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## **RULES OF MEMBERSHIP**

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### **1 Entitlement and Rights of Membership**

1.1 Membership for the purpose of these Rules refers to membership of The Brig Community Cycling Club ("the Club").

1.2 The Club is affiliated to British Cycling (No. 506202) and was established with the aim of promoting the amateur sport of cycling in the wider Altofts area and community participation in the sport of cycling in the same area.

1.3 Membership entitles the holder to vote on all matters covered at General Meeting of the Club and for themselves, and any of their family under the age of 16, to participate in the activities and events organised by the Club and to benefit from the use of equipment owned by the Club.

1.4 Membership of the Club also entitles the holder to hold social membership of Altofts Community and Sports Foundation (ACSF) which gives them the right to enter The Brig during licensed hours and to purchase alcohol.

1.5 Membership confers no rights to Members in respect of the running of the Charity or to any financial benefit from the dealings of the Charity.

1.6 Participation in any event or competition organised or entered into by the Club is only open to Members.

### **2 Membership**

2.1 Membership is only open to those who can prove that they have attained the minimum age of 16. Proof may be required upon application for membership.

2.2 The granting of membership is at the sole discretion of the Committee.

2.3. New Members and those renewing their membership each year must sign a declaration that they will abide by these Rules at all times.

2.4 Failure to sign such a declaration at that time shall nullify membership and any monthly subscriptions paid for that year, if applicable, will be refunded in full.

2.5 Upon renewing their membership or upon having an application for membership accepted by the Committee, which includes payment of one month's subscription, if applicable, and signing a declaration to abide by the Rules, each Member shall be supplied with a membership number.

2.6 Those applying for membership for the first time or re-applying for membership which has lapsed must complete an application form along with payment of the one month's subscription, if applicable.

2.7 Any Member who has not renewed their membership and paid their first month's subscription, if applicable, by 31<sup>st</sup> August shall be considered to be in arrears. If the first two month's subscriptions are not paid by 30<sup>th</sup> September their membership will be considered as having lapsed and they will be required to reapply for membership.

2.8 Any Member whose membership is deemed to be lapsed cannot reapply for membership until all arrears are paid in full.

### **3 Subscriptions**

3.1 The monthly rate of subscription for membership shall be due on the last working day of each month.

3.2. The rate of monthly subscription shall be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. This is currently £5.00.

3.3 The Committee may, at their discretion, allow a Member in arrears to continue to be a Member and excuse payment for any period if they so decide.

3.4 No monthly subscription shall be payable by Members who can prove that they are in full time Secondary or Tertiary Education and under the age of 21.

### **4 Register of Names and Addresses**

4.1 The Committee shall maintain a register of names and addresses of all Members.

4.2 Every Member shall, within 28 days, give notice of any change of address.

4.3 The names of those who cease to be Members or whose membership is considered to have lapsed shall be removed from the register of names and addresses.

### **5 Cessation of Membership**

5.1 Members will cease to hold membership as a result of:

- a) Non-payment of monthly subscription for over two months unless agreed by the Trustees under Rule 3.3
- b) Expulsion by the Committee
- c) Resignation

## **6 Misconduct of Members**

6.1 Any Committee Member shall have the power to order the suspension of membership of any Member who misconducts themselves.

6.2. A Member whose membership has been suspended loses all benefits of membership with immediate effect.

6.3 Such Member shall also have their Social Membership of ACSF suspended with immediate effect.

6.4 The Committee have the power to lift the suspension of a Member, define a period of further suspension or withdraw membership through expulsion.

## **7 Expulsion of Members**

7.1 The Committee shall have the power to expel any Member when, in their opinion, it would not be in the interests of the Club for them to remain a Member.

7.2 Appeals against such decisions shall be considered by a special Panel appointed by the Committee.

7.3. A Member who is expelled is not entitled to any refund of subscriptions.

## **8 Life and Honorary Membership**

8.1 The Committee may grant Life or Honorary Membership to any Member who, in their opinion, has given special service to the Club or is deemed to be deserving of such recognition.

## **9 One-Off Event or Activity Membership**

9.1 Membership can be purchased by those aged over 16 for appropriate one-off events as designated by the Committee. The fee will be £2 per event and confers no other benefits other than participation in that event.

9.2 The following shall not be allowed to obtain membership for one-off events:

- a) Former Members who have been expelled

- b) Members whose membership is deemed to be lapsed and are still in arrears
- c) Individuals whose application(s) for membership has previously been refused
- d) Members who currently have their membership suspended

9.3 Those obtaining membership for one off events and paying the fee may be accompanied by up to three children at that event and for whom they will take full responsibility. Each child will pay a fee of £1 per event.

## **10 Participation by Children**

10.1 For the purposes of these Rules, children shall be deemed to include anyone under the age of 16.

10.2 Children participating in any activity or event organised by the Club must be accompanied by a Member, or someone who has been granted one-off membership for that activity or event, at all times during that activity or event.

10.3 Members, or someone who has been granted one-off membership for that activity or event, must ensure that any children for whom they are responsible behave in a manner that does not cause nuisance or damage.

## **11 Amendments to the Rules**

11.1 These Rules may only be amended at a General Meeting.

11.2 Written notice of any amendment to these Rules shall be published within 21 days of the General Meeting at which the amendment was resolved.

## **12 All Other Matters and Disputes**

12.1 On all other matters not covered by these Rules or where there is a dispute in relation to these Rules or their interpretation, the Committee shall have the power to make a final and binding decision in all cases.