

RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF **THE LAMBERTS CASTLE RIDING CLUB**

Revised on 7 September 2017

1. TITLE

The Club shall be known as "**The Lamberts Castle Riding Club**"

2. OBJECTS

The Objects of the Club shall be:

- To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, promote good fellowship among riders and improve the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- To be affiliated to The British Horse Society through the Riding Club movement.
- To organise instructional meetings, lectures, competitive events and other activities to further the objects.
- To concern itself with anything that will benefit horse and rider in the district.

3. MEMBERSHIP

This shall consist of senior members who have attained the age of eighteen or over on the 1st January of the current year and junior members who are 8 years and over and under 18 on 1st January of the current year, having paid the due subscription for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club. No junior member may be a voting member of any Riding Club.

4. A member shall complete the application form as prescribed by the Committee. Membership of the Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. The Committee may refuse membership only for good cause, such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or the sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to the members. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

5. The annual subscription shall be payable on the 1st October each year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the Membership List after written notice to the effect has been sent to him or her. Any member joining the Club on or after the 1st August shall be deemed to have paid his or her subscription for the ensuing year.

6. The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon him or her for an explanation of his or her conduct and allow a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him or her.

7. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee

- All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and up to seven other Committee members, to include a Child Welfare Officer. This to be amended if necessary.

- At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire, the members to retire being those who have been longest in office. Those who have been in office for the same length of time shall determine retiring members by lot.
 - Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
 - The Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall be elected annually by the Committee amongst their number.
 - The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over ruled at a General Meeting.
 - The Committee shall be sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
 - The Committee may formulate bye-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect subcommittees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
 - The Committee have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then be eligible for re-election.
- 8.** The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st October of each year.
- 9.** The annual subscription shall be £25.00 or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee. The Club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- 10.** The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October/November of each year to transact the following business:
- To receive and if approved adopt a Statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - To fill vacancies on the Committee.
 - To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 14 days before the meeting.
- 11.** A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days notice of the date of such meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.
- 12.** The Accounts of the Club shall be posted on the Clubs website annually.
- 13.** Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him/her at their address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the club. If any member has no address in the United Kingdom such member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of the meeting.

14. Membership List

The membership list of the Club will only be made available to the Club's Committee Members.

- 15. These rules may be added to, replaced or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special Meeting provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
- 16. Members shall be correctly turned out at all mounted events. Any protective clothing required by current British Riding Clubs rules must be worn. (See current BRC Rulebook).
- 17. Surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.
- 18. In the event that dissolution of the Club shall occur, the assets of the Club shall be used first to discharge all liabilities of the Club and the remaining assets shall be sold and the monies distributed between local registered charities.
- 19. An updated Health and Safety Policy, agreed by the Committee, shall be posted on the Club's website (May 2018).

Signed Dated