

CONSTITUTION OF BANBRIDGE CYCLING CLUB

1. CLUB NAME

- (i) The name of the Club shall be “Banbridge Cycling Club”, hereinafter referred to as the “Club”.
- (ii) The Club shall consist of members who have paid up to date their annual subscription and hold a licence issued by the controlling body to which the Club is affiliated.

2. CLUB COLOURS

The Club colours shall be yellow, red and black.

3. OBJECTIVES

- (i) The objectives of the Club shall be organisation, promotion and encouragement of cycling activities.
- (ii) To provide for its members services for their participation in cycling and such other sports and pastimes as the Committee of the Club may from time to time decide.

4. AFFILIATION

- (i) The Club shall be affiliated to Cycling Ulster (C.U.) an organisation which is (at present) the controlling body for the sport of cycling in the province of Ulster , and which is recognised internationally by the Union Cycliste Internationale (U.C.I.) through its affiliation with Cycling Ireland (C.I.).
- (ii) The Club shall reserve the right to discontinue their affiliation to any organisation, should it be in the best interests of the Club. This right shall be exercised by the taking of a vote at either the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, only after the motion has been put forward by the Committee.

5. MEMBERSHIP

- (i) Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis
- (ii) The club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.
- (iii) Applications for initial membership must be made in writing on an official Club Entry Form which must be presented to the Club Secretary.
- (iv) Applications from former members of other Cycling Clubs must comply with the regulations of the controlling body to which the Club is affiliated at the material time.
- (v) The Club reserves the right to refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute. The decision for any such refusal or removal must be made by the majority at a meeting of the Club Committee with a quorum of four. The applicant will be notified of the decision by a member of the Committee, present at the meeting. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members.
- (vi) A club member who has represented their country at either the Olympic Games or the Commonwealth Games or Paralympics at cycling, should be made an honorary member of Banbridge Cycling Club.

6. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

Class of membership is determined by the type of licence as issued by the Governing Body and held by the individual members. The classification and entitlements of licence types will be determined by the licencing structure as set by the Governing Body (Cycling Ireland).

7. ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

- (i) The annual subscription for the next membership year (normally the calendar year) shall be set at the Annual General Meeting.

- (ii) The annual subscription shall consist of two components, a proportion to go for membership to the Club and the remaining proportion to obtain the relevant licence from the controlling body at the material time.

8. MEETINGS

Meetings of the Committee or meetings of Club Members can be arranged by the Committee as deemed necessary. At least one week's notice of such meetings should be given to those concerned.

9. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (A.G.M.)

- (i) All members of the Club should be notified at least two weeks before the date of the A.G.M., which should be held in either November or December.
- (ii) Motions for the A.G.M. should be received in writing by the General Secretary at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting.

10. OFFICE BEARERS

- (i) The Office Bearers of the Club are elected by the membership on the occurrence of the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.
- (ii) The official positions within the Club shall be deemed as being :-

President; Chairman; Vice-Chairman; General Secretary; Treasurer; Open Race Secretary; Club Race Secretary; Club Race Handicapper; Time Keeper Co-Ordinator; Public Relations & Press Officer; Curator of Trophies; Touring Captain; Club Coach. The Club shall appoint at least one Safeguarding Officer who will be responsible for ensuring that all Club activities in relation to vulnerable adults and youth conform to the relevant guidance as set by the Governing body, including "Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport".

- (iii) A member of the Club may hold more than one office.
- (iv) The list of Official Positions within the Club may be modified, by vote passed with a majority of the Committee, from time to time, as they see fit, in the interests of the Club.
- (v) The holder of an Office within the Club may resign from his post by notification in writing to the General Secretary (or in the case of the General Secretary , in

writing to the Chairman). Should a resignation occur the vacant position will be open for election at the next following meeting of the Club. In the period between resignation and the new election one of the principal Office Bearers shall temporarily assume the vacant office.

- (vi) The Club shall appoint at least one Children's Officer who will be responsible for ensuring that all Club activities relating to young people conform with the "Code of Ethics and Good Practice for Children's Sport in Ireland".
(Amendment ratified at A.G.M. on 3rd December 2002)

11. CLUB COMMITTEE

The Club Committee shall consist of the principal Office Bearers namely; President; Chairman; Vice-Chairman; General Secretary; Treasurer; Open Race Secretary; Club Race Secretary; Public Relations Officer; Club Coach; Safeguarding Officer and MTB Organiser, plus between four (minimum) and eight (maximum) additional members elected from the body of the Club. Each Committee member shall have one vote.

- (i) The Committee shall be the governing body of the Club, and will be responsible for the general aspects of its organisation and operation.
- (ii) The Committee may appoint sub-committees or assign other posts as they see necessary to perform specified tasks, from within their own ranks and from the remaining members within the Club.
- (iii) When the Committee vote on a motion the Chairman's vote shall only be used in the event of a tied result.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- (i) The election of Office Bearers and Committee Members will take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Candidates must be Club members and be proposed and seconded for election by Club members present at the A.G.M.
- (ii) A candidate need not be present provided his consent has previously been established by his proposer.
- (iii) In the event of their being several candidates for the same post then the issue will be decided by a vote taking the form of a "show of hands". The candidate with the most votes will be elected.
- (iv) The Chairman has the right to call for a secret ballot in any vote should he see this as necessary.

13. DISCIPLINE

- (i) The Club Committee shall have the right to suspend or expel members for misconduct or breach of Club or Controlling Body rules, or for any type of behaviour considered by the Committee to be disreputable or harmful to the Club or the sport of cycling.
- (ii) Decisions on disciplinary action require the approval of two thirds of the members present at a Committee meeting having a quorum of six.
- (iii) The alleged offending member shall be notified in writing of the decision of the Committee.
- (iv) A disciplined member will have the right to appeal the decision of the Committee. Appeals must be made in writing to the General Secretary.
- (v) An appeal will be considered by a panel of at least three people within fourteen days from the date of receipt of the appeal. The panel considering the appeal will be appointed by the Committee and will not contain any members of the Committee. It may consist of Club Members or non-members. The decision of the appeals panel shall be final.

14. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

- (i) Proposed amendments to the Constitution must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary. Any such proposals will be considered at the Annual General Meeting, unless deemed sufficiently urgent by the Committee to warrant the calling of an Extraordinary General Meeting. (Of which members must be given two weeks notice).
- (ii) To be considered at the Annual General Meeting a proposal must be with the General Secretary at least seven days before the date of the meeting. A minimum of two thirds of those present at the meeting must be in favour of the proposal for it to be accepted. Voting shall be via a “show of hands”, unless a secret vote is called for by the Chairman. The Chairman shall have one vote (as with any other member).

15. NON-PROFIT MAKING

All surplus income or profits are to be reinvested in the club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

16. DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB

- (i) A resolution to wind up the Club shall be passed only at an Extraordinary General Meeting summoned for the purpose of such resolution if supported by not less than 2/3 (two thirds) of those members present.

- (ii) In the event of the Club being dissolved, surplus assets remaining after the satisfaction of debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body for use by them in related community sports.

17. DECLARATION

This document represents a true and most up to date version of the Constitution of Banbridge Cycling Club.

The contents contained herein were considered and adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on the 5th day of November 2019.

Signed:

_____ M Mayne Chairman

_____ M Kendall General Secretary