



REACH RIDERS GROUP CONSTITUTION

Terms and Conditions

1. TITLE

The Group shall be known as the Reach Riders Group

2. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Group shall be:

- (a) To promote participation in and provide facilities for the amateur sport of riding in Reach.
- (b) 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.
- (c) To provide a facility (an arena) on the 24Acres site which benefits local riders.
- (d) To provide opportunities to ride in the local area, to give access to riding in a designated area with facilities to jump.
- (e) 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.
- (f) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership will be accessible to adults and children.

The use of the facilities and field (24Acres Arena) is to be restricted to Group Members only and is not open to all.

Children under the age of 16 must be supervised at both the designated riding area (namely the 24Acres Arena) or at activities organized by the Group.

Riders will have to sign a Rider's Risk Disclosure before using the facilities.

The numbers using the facilities and field will be restricted e.g. to three riders at any one time.

Riders Contact Details for use in case of an emergency must be included within the Membership Application Form

Members are advised to carry identification when they ride, and also to have tags on their tack with the name of the horse.

Guidelines for using the 24Acres Arena will be issued once a completed membership form and payment has been received.

The weather and ground conditions will be assessed regularly.

Notification of closures e.g. due to bad weather, will be posted on the facebook page and a notice put on the gate.

Closure notices must not be ignored.

A Member shall complete the Membership Application Form as prescribed by the Committee. Membership of the Group shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. The Committee may refuse membership only for good cause, such as conduct or character, which is likely to bring the Group or the sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal may be made to the Members. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the Group's financial year.

The Committee may expel from membership of the Group any Member who has breached any of the rules of the Group, or who has in the opinion of the Committee have been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the Group, provided that before expelling him or her the Committee shall allow the Member to appeal the decision to the Members and provide an explanation of his/her conduct and allow a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him/her.

4. ADMINISTRATION

The Committee

- (a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and other Committee Members. They 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. Those who have been in office for the same length of time shall determine retiring Members 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 the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the Group not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the Members.
- (f) The Committee may formulate byelaws for the detailed running of the Group and elect Sub-committees for any special activities of the Group 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.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held in September/October each year to transact the following business:

- (a) To receive and if approved to adopt a Statement of the Group's Accounts to the end of the preceding year
- (b) To fill vacancies on the Committee
- (c) 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. Notice convening the Annual 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.

These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special 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.

5. FINANCE

The financial year of the Group shall commence on the 1st of March each year.

The annual subscription shall be £35, or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee. The Group will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

The Accounts of the Group shall be verified each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.

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

In the event that dissolution of the Group shall occur, the assets of the Group shall be used first to discharge all liabilities of the Group, and the remaining assets shall be given or transferred to Reach Parish Council