



STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS RIDING CLUB

THE CONSTITUTION

1 NAME OF CLUB

The Club will be called Staffordshire Moorlands Riding Club and may also be known as SMRC.

2 AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The Aims and Objectives of SMRC will be to undertake the following:

- 2.1 To promote participation in horse riding and horsemanship as a sport and recreational activity within the local area.
- 2.2 To provide competitive opportunities and training within the amateur sport of equestrian activities.
- 2.3 To promote good fellowship amongst riders.
- 2.4 To improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship.
- 2.5 To support and co-operate with organisations that promote equestrianism in all forms.
- 2.6 To concern itself with any matter which will benefit the horse/pony and user in the local community.

3 MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Membership of SMRC is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in horse riding and horsemanship regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- 3.2 Membership shall consist of persons having been accepted by the Committee, who have paid the due subscription for the current year. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to SMRC.
- 3.3 To become a member, persons shall complete a SMRC Application Form and pay the annual membership fee to SMRC.



3.4 The membership will consist of the following:

3.4.1 Senior Member - Eighteen (18) years & over on the 1st January in the current year.

3.4.2 Junior Member - between the ages of Three (3) years and Seventeen (17) years.

3.4.3 Honorary Member - this may be conferred upon any persons deemed by the Committee to have rendered notable service to SMRC.

3.5 The Committee may refuse or remove membership only for good cause, eg noncompliance with SMRC Rules or behaviour likely to bring SMRC into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the Committee.

3.6 All members will be subject to this Constitution and by joining SMRC will be deemed to accept these regulations and any codes of practice SMRC has adopted.

3.7 A Senior Member must have their own Public Liability/3rd Party Insurance and confirm this by signing the Membership Application Form.

3.8 A Junior Member's Parent or Guardian must have their own and Junior Member's Public Liability/3rd Party Insurance and confirm this by signing the Junior's Membership Application Form.

3.8 The Annual Subscription shall be payable on 1st January.

3.9 The Annual Subscription shall be determined by the Committee.

4 COMMITTEE

4.1 The affairs of SMRC shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of at least a President, Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and a minimum of 3 other Committee Members.

4.2 The officers of the Committee shall be elected in the first instance by the Committee Members and thereafter shall be elected at the AGM.

4.3 All Committee Members must be fully paid up members of SMRC.

4.4 The term of office for the Committee shall be three years and members shall be eligible for re-election.



- 4.5 If the position of any officer or ordinary committee member falls vacant after such an election, the Committee have the power to fill the vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.6 The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policies such as Safeguarding, Health & Safety, Codes of Practice and Rules which affect the organisation of SMRC.
- 4.7 The Committee will have powers to appoint any advisers to the Committee to fulfil its business.
- 4.8 The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the Rules, Regulations, Constitution of SMRC. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
- 4.9 The Committee Meetings will be convened by the Secretary of SMRC and be held no less than 6 times a year.
- 4.10 The quorum required for business to be agreed at Committee Meetings will be 4.
- 4.11 No Junior Member may be a voting member of SMRC.

5 FINANCES

- 5.1 The SMRC Treasurer will be responsible for finances of SMRC.
- 5.2 The financial year of SMRC will run from 1st January and end on 31st December in each year.
- 5.3 All SMRC monies will be banked in an account held in the name of SMRC.
- 5.4 A statement of Annual Accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.
- 5.5 SMRC is a not for profit organisation and any surplus resulting from our activities will be used for the benefit of SMRC and its members. A donation to a Charity will be made when possible.



6 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 6.1 SMRC shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of January to:
- 6.1.1 Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM
 - 6.1.2 Receive reports from the President, Chairperson & Show Secretary
 - 6.1.3 Receive a report from the Treasurer and approve the Annual Accounts
 - 6.1.4 Elect the members onto the Committee where applicable
 - 6.1.5 Consider and vote on any proposed changes by the Committee to the Constitution
 - 6.1.6 Any other Business
- 6.2 The SMRC Secretary will give at least 21 days' notice of the AGM stating the location of the meeting, time and agenda to all SMRC members.
- 6.3 Except in exceptional circumstances, one third of the members of the Committee shall retire at the 2028 AGM, typically based on length of service. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.
- 6.4 All Senior Members have a right to vote at the AGM.
- 6.5 The SMRC Chairperson will have a casting vote in addition to their ordinary vote.

8 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Any amendments to the Constitution will only be changed by a majority vote at an AGM.

9 INSURANCE

SMRC insurance will be renewed annually.

10 DISSOLUTION

- 10.1 A resolution to dissolve SMRC can only be passed at an AGM by a majority vote of the SMRC members of the current year.
- 10.2 In the event of dissolution all debts should be cleared with any SMRC funds. Any assets of SMRC that remain should be transferred to a suitable Charity, this having been agreed by the members at the AGM.