personally liable for the overspend or expenditure.

Any member who fails to obey the outcome of a disciplinary hearing shall face expulsion from the Club.

All evidence to be used at a disciplinary meeting, to be with the Secretary a minimum of three days prior to the meeting. Any member who is recognised as having a conflict of interest in relation to the disciplinary case, will not be entitled to a vote.

19. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held in the month of October in each year upon a date, venue and at a time to be fixed by the Club. The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive from the Club Treasurer a full statement of accounts duly audited by the Company Auditor showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending.
- b) Receive from the Secretary, a report of the Section during the said year.
- c) Elect the Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary and Club Committee (Board of Directors)
- d) Appoint a Solicitor and Auditor
- e) Settle any remuneration for the Officers of the Club.
- f) Decide on any resolution, which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided

20. NOTICE, NOTICES OF MOTION AND AGENDA FOR AGM

Any member wishing to propose a motion shall give the Club Secretary written notice of the proposal at least twenty-eight (28) days before the proposed date of the Annual General Meeting.

A copy of such Notices and the Agenda shall be sent to each member at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not received a copy of the above information shall not invalidate the proceedings. No business, which is not included in the Agenda, shall be discussed at the meeting unless a majority present is in favour thereof. Should the proposer of any motion fail to move the resolution in respect of the relevant item on the Agenda, then another member shall be entitled to do so.

21. EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Chairman, or at the request of the Secretary stating the business for which the Special General Meeting is required and signed by not less than six members. If a meeting so requested is not convened within 21 days, the said 6 members may convene such a meeting. 5 members shall form a quorum. No business other than that mentioned in any such notice shall be discussed at the meeting.

22. VOTING

Every member present and with a right to vote may exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all meetings, except as provided in rules 21 and 27, a majority of votes decides a resolution. Confirmation of Full Membership may be required at any meeting before a member is permitted to vote.

23. OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES

Every member binds himself or herself to abide by the rules of the Club, and also by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such rules, and also to accept as final and binding the decision of the Board of Directors in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these Rules, following relevant consultation. No member or members may represent the Club without the authority of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall have the power to deal with any question arising out of or not covered by these rules.

Where an appeal is lodged against any decision made by the Club, the MCUI(UC) will be asked to adjudicate.

24. ALTERATION OF THE RULES

These Rules shall not be altered, revoked or amended except at the Annual General Meeting, or at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting convened in accordance with these Rules and with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present and voting at the meeting.

25. EVENTS

All motorsport competitions organised by the Club shall be held under the rules, regulations and requirements of the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland. All events shall be conducted following the guidelines contained within rules 4, 5 and 6.

26. COPIES OF RULES

All Club members will be furnished with a copy of the Club Rules on request.

27. DISSOLUTION

- a) The Club may be dissolved by an Extra-Ordinary Meeting convened by directors of the Club, or on the requisition of a two-thirds majority of the members
- b) If the resolution be duly passed, the Directors shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club, and, if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Directors. These assets may only be used for the organisation of future sporting events and must not be used for the personal gain of Club members.

28. TROPHIES

The Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer appointed each year by the Club, shall be responsible for the safe keeping of all trophies owned by the Club.

Approved and adopted by the Committee at a Committee Meeting of the Mid Antrim 150 Club, held on Wed. 9th October 2019 in Thatch Inn, Broughshane.