NANTWICH RIDING CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. TITLE

The Club shall be known as “The Nantwich Riding Club”.

1. OBJECTS

The objects of the club shall be:

1. To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemastership.
2. To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the objects.
3. To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and cooperate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and type of horses and ponies.
4. To concern itself with any objects which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.
5. MEMBERSHIP

The classes of membership shall be as follows:

1. Juniors – Anyone who, by the 1st January in the current membership year, has not yet attained their 18th birthday.
2. Seniors – Anyone who, by the 1st January in the current membership year, has attained their 18th birthday.
3. Non-riding members – any person irrespective of age who wishes to be associated with the club but in a non-riding capacity.
4. Family membership – the option for a family comprising of seniors and/or juniors to have if they wish a family membership the subscription for which will equal that for three senior members.
5. NEW MEMBERS

Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another and his or her name and address and any other relevant information requested forwarded to the Honorary Membership Secretary on the appropriate nomination form, together with the appropriate subscription. On receipt by the Honorary Membership Secretary provisional membership shall be granted subject to ratification by the Committee at their next meeting. The Committee May refuse membership and shall not be under obligation to give any explanations or reasons for their decision. No one may take part in a members’ only event or benefit from a members concession unless their application form and subscription have been received by the Honorary Membership Secretary before the day of the event or close of entries for the event whichever shall be the earlier.

1. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of January in each year. Any member whose subscription is more than three months in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the membership list. However, no one may take part in a member only event or benefit from a members concession unless their subscription has been before the day of the event or close of entries whichever shall be earlier.

The committee may expel from membership of the club any member who has disobeyed any of the rules of the club or who has in the opinion of the committee been guilty of conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the club, provided that before expelling him or her the committee shall call upon his or her an explanation of his or her conduct and give him or her a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him or her.

ADMINISTRATION

1. THE COMMITTEE
2. All powers of management shall be vested in the committee which committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
3. The committee shall comprise:-
   1. Chairperson. }
   2. TWO deputy Chairpersons. }
   3. Honorary Secretary. } Officers of
   4. Honorary Membership Secretary. } the club.
   5. Honorary Minutes Secretary. }
   6. Honorary Treasurer. }
   7. SIX Senior members.
   8. SIX Junior members or parents of junior members who are senior or non-riding members of the club.
   9. THREE non-riding members.

TEN PRESENT SHALL FORM A QUORUM

1. The decision of the committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
2. The committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
3. The committee may formulate bye-laws or rules for the detailed running of the club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the club which the committee may authorise.
4. 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 committee may also co-opt on to the committee up to two further members if they wish.
5. The financial year of the club shall commence on the 1st October in each year.
6. The annual subscription shall be such a sum as shall from time to time be determined by the committee.
7. The committee may appoint a President and Vice-Presidents. These shall not be virtue only of such appointment become members of the committee.
8. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the months of September/November in each year to transact the following business:-
9. To receive the Chairperson’s report.
10. To receive and if approved to audit a statement of the club’s accounts to the end of the preceding year.
11. To elect officers and Committee of the club.
12. To deal with any special matter which the committee may desire to bring before the members and to receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the committee. Notice convening the general meeting shall be sent to the members not less than TEN days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
13. A special General Meeting may be called by the committee, or by a request signed by not less than TEN members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members not less than TEN days notice of the date of such meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such meeting.
14. The Accounts of the club shall be audited each year by the persons appointed by the club.
15. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to his or her at his or her address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the club. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting. It is the responsibility of members to advise the Honorary Membership Secretary of any changes of address.
16. The Constitution of the Club 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 there on, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
17. The Club, it’s Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property however caused.
18. TRUSTEES

The committee shall appoint not less than four nor more than seven Trustees. The Trustees shall nominally hold all the assets of the club. A trustee may resign by giving written notice to the Club Secretary. The Trustees are ex-officio members of the committee. A Trustee may be elected as an officer of the club. In the event that the club should cease the Trustees are charged with the duty of disposing by sale of all Non-monetary assets and then to donate the proceeds together with money held to any charity and/or organisation and/or club which has an equine purpose. However the Trustees shall be at liberty, if they wish, to withhold from the above action for a period of up to a three years against the possibility that the club might be reformed.

STANDARD DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Save for death or personal injury caused by the negligence of the organisers or anyone for whom they are in law responsible, neither the organisers of any event to which these rules apply, nor the British Horse Society, nor any agent, employee or representative of these bodies accepts any liability for any accident, loss, damage, injury or illness to horses, owners, riders, spectators, land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.