

STANDARD RULES AND CONSTITUTION OF THE ETTRICK FOREST RIDERS ASSOCIATION

1. **Title.** The club shall be known as The Ettrick Forest Riders Association.
2. **Objects.** The objects of the club shall be:
 - a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standards of riding and horsemanship.
 - b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the objects.
 - c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support and co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
 - d) To investigate the subject of bridle paths and rights of way with a view to opening those that have been closed and maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence.
 - e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and pony user in the district.
3. **Membership:** This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of seventeen years and, having been elected by the committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the club.
4. Anyone desirous of becoming a member shall be proposed by a member and seconded by another and his or her name and address forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the club on the appropriate nomination form.
5. The annual subscription shall be payable on the first day of the club's financial year. Anyone who does not pay then will not be covered by BRC insurance. Any member who has not paid a subscription by 31st January will be charged and admin fee of £5
6. The committee may expel from the membership of the club any member who has disobeyed any of the rules of the club, or who was in the opinion of the Committee been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interest of the club, provided that before expelling him the Committee shall call upon him for an explanation of his conduct and give him a proper opportunity of answering the allegations against him.
7. **Administration:** The Committee-
 - a) All powers of management shall be vested in the adult Committee consisting of the Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and a maximum of nine other Committee members. Five shall form a quorum. Members shall serve a period of three years.
 - b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, members having served their three years shall retire and shall not be eligible for re-election for one year.
 - c) The Chairman, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer may serve three years and shall be eligible for re-election.
 - d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless overruled at a General Meeting.
 - e) The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules for anything relating to the club not provided herein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
 - f) The Committee may formulate Bye-laws for the detailed running of the club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the club which the Committee may authorise.
 - g) 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 following Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.

8. The financial year of the club shall commence on the 1st January and ends on the 31st December
9. The annual subscription shall be decided by the Committee.
10. The Committee may appoint a President and a Vice-President. These shall not by virtue only if such an appointment become members of the committee.
11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of March in each year to transact the following business.
 - (a) To receive and if approved to adopt a Statement of the club's accounts at the end of the preceding year.
 - (b) To fill any vacancies on the Committee.
 - (c) To appoint an auditor.
 - (d) 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.
12. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give all members ten days' notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice matters to be dealt with at such a meeting.
13. The accounts of the club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.
14. Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him at his address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the club. If any member has no address in the UK such member shall not be entitled to receive notice. 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.
15. These rules 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 thereon.
16. The Club, its committee or persons acting on behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to person or property, however caused.
17. Members shall be correctly turned out at all club events. Hard hats must be worn.
18. Provision for the distribution of assets in the case of dissolution of the Club. Monies should be held in trust by the British Horse Society until such time as a Club may wish to reform. Material assets should be given to the Area One Liaison Committee.
19. Disciplinary rules as laid down in the riding Club's Rule Book shall be upheld.

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 organiser 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, spectator, land or any other person or property whatsoever, whether caused by their negligence, breach of contract or in any other way whatsoever.