

SEACROFT WHEELERS CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. **Seacroft Wheelers** is a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC) as defined by the Finance Act 2002.
2. **The Purpose of the Club** is to promote and encourage participation in amateur cycling in Leeds and the surrounding area.
3. **Membership**
 - a) Membership is open to anyone interested in cycling regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
 - b) Membership runs from 1st January to 31st December, except that new members joining from 1st October shall have full membership privileges until 31st December the following year.
 - c) Subscriptions are agreed at the AGM and must be such as to not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
 - d) The club committee may refuse or remove membership, because of conduct or character likely to bring the club into disrepute.
 - e) Members wishing to resign, to change from first to second claim or changing address must inform the General Secretary in writing.
 - f) The default method of communicating club activities will be the club website, subject to it being maintained by a suitable person nominated by the committee.
 - g) The committee may recognize long-standing service to the club by awarding Life Membership. However, there will be no more than three Life Members at any one time.
4. **General Meetings**
 - a) All members may attend general meetings of the club in person but only first claim members, and second claim members who organise an event, may vote.
 - b) Meetings need 21 clear days' written notice to members and must be held at least half yearly.
 - c) Special items for agendas must be forwarded to the General Secretary at least two weeks before the meeting.
 - d) The quorum for all general meetings is the lesser of 10 members present or 25% of the total membership.
 - e) The Chairman or in his/her absence another member chosen at the meeting presides.
 - f) Except as otherwise provided in these rules, resolutions are decided by a simple majority of the votes cast on a show of hands.
 - g) Formalities in connection with General Meetings (such as how to put down resolutions) are decided by the committee and publicised to Club members.
 - h) An AGM and a half yearly meeting are held every year, the General Secretary preparing an agenda for circulation in advance to all voting members.
 - i) If 10% or more 1st claim members/2nd claim event organisers request in writing an EGM then the General Secretary is required to organise a meeting forthwith giving the same notice as required for an AGM unless the circumstances are so urgent that the General Secretary believes an earlier meeting is both appropriate and expeditious.
5. **Club Officials and Committee**
 - a) The committee is responsible for organizing and evaluating all general activities.

- b) The committee consists the Executive Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Race Organisers, Membership Secretary, Welfare Officer and up to three other members elected at the AGM. The Committee may, at its discretion, appoint ex-officio members.
- c) Committee meetings are quorate if four club officials are present.
- d) The Chairman may serve for a maximum of three years subject to annual re-election at the AGM.

6. Club Accounts

- a) The financial year runs from 1st October to 30th September, after which the Treasurer prepares a balance sheet and an income and expenditure account which are then made available to all first claim members for acceptance at the AGM.
- b) The accounts are audited by two Honorary Auditors, appointed at the AGM, who must not be club officials.
- c) All surplus income or profits are to be re-invested in the club. No surpluses or assets be distributed to members or third parties

7. Club Kit

- a) Club racing jerseys are primarily orange and powder blue, incorporating the windmill motif and the club name, as previously registered with British Cycling.
- b) A subsidy of 15% for senior members and 20% for under 16s (20% in respect of 1st jerseys for all new members) is available on all club garments.
- c) The subsidy is at the discretion of the committee and can be altered at any time

8. Winding Up of the Club

- a) The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that agenda proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- b) The Committee is responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- c) After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee will dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - i. to another Club with similar sports purposes which is a CASC or charity
 - ii. to any cycling national or regional body for use by them for related community sports
 - iii. to any cycling related charity for use by them in the furtherance of their objectives

9. Club Competitions and Racing Rules

- a) In the event of a rider winning a perpetual trophy and leaving the club, or becoming 2nd claim, such an award will be at the committee's discretion.
- b) Racing awards may be competed for by first claim members only.
- c) Qualifying events for time trialling awards are any open, semi-open, association and Seacroft Wheelers club events approved by CTT. For events not fulfilling this condition the committee may accept performances as qualifying if it is satisfied with the validity of the claim.
- d) The onus for claiming any annual award is on the member, who must make a claim to the Racing Secretary and provide supporting evidence if requested. Evening League overall results will be published and medals supplied only to those who claim.
- e) The club makes the following annual awards based on season long performances:
 - i. **Mens B.A.R:** 25, 50 and 100 miles. Open to all males. Calculated by averaging the three average speeds.
 - ii. **Womens B.A.R:** 10, 15 and 25 miles. Open to all females. Calculated by averaging the three average speeds.

- iii. **Junior B.A.R:** Two 10's, two 25's. Open to males and females under 18 on the day of the event. Calculated by averaging the four average speeds.
 - iv. **Veterans B.A.R:** 10, 25 and 50 miles, judged on age standards as laid down by the VTTA. Open to males and females over 40. Calculated as the average of speed deviations (plus or minus) from VTTA standards at each distance.
 - v. **Evening Time Trials Competition:** All club evening tens to count. 1st and 1st handicap 3 points, 2nd and 2nd handicap 2 points, 3rd and 3rd handicap 1 point. Winners are those with most points.
 - vi. **Senior Road/Track Championship:** Awarded to the senior or junior rider with the most points at 31st October, regardless of which age category he/she competes in, by the following formula:

3 rd & 4 th category	- BC points + non-BC points
2 nd category	- BC points + non-BC points + 50
Elite & 1 st category	- BC points + non-BC points + 200

For events outside BC jurisdiction then points will be calculated as if the events were Regional B and without any category.
 - vii. **Youth Road/Track Championship:** Awarded to the youth rider with the highest total at 31st October of BC ranking points plus points for events outside BC jurisdiction, calculated as if they were BC events. The award shall be regardless of which age category he/she competes in.
 - viii. **Fastest 25:** Separate awards for fastest 25 of the year by men and women.
 - ix. **12 Hour Champion:** Awarded to the best 12 hour ride.
 - x. **Three Peaks Champion:** Awarded to the highest finisher in the Three Peaks Cyclo Cross.
 - xi. **Cyclo Cross Champions:** Awarded to the highest placed riders in each category in the previous winter's Yorkshire Points Competition.
 - xii. **Grass Track Champions:** Awarded to the highest placed riders in each category in the West Riding Track League.
 - xiii. **Clubperson of the Year:** To the member making most impression throughout the year for any club activity or participation, as nominated and voted by the general membership
 - xiv. **David Jakeman Merit award:** To the member making the most meritorious single performance, as nominated and voted by the general membership
- e) The club makes additional individual awards for pre-designated events in order to promote competition amongst members.

Constitution adopted at a meeting held at: **The Gaping Goose**

on: **11 October-2017**

Chairman: Richard Barker

General Secretary: Ian Hirst

Signed:

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Witnessed by:

Name:

Address: