

THE RULES of the MID DEVON CYCLING CLUB – 2023

As agreed at an EGM on 5th April 2004 to qualify as a “Go-Ride” Club and modified at the AGM of 8th January 2016 to add new clauses to clarify the financial standing of the club) then then updated at the AGM of 21st January 2023

1. The club shall be known as the **MID DEVON CYCLING CLUB**. The purpose of the club is to promote cycling in all its forms. Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in cycling.
2. The club is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the club's facilities and assets. No profit or surplus will be distributed other than to another non-profit making body or to members on winding up or dissolution of the club – see clause 8.
3. The **MID DEVON CYCLING CLUB** will incorporate a Youth Section known as Mid Devon CC Youth Academy and these rules shall apply to their members. Unless otherwise stated “Mid Devon Cycling Club” shall include the Mid Devon CC Youth and its members.
4. The club will not be held responsible for any accident arising from any member participating in any competitive event, training or social ride or social activity. Members participate in all activities at their own risk and without any liability to the club, its officials or other members in respect of any injury, loss or damage suffered however caused whether by negligence or otherwise. Members causing any damage shall be liable to the cost of all reimbursements.

5. **Membership**

Persons wishing to join the club shall submit a completed application form via the British Cycling membership system together with the appropriate annual subscription.

The Club Committee may refuse or remove membership of the club though only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or cycling into disrepute. Appeal against such refusal/removal may be made to either an ad hoc committee of five (5) senior members appointed by the Club Chairman or to the membership at a General Meeting. In either case the decision reached shall be final and no further appeal allowed.

Membership of the club is renewable on December 31st each year and shall be made via the British Cycling's Club Membership system. Any person who joins after October 1st shall be entitled to carry their membership over to the end of the following year.

Membership is divided into six (6) classes.

Senior members who are over 18 years of age on the date of paying their annual subscription and are not full time students. They shall pay an annual subscription of twenty (20) pounds.

Junior members who are under 18 years of age on the date of paying their annual subscription. They shall pay an annual subscription of half the senior subscription.

Student members who are over 18 years of age on the date of paying their annual subscription and are in full time education. They shall pay an annual subscription of half the senior subscription.

Mid Devon Youth Academy members shall pay an annual subscription of ten (10) pounds.

Life members are members who have completed ten (10) year's unbroken membership of the club. They shall pay a once off payment equal to five (5) times the senior subscription.

Honorary members who are nominated annually by the Club Committee, this can include committee members with 5 or more years service. They shall pay no annual subscription.

Members who fail to pay the subscription by February 28th shall cease to be members of the club and will be removed from all communications.

A member who changes their address, phone number, e-mail of any other personal detail is responsible for notifying the Hon. Membership Development Officer via the British Cycling's Club Membership system.

6. **Meetings**

The rules of the club shall only be added to, deleted or amended in any way at General Meetings of the club and only if a resolution appears on the agenda of such a meeting and is approved by the meeting.

All items for consideration at a General Meeting shall be submitted to the Club Secretary at least 10 (ten) working days prior to the meeting. Such items shall be circulated to the membership via e-mail at least 10 (ten) days before said meeting.

A President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The officers of the club, hereafter called the Committee, shall be elected at the AGM. They shall be – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Time Trial Secretary, Road Race Secretary, Off Road Secretary, Social Secretary, Membership Development Officer, MDCC Youth Academy and Welfare Officer-

The election of all the above shall be by a show of hands or by secret ballot as determined by the Chairman.

The AGM shall be called after 30th November and before 31st January with at least ten (10) working days notice being given in writing to all members.

Extra-ordinary General Meetings may be called on:

- i. The instructions of the President, Chairman or the majority of the Committee present at a constitutionally correctly called meeting.
- ii. The written request, email included, of at least thirty (30) members
- iii. The advice of the Hon. Secretary.

7. **The Officers**

The Officers shall administer the affairs of the club and also the MDCC Youth Academy.

They shall meet about every eight (8) weeks with at least 7 (seven) days' notice being given the Committee. Any officer who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without giving a reasonable excuse may be removed from office. The officers are empowered to fill any vacancy caused by this or any other reason.

All persons attending any club meeting are permitted to speak and vote on any matter unless they are personally concerned and provided they have paid their subscription at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. In these cases they may only speak at the Chairman's request and may not vote.

8. **Finances**

The financial year of the club shall start on December 1st.

The finances of the club shall be maintained so that each activity has a balance sheet.

The Officers as named in para. 3 of rule 6 shall be able to spend up to £100.00 on any one item without prior approval of the committee provided that the officer thinks it is in the best interest of the club not to delay said purchase for the next committee meeting. The purchase shall be reported to that next meeting for endorsement.

The finances of the Mid Devon Youth Academy shall be identifiable within the overall club accounts.

The monies at the bank shall be in three accounts. One shall have funds to administer the general running of the club. The second shall be retained to earn the maximum interest available. The third account shall hold monies associated with the Dartmoor Classic and will be administered by the Dartmoor Classic sub committee who may have its own treasurer. The Hon. Treasurers shall make all withdrawals. The Hon Treasurer and any one of the following shall sign all cheques: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. General Secretary.

The club shall affiliate annually to the following: Cycling Time Trials (CTT), British Cycling (BC), and other relevant bodies.

The club shall, taking its best interests into consideration, enter into sponsorship agreements with main and sub-sponsors. The sponsorship shall be used for the club's general day to day running expenses & for financial assistance to each qualifying member.

The officers of the club shall determine who will qualify for payment and the basis for such funding

Should the club cease to exist or wind itself up then all remaining monies and assets shall be dispersed equally between the Dave Rayner Fund, Devon Air Ambulance and the Rowcroft Hospice.

9. **Racing**

The club's colours shall be red, yellow and black in the following Red: Pantone 2347c, Yellow: Pantone 109c, Black is Process Black C. Training tops shall be of the same design as the racing jersey.

It is the duty of club members to wear the club clothing whilst racing and on as many other occasions as reasonably possible viz - at post-race prize presentations, while training, on club runs and while out leisure riding.

All events promoted on the highway organised in accordance with the Highway Code, the law of the land and the rules and regulations of the controlling national authority.

Persons who are not members of the club may ride in club events provided that: -

A - They are a member of a club affiliated to the CTT, or

B - They are prospective members and are riding the event as a "Come and Try It".

The club keeps various trophies and assigns them yearly. All trophies are now on permanent display at Cafe 3 Sixty, Bovey Tracey and after the annual presentation are replaced in the cabinet with the winners taking home a memento trophy.

10. **The club rules shall be posted on the club's website.**

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