

WEAVER VALLEY CYCLING CLUB
RULES

NOTE Key Rules are identified below in bold type – see 6.3

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Club shall be known as WEAVER VALLEY CYCLING CLUB.

1.2 The purposes of the club are to promote and provide facilities for the amateur sport of cycling in Cheshire and community participation in the same.

1.3 The club colours are blue and gold. The club badge consists of three gold wheatsheafs on a blue background.

The club colours and design of club kit shall only be changed at AGM following a postal vote of at least 2/3rds of the club membership. This shall be 2/3rds of the total number of club members as of 31st August prior to the AGM. All members are strongly encouraged to purchase and wear club kit in one of the current accepted designs.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP

2.1 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 the club reserves the right to limit membership according to available facilities on a non discriminatory basis.

2.2 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 participation.

2.3 Individual membership is open to all cyclists over the age of twelve.

2.4 Family membership is available to two adult family members and all their children who are under the age of sixteen. Family members who are under the age of twelve wishing to take part in any of the Club's activities can only do so under the direct supervision of a senior member.

2.5 Special 'Club Event' membership is open to members of other clubs for one day only, to enable those members to compete in restricted club events.

2.6 Subscriptions will be due on September 1st each year, or for new members on joining.

2.7 Any member who has not paid his/her subscription by the last day of December will be deemed to have relinquished membership.

2.8 The annual subscription rate shall be reviewed automatically at the AGM.

2.9 It is strongly recommended that club members be also members of the Cycling UK or British Cycling for the express purpose of obtaining legal assistance should the need arise.

2.10 Applications for both first and second claim membership shall be made on an official form, or on-line. All applications will be reviewed and approved as appropriate by the Membership Secretary.

2.11 WVCC have the right to refuse membership to any applicant or current member.

2.12 Honorary life membership may be bestowed on a member in recognition of outstanding service to the club. Nominations will be considered at an AGM only, must be submitted at least 14 days in advance of the meeting in writing to the Secretary and must be supported by at least two thirds of the members present.

2.13 The club will affiliate to the CTT, British Cycling, **and Cycling UK** . All competition rides recognized by the club will conform to the regulations of these bodies. Other affiliations will be considered at the AGM.

3.0 DECISION MAKING

3.1 The officials of the Club shall be elected at the AGM by simply majority of club members present at the AGM: PRESIDENT, CHAIRMAN, TREASURER, SECRETARY, ROAD RACING SECRETARY, TIME TRIAL SECRETARY, MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY, RUNS CAPTAIN, OFF ROAD SECRETARY, CLUB CLOTHING SECRETARY.

3.2 Further committee members shall be elected at the AGM by simply majority of the members present at the AGM. These further committee members shall be a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 members (the officers and committee must equal an odd number).

3.3 These aforementioned people shall make up the committee.

3.3.1 – All Committee members, when elected, and having agreed to be a member of the Committee, must commit to attendance of as many Committee meetings as they can, and as a minimum, attend at least 3 of the 6 regular Committee meetings per annum.

3.3.2 – All Committee members must ensure that they have the time to conduct the business of the Committee, including that of taking on actions as a result of Committee decisions, and remain active in support of any such activities, to assist in the smooth running of Weaver Valley Cycling Club.

3.4 Non committee elected positions

3.4.1 The Press Secretary shall be elected at the AGM, but shall not be a member of the committee.

3.4.2 The Safeguarding officer shall be elected at the AGM, but shall not be a member of the committee.

3.4.3 The Membership Secretary shall be elected at the AGM, but shall not be a member of the committee.

3.5 The committee shall meet to discuss the affairs of the Club every two calendar months. A quorum of the meeting shall be 50 % of the current elected committee (including officials).

3.6 The Club minutes book shall be freely available for inspection by any paid up member.

3.7 Only current club members with more than twelve months membership may vote at the AGM.

3.8 The AGM will be in September.

4.0 FINANCE

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

4.2 The Club may provide sporting and related social facilities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, competition expenses, post competition refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.

4.3 The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of the Club:

4.3.1 sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment;

4.3.2 employ members (though not for competing) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the committee without the person concerned being present;

4.3.3 pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting clubs and guests;

4.3.4 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).

4.4 The committee will have due regard to the law on disability discrimination and child protection.

4.5 All cheques drawn on the Club's banking accounts must be signed by two persons duly authorised by the committee. The Club's financial year shall be 1st September to 31st August.

4.6 An auditor will be appointed for an annual audit of the Club accounts. The position will be held by a non-committee member.

5.0 WINDING UP

5.1 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.

5.2 The committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.

5.3 After settling all liabilities of the Club, the committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:

5.3.1 to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered charity and/or

5.3.2 to another club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC and/or

5.3.3 to the Club's governing body for use by them for related community sports.

6.0 NOTES ON THE RULES

6.1 Rules can only be changed at a general meeting. Proposals in writing, supported by at least ten fully paid up first claim members, must be notified to the Secretary giving at least fourteen days notice.

6.2 Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be dealt with by the committee, whose decision shall be final and duly minutes.

6.3 Where there is any conflict between any of the Key Rules (identified above in bold type) and any other rule or rules the Key Rule(s) will take priority. Interpretation of all the Rules must be consistent with the statutory requirements CASCs (which means Community Amateur Sports Clubs as first provided for by the finance act 2002).

Rules amended following 2022 AGM