



SIDCUP AND DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB LIMITED.

CLUB RULES (up to and including the 2017 AGM)

1. TITLE:

- 1.1. The Club shall be known as the Sidcup and District Motor Cycle Club Limited.

2. OBJECTS:

- 2.1. The principal purpose of the club is the organisation of competitive and non-competitive motorcycle activities.
- 2.2. To encourage and protect the interests of motor cycling.

3. CONSTITUTION:

- 3.1. The Club is a proprietary club, the proprietor and sole manager of which is the Sidcup and District Motor Cycle Club Limited (the “*Company*”) and shall be affiliated to the Auto Cycle Union.
- 3.2. The Company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, incorporated on 20 March 2007. It is registered in England and Wales under 06172869.
- 3.3. The Club will not distribute any surpluses it makes to its members. All such surpluses shall be put to the Club’s funds for the furtherance of its objectives.

4. ELECTION OF MEMBERS:

- 4.1. The Committee shall decide on all admissions to the Club.
- 4.2. All Full Club members shall become Company Members of the Sidcup and District Motor Cycle Club Limited.
- 4.3. New members are permitted to ride under the Club's name as soon as a completed membership form has been received. Subsequently, if the application is not ratified by the Committee at the next Committee meeting, the full fee will be refunded.

5. RIGHTS and LIABILITIES of MEMBERS:

- 5.1. Membership of the Club shall entitle such members to enjoy the facilities of the Club and to participate in events organised by it.
- 5.2. Membership shall date from approval by the Directors until the following 31 December.
- 5.3. In the case of an applicant being elected to membership for the first time on any date after the 1 July the subscription payable shall be half of the appropriate annual subscription.
- 5.4. Day membership and fee may be permitted at the discretion of the Committee for a specific event and or reason. Day membership shall not include membership of the Company.
- 5.5. The Club shall not be responsible for any act, default or omissions of its members or any consequence of them.

- 5.6. Honorary Members may be elected on such terms and conditions as decided by the Committee.
- 5.7. A member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is injurious to the character of the Club, motorcycling, breach of these Rules, the Rules and Regulations of the ACU or FIM or the interest of the members shall be asked to resign. If the member does not resign, the Committee can expel him.
- 5.8. Before a member is expelled, the Committee must inquire into their conduct and the member must be given full opportunity to defend themselves and to justify or explain their conduct.
- 5.9. An expelled member forfeits all privileges and rights of the Club, and is not entitled to any subscription refund.

6. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

- 6.1. The annual subscription for members shall be as per current list.
- 6.2. Full Members will each receive either one Club magazine and *The Sporting Motorcyclist* per month or the Club magazine only. Their membership embraces household members (i.e. partners, parents and children), with no voting rights. If any of that household wishes to compete in events of higher than Restricted to Club status, they are required to take out Full Membership.
- 6.3. A Full Member living at the same address as another Full Member may elect not to receive either magazine for a reduced annual subscription.
- 6.4. One member of a sidecar crew may be a Full Member without magazines and for the same reduced annual subscription, whether or not they live at the same address as a Full Member.
- 6.5. The Full Membership fee for Senior Citizens will be half the current list price.
- 6.6. During their time in office, Directors of the Sidcup & DMCC Ltd. may renew their membership of the club without paying the annual fee (i.e. for the year following their election not the current year).
- 6.7. **Arrears of Subscriptions:** No member shall participate in any event under the Club name, nor be entitled to represent the Club at any meeting, be it sporting, judicial or administrative or be entitled to benefit from any Club privilege if that member’s fees are more than eight (8) weeks in arrears.

7. COMMITTEE and ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- 7.1. The Club shall be managed by a Committee of Directors with the following official posts: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, MX Secretary, Trials Secretary, Enduro Secretary, Awards Secretary, Press Officer, Permits Secretary, Land Officer, Membership Secretary, Webmaster and Compass Editor. Other Directors may be appointed as necessary.
- 7.2. All are honorary positions having the power to make by-laws, providing they are not contrary to these rules.
- 7.3. A quorum shall consist of five Committee Members.

