

North East Fife



Riding Club

CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be known as “The North East Fife Riding Club”.

2. OBJECTS The objects of the Club shall be:

- a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the objects.
- c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
- d) To investigate the subject of bridle tacks and rights of way with a view to opposing those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence. e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

3. MEMBERSHIP this shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years, and having been elected by the committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. The committee, upon a person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the club may confer honorary membership.

4. Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed by a person who has been a member for more than one year and seconded by another and his or her name and address forwarded to the Hon. secretary of the Club on the appropriate Nomination form.

5. The annual subscriptions shall be payable on the first day of the clubs financial 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 has been sent to him or her. Any member joining the Club on or after 1st July 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 disobeyed the 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 interests of the Club. Provided that before expelling him, the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and give him a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him.

7. ADMINISTRATION The Committee

- a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Hon Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and nine other Committee members. 2/3rds shall form a quorum.
- b) 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 and as between those who have been in office for the same length of time the members to retire shall be determined by lot. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
- c) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from amongst their number.
- d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
- e) 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.
- f) The Committee may formulate bylaws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club, which the Committee may authorise.
- g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.

8. The financial year of the Club shall commence on the 1st October in each year.

9. The annual subscription shall be £25 Riding Member £15 Non-riding member or other such sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.

10. The Committee may appoint annually a President and Vice President. There shall not by virtue of such appointments become members of the Committee.

11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month October in each year to transact the following business:

- a) To receive and if approved adopt a Statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the preceding Year.

- b) To fill vacancies on the Committee
- c) To appoint an Auditor.
- d) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before 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 10 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.

12. 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 meetings and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such meetings.

13. The Accounts of the Club shall be independently examined each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.

14. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him at his address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no address in the United Kingdom such a member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the nonreceipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings at that meeting.

15. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual General 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. The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.

17. Members shall be correctly turned out at all Club events. Hard hats meeting current safety standards, with harness properly adjusted & fastened must be worn at all times when mounted.

18. In the event of the club being disbanded, remaining club funds will be donated to a charity agreed on by the members at the meeting called to discuss the dissolution of the club.