

# UPPER DONSIDE RIDING CLUB



## CONSTITUTION

### TITLE

The Club shall be known as the Upper Donside Riding Club.

### 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 to further 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 tracks 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.

### MEMBERSHIP

This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of eighteen years (*and persons aged sixteen years and under if a junior section is formed*) and having been accepted by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. No junior member may be a voting member.

The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the club's financial year. Any member joining the club on or after 1st November shall be deemed to have paid his or her subscription for the ensuing year.

The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has breached any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the committee have been found guilty of any conducts derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and provide a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him.

## ADMINISTRATION

1. The Committee
  - a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and one other Committee member. Three shall form a quorum.
  - b) The members of the Committee shall hold office for two years, but shall be eligible for re-election. The committee shall be elected by the members of the Club at the Annual General Meeting. Nominations to be received in writing two weeks prior to the AGM.
  - c) The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary 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 the 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 bye-laws 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 so-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.
  - h) Each office holder must on relinquishing his/her appointment promptly hand to his/her successor in office all official documents and records belonging to the club together with any other property of the club which maybe in his/her possession and must also complete any requirements to transfer authority relating to the club's bank accounts or other financial affairs.
2. The financial year of the Club shall run from 31<sup>st</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November.
3. The annual subscription shall be £20 for riding and £10 for non-riding members or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.
4. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in October of each year to transact the following business.
  - i) To receive and if approved to adopt a Statement of the Club accounts to the end of the preceding year.
  - ii) To fill vacancies on the Committee.
  - iii) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring to the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Members will be advised in writing no less than 21 days before the Annual General Meeting.
  - iv) Any Other Competent Business.

5. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by 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 a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting.
6. The Accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by a qualified accountant, who is not a member of the club.
7. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Extraordinary 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 given to all members stating the proposed amendment.
8. Members shall be correctly turned out at all mounted club events. Members are expected to conduct themselves in a safe, courteous and responsible manner. Hard hats must be worn to the minimum standard, with a harness properly adjusted and fastened. Hats marked WN1384, PASO15:1998, ASTM F1163, BSEN14572:2005 or SEI. American standard SNELL E2001, ASTM 95, SNZ3838 1998. Skullcap hats must be worn with a silk.
9. The club maybe dissolved, amalgamated or split by a resolution passed by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at an AGM or EGM called for the purpose. In the event of the dissolution of the Club all debtors will be paid and equipment sold. All proceeds thereof and any remaining funds to go to The Grass Sickness Fund.
10. Cheques for over £500 require full Committee approval.