- 7.4. Delegates to associated organisations must be drawn from the Committee
- 7.5. Not more than three members of the Committee shall be permitted to be members of the same club with similar objectives to that of the Sidcup and District Motor Cycle Club Limited.
- 7.6. All other relevant club memberships must be declared on their election or when their circumstances change. This will be kept in the Register of Interests.
- 7.7. The election of Officers shall be by ballot of the Company members at the Annual General Meeting, except two who shall be nominated by the retiring Committee to remain in office the following year.
- 7.8. Nominations for Officers and Committee positions must be submitted to the Secretary at least two weeks before the AGM.
- 7.9. A member nominated for election as a Director of the Sidcup & DMCC Ltd. accepts they cannot serve on any other motor cycle club committee, whether ACU or not, without the majority agreement of Sidcup Directors.
- 7.10. Nomination forms for use at the AGM or for any co-opting to the Committee shall give full information as to any other Clubs to which the nominee is a member and whether he/she holds any official position in that Club or Clubs.
- 7.11. The Club President is to be elected every year. The Committee shall have the power to appoint a maximum of 6 Vice Presidents.
- 7.12. If a Director is asked to assist as a senior administrative official for another club, it should be reported to his fellow directors to ensure no conflict of interest or financial impropriety could occur.
- 7.13. Directors are not allowed to earn income from the Club or from the Clubs' business operations unless the following competitive tendering exercise where the Director/s involved have been excluded from all financial discussions on the subject of the work or services being tendered. For the purpose of this rule the term financial discussions means any discussions or information of a financial nature relating to the tender process or other discussions or information that would provide an unfair advantage in a tendering exercise.
Notwithstanding the above, Directors are allowed to recover proper and defensible costs such as re-imburement of genuine travelling costs/fuel or for purchasing materials to be used for the Clubs benefit (e.g. vehicle parts, fencing, etc.) but not for personal time spent on Club business or to achieve business income. All valid costs will be reimbursed on the production of appropriate proof of expenditure (e.g. receipt).

8. VACANCIES ON COMMITTEE:

- 8.1. Where a Director resigns or fails to carry out their official position, or their full term of office to which the official has been elected by the membership at an AGM, the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy by co-option for the remainder of the period until the next AGM.

9. GENERAL MEETINGS:

- 9.1. An Annual General Meeting shall be held each year.
- 9.2. Special meetings shall be convened by direction of the Committee or on written request of not less than 25 members.
- 9.3. Fourteen days' notice must be given of a General Meeting. If any member desires a matter to be brought forward at a General Meeting, the text of such matter shall be sent to the Company Secretary at least seven days before such a meeting, so it may be included on the agenda.
- 9.4. No General Meeting can proceed unless there are at least 25 voting members present.

10. ACCOUNTANTS ANNUAL REPORTS:

- 10.1. This shall be presented between October 31st and the date of the Annual General Meeting and the Balance Sheet for the year shall be present at the AGM.

11. VOTING:

- 11.1. At any General Meeting a majority of votes decides a resolution, the Chairman having the casting vote.

12. LIABILITY:

- 12.1. The Club, its Officials or the ACU shall not be liable for any damage to or loss of member's machines or their appurtenances, either by fire, accident or any other cause whatsoever during any part of the Club's activities.
- 12.2. Members are personally responsible for any civil or criminal proceedings, which may be taken against them.

13. JURISDICTION:

- 13.1. Members hold themselves bound in honour in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these Rules to accept the decision of the Committee as final and binding.

14. DISSOLUTION:

- 14.1. After discharging all debts and liabilities, the remaining assets shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members, but shall be given or transferred to some other motorcycle club having objects similar to those of this Club; and that Club that gains the fixed and current assets must have a similar rule to ensure that these assets remain in motorcycle sport.

15. ALTERATION of RULES:

- 15.1 These Rules can only be altered at an Annual General Meeting