

## **THE RULES of the MID-DEVON CYCLING CLUB – 2016**

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

- 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 regardless of sex, age, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. Limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminating basis.
- 2 The club is a non-profit making organisation. All profit and surpluses will be used to maintain or improve the club's facilities. 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 6.
- 3 The MID-DEVON CYCLING CLUB will incorporate a Youth Section known as Mid-Devon CC Youth 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 The Club Committee may 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 removal may be made to either an ad hoc committee of five (5) life/honorary 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.
- 6 Membership**
- Persons wishing to join the club shall submit a completed application form to the Membership Development Officer together with the appropriate annual subscription. As from the date of application and subject to acceptance by the next club meeting the applicant shall be entitled to participate in the club's activities as defined by their class of membership.
- Prospective members shall normally live within the confines of the administrative areas of South Hams, Teignbridge or Torbay.
- The Club Committee may refuse 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 may be made to either an ad hoc committee of five (5) life/honorary 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.
- Any person who is a currently a member of another cycling club shall submit with their application a copy of their letter of resignation from that club. Until the club meeting decides on that person's application they shall not be entitled to any of the club's amenities.
- The club rules shall be posted on the club's website.
- Membership of the club is renewable on December 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Any person who joins after October 1<sup>st</sup> shall be entitled to carry their membership over to the end of the following year.
- Membership is divided into eight (8) classes.
- a- **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 fifteen (15) pounds.
  - b- **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.
  - c- **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.
  - d- **Life** members are members who have completed ten- (10) years unbroken membership of the club. They shall pay a once off payment equal to five (5) times the senior subscription.
  - e- **Honorary** members who are nominated annually by the Club Committee. They shall pay no annual subscription

f- **Abbrook Ace's** members shall pay an annual subscription of £5.00

g- Members of these six classes are entitled to participate in all club activities.

h- **Associate** members who shall only be eligible to participate in the non-cycling activities of the club.

They are entitled to speak or vote at club meetings but may not stand for any office other than that of President or Vice-President. They shall pay an annual subscription of half the Senior subscription. Members who fail to pay the subscription by February 1<sup>st</sup> shall pay an additional 10% renewal fee. Any member who fails to renew their subscription shall cease to be members of the club and shall submit a new application for membership. They shall not take part in any club activity till after their application has been approved.

i – **Sportive Guest Members** who are restricted to people who reside in the club's normal catchment area and have ridden the previous Dartmoor Classic Sportive. They shall be included in club mail shots, be invited to take part in club runs and join in club social events. They shall pay no fee for their membership from the time of the Sportive till the end of the calendar year i.e. 31st December.

A member who changes address is responsible for notifying the Hon. Membership Development Officer.

## 6 **General 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 7 (seven) working days prior to the meeting.

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

The officers of the club shall be elected at the AGM. They shall be – Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Time Trial Secretary, Hon. Road Race Secretary, Hon Off Road Secretary, Hon. Media Secretary, Hon. Social Secretary, Membership Development Officer, MDCC Youth representative, Safeguarding Officer and Newsletter Editor.

No person other than President or a Vice-President shall be eligible for election as an officer unless he has been a member for at least six (6) months.

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

7 The officers of the club shall administer the affairs of the club plus any members who attend their meetings i.e. the Club Committee. The Mid-Devon Cycling Club Committee shall also administer the MDCC Youth.

They shall meet at least once every eight (8) weeks. 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.

The AGM shall be called after 30<sup>th</sup> November and before 15<sup>th</sup> January with at least fifteen- (15) clear days notice being given in writing to all members.

Extra-ordinary General Meetings may be called on: -

The instructions of the President, Chairman or the majority of the officers

The written request of at least ten (10) members

The advice of the Hon. Secretary

## 7 **Finances**

The financial year of the club shall start on December 1<sup>st</sup>

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 £50.00 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. The finances of the Mid-Devon Youth shall be identifiable within the overall club accounts.

The monies at the bank shall be in two accounts. One shall have funds to administer the general

running of the club. The other shall be retained to earn the maximum interest available.

The Hon. Treasurer shall make all withdrawals. The Hon Treasures and any one of the following shall sign all cheques: -

Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. General Secretary, Hon Media Secretary

The club shall affiliate annually to the following: -

Cycling Time Trials (CTT), British Cycling Federation (BCF), and the Torbay Sports Council.

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.

## 7 Racing

The club's colours shall be red, yellow and black. 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 must be 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.

Entry fees for club events shall be £3.00 for senior members and £2.00 for juniors.

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”.

In this case they will be allowed up to three rides before taking out membership

The entry fee for a single club standard will be £3.00 in addition to the entry fee and payable before starting. For “all distances” in one season the fee will be £10.00 with successful riders receiving a plaque.

The basis for standard times or distances will be the club record at the start of the season.

Riders who get within 5% of a club record will qualify for a silver medal; within 12.5% will qualify for a bronze medal and within 25% a certificate. A rider will only be entitled to one award in each category per distance per season.

Riders who break a club record will receive a gilt medal.

Any member making an individual attempt on a club record must make an application to the Hon. Time Trial Secretary at least seven (7) days prior to the attempt with full details of marshalling and timekeeping arrangements. The timekeeper must be one approved by CTT and must use a watch duly certified by the CTT. The fee for such an attempt will be £5.00 plus all expenses incurred in conjunction with the attempt. Postponement of an attempt may only be permitted provided two (2) clear days' notice is given. If a postponement is made later with less than 2 days then the fee shall be forfeited. Second starts shall be allowed within one (1) hour of the original start subject to the timekeeper's approval.

No club record or standard attempt shall be permitted between the end of October and the end of February, inclusive.

The Club Senior Best All Rounder (BAR) Competition shall be decided annually with the winner being the rider with the fastest total average speed over 10, 25 and 50 miles.

The Club Junior Best All Rounder (BAR) Competition shall be decided annually with the winner being the junior rider with the fastest total average speed over 10 and 25 miles.

Members wishing their times to count in the above two competitions, claiming club records or standard attempts in open promotions shall furnish the Hon. Time Trial Secretary with copies of the appropriate result sheets prior to 15<sup>th</sup> October.

All Point's Competitions shall be based upon the winning rider receiving points equal to the number of club entrants. The points awarded shall then reduce by one for each place. A rider who produces a personal best time or distance in any point's competition shall receive 5 bonus points.

In the club point's competitions any rider who fails to finish due to mechanical failure or for humanitarian reasons shall receive 25% of the total available points.

Winners of club trophies are held responsible for their safe keeping and shall report any loss or damage to the Hon Secretary or the Hon. Time Trial Secretary. All trophies are to be returned to the Hon. Time Trial Secretary by 15<sup>th</sup> October, or earlier, if requested by the officers of the club, in a clean and undamaged condition.

A club member who leaves to join another club or has membership of the club removed shall immediately return any Mid-Devon C.C. trophy they hold to the Hon. Time Trial Secretary.

## **8 Social**

No club teams e.g. Darts, Table Tennis, shall be formed except with the authority of the club officers. Any team so formed shall use the club name and must only consist of club members. The club officers may withdraw the authority at any time if it considers it to be in the club's best interest.