

Constitution of Coalville Wheelers Cycling Club

1 Name of Club

The Club will be called Coalville Wheelers Cycling Club (hereinafter will be referred to as 'the Club'), and may also be known as Coalville Wheelers or CWCC. The Club will be affiliated to British Cycling, Cycling Time Trials and any other body deemed appropriate by the Committee.

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Club will be:

- To offer coaching and competitive opportunities in cycling
- To promote the Club within the local community and cycling
- To manage the club house situated at 60 Top Road, Griffydam, Coalville, Leics LE67 8HU
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the Club
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone

3 Membership

- (a) Membership of the Club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in cycling, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- (b) The membership shall consist of the following categories:
- Senior member
 - Junior member
 - Juvenile member
 - Family member – all family members, living at the same address, all children 17 years or younger, unless in full time education. No restriction on the size of the family
 - Life member*
 - Second claim
 - Day members

*Members, who have served, either as Committee members and/or in an official capacity for a minimum of 15 years, or for exceptional shorter service to the Club, should be considered at the AGM for Life membership.

- (c) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the Club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the Club has adopted.
- (d) Members in each category (except Day members) will pay annual membership subscriptions, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Membership runs from 1st January to 31st December each year
- (f) Individuals shall not be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, any events or activities, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection of any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Club Committee.

4 Sports Equity

- (a) This Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

- (b) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.
- (c) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- (d) All Club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity.
- (e) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behaviour seriously, according to Club disciplinary procedures.

5 Committee

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Chair, Treasurer and General Secretary plus:-

1. Membership
2. Social
3. Club house
4. Clothing
5. Website/Facebook
6. Press
7. Coaching/Go Ride
8. Club runs
9. Audax/touring
10. Ladies Captain
11. Time Trials – Wednesday, Friday, Weekend, Open
12. Road Racing
13. Cyclo Cross
14. Track
15. Welfare Officers – male and female
16. Handicapper
17. Time keeper(s)
18. Accounts Auditor
19. Two Trustees
20. Plus others as deemed necessary

who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

- (b) All Committee members must be members of the Club.

- (c) If required, the Committee shall elect a Vice Chair from among its members.
- (d) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election. This term is extended for two years for the President
- (e) If the post of any Committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the Club.
- (g) The Committee will have powers to appoint any advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (h) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Club rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
- (i) The Committee meetings will be convened monthly (first Monday, excluding Bank Holidays) by the General Secretary of the Club and be held as deemed necessary by the Committee.
- (j) Only the posts listed above will have the right to vote at Committee meetings.
- (k) The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee meetings will be five.

6 Finances

- (a) The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the Club.
- (b) The financial year of the Club will run from 1st November and end on 31st October
- (c) All Club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the Club.
- (d) The annual accounts will be reviewed by an independent examiner and a brief report compiled and presented by the Treasurer/examiner at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Any cheques drawn against Club funds should hold the signatures of the Treasurer plus up to two other officers.
- (f) All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

7 Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings

- (a) General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- (b) The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of December to:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Chairman and General Secretary.

- Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Receive a report from those responsible for certifying the Club's accounts.
 - Receive brief reports from the other Committee Officers
 - Elect the officers on the Committee.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - Deal with other relevant business.
- (c) Notice of the AGM will be given by the Club General Secretary with at least 14 days' notice to be given to all members.
- (d) Nominations for officers of the Committee will be decided at the AGM.
- (e) Proposed changes to the Constitution shall be sent to the General Secretary prior to the AGM, who shall circulate them at least seven days before an AGM.
- (f) All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (g) The quorum for AGMs will be 20% of the membership.
- (h) The Chair of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at General and Committee meetings.
- (i) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) can be called by an application in writing to the General Secretary supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The Committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the Committee members.
- (j) All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

8 Amendments to the Constitution

The Constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

9 Discipline and appeals

- (a) All concerns, allegations or reports of poor practice/abuse relating to the welfare of children and young people will be recorded and responded to swiftly and appropriately in accordance with the Club's child protection policy and procedures. The Club Welfare Officer is the lead contact for all members in the event of any child protection concerns.
- (b) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the General Secretary.
- (c) The Committee will meet to hear complaints within 30 days of a complaint being lodged. The Committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- (d) The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within seven days of the hearing.

- (e) There will be the right of appeal to the Executive Committee (Chair, Treasurer & General Secretary) following disciplinary action being announced. The Committee should consider the appeal within 30 days of the General Secretary receiving the appeal.

10 Competitive Events

- (a) All competitive events are run under the rules of racing of the appropriate governing body, eg CTT, BC...
- (b) Trophies and awards are presented each year at the Annual Dinner and Prize Presentation. Qualifying performances are determined in accordance with the governing body's guidelines (eg CTT – Best All Rounder) and as published by the Club at the start of each season.
- (c) Safety helmets must be worn throughout the event when competing in Club time trials. Failure to do so will result in the member being unable to enter / start or disqualification.

11 Dissolution

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the Club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- (b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any Clubs funds. Any assets of the Club that remain following this will become the property of another local cycling or sporting Club with similar objectives or the National Governing Body, as deemed appropriate by the Committee.

12 Declaration

Coalville Wheelers Cycling Club hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.