

1. The club shall be known as The Gate Riding Club

2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the club is to promote the amateur sport of equestrian activities in as many disciplines as possible in Whitacre Heath, Coleshill, North Warwickshire and the surrounding area and community participation in the same.

3. MEMBERSHIP:

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. Limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non discriminatory basis.

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.

Membership subscriptions shall be paid each year and allow members to enter events at a reduced rate. Membership runs from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec each year.

Categories as follows: All ages to be taken from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan

- i. Adults 18 years and over
- ii. Junior under 18 years

Membership shall be granted to appropriate candidates who complete an application form and pay the subscription fee and will be acknowledged by a membership card from the Membership Secretary. Club and British Riding Club (for those wishing to compete in Team Events) membership will be offered.

The committee may refuse membership or remove it for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute.

Any member in breach of any club rule or condition or guilty of cruelty to any animal shall be liable to be disciplined at the Committee's discretion, and in extreme cases expelled from the club. Any person disciplined may make a representation and appeal to the committee against the decision and put forward mitigating or other circumstances.

4. MANAGEMENT:

- a) The Club will be managed by a committee of up to twelve members elected from the community.  
The Committee shall elect annually from its numbers the following Officers;

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Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Health and Safety Officer, Child Protection Officer. The positions of President and Vice President to be offered to ex-committee members in recognition of their previous contributions to the running of the club

- b) Four Members of the Committee must be present to form a quorum at any committee meeting.
- c) Non-competing Committee Members shall become Honorary Members for their term of office.
- d) A number of co-opted committee members can be added throughout the year however they will not have any voting rights.
- e) Any committee member not attending 50% of the consecutive meetings or shows called throughout the year, without good reason, shall forfeit their voting right until the AGM. Committee members shall be proactive in supporting the club at events.
- f) The AGM shall be held in February at a suitable date and time to allow the community and club members to attend and voice any issues they may have and for the audited accounts to be presented.
- g) The financial year will finish on the 31st October in each year.
- h) The accounts will be presented at the AGM and an auditor shall be appointed by election for the next year.
- i) At the AGM one third of the members shall retire, those being in office longest, these members shall be determined by lot. They are eligible for re-election unless an objection or new nomination has been made to the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM.
- j) A committee member or officer may not serve on the Gate Inn Riding Club Committee, at the same time as serving on the committee of another Riding Club.
- k) The committee shall be the authority for the interpretation of the rules and anything related to the club not provided for therein and its decisions shall be final and binding on the members.
- l) The committee may formulate regulations for the detailed running of the club and nominate sub committees for any special activities of the club which the committee may authorise.
- m) The committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the committee but any person co opted shall remain only until the following AGM whereupon they will be eligible for re-election.
- n) The committee if necessary will amend the constitution to serve the purpose of the club but it will not be binding until it is presented and passed at the subsequent AGM

5. PROPERTY AND FUNDS:

The property and funds of the club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than reasonably allowed by the rules and all surplus income and profits are reinvested in the club.

The club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, away event expenses, post

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event refreshment and any other ordinary benefits of the Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

The club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the club:

- Sell and supply food and drink and related clothing and equipment
- Employ members (not for competing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services on terms decided by the committee in the absence of the member providing the goods or services
- Pay reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests
- Indemnify the committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the club (but only to the extent of its assets)
- The committee shall have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection

6. WINDING UP:

The members may vote to wind up the club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.

The committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the clubs affairs.

After settling all liabilities of the club the committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following.

- Another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and or
- Another club with similar sports purposes which is registered CASC and or
- The clubs governing body for use by them for related community sports

7. SUNDRY GENERAL RULES:

All show jumping events to be adjudicated as near as possible to British Showjumping rules , but the final decision left to the discretion of the judge.

In general the judge's decision is final.

Judges may withhold or award extra rosettes if the competition should warrant it. All competitors will be expected to abide by the clauses as detailed in each monthly schedule or displayed in the secretary's portacabin.

Trophies cannot be won outright. In the event of a cup or trophy being won three years in succession a replica may be given. Points will be deducted if a trophy is not returned when requested or in time for the last show of the year.

8. PRIORITY:

Where there is any conflict between any of the above rules ("key rules") and any other rule or rules the "key rule" will take priority. Interpretation of all the rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements for C.A.S.C's (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the Finance Act 2002).

9. SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT:

The organising committee of the Gate Inn Riding Club, being a voluntary body, recognises they have overall responsibility for health, safety and welfare of the people on the show ground.

Equestrian sporting events are organised in accordance with current legislation and the club will ensure that everything reasonably practicable will be done to ensure the health safety and welfare of those attending shows and events.

The organising committee will make arrangements for the assessment of hazards and risks to be carried out which are likely to be encountered on the showground. Reasonable practicable control measures will be instituted.

The organisers recognise their duty of care and will take reasonable practicable measures to make people on the showground aware of their individual duty of care.