



DERBY MERCURY RC CONSTITUTION

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1. Name

The club shall be called "The Derby Mercury R C "

2. Affiliations

The club shall be affiliated to appropriate organisations as determined by the Committee.

3. Presidency

- A. There shall be a President elected for a period of 3 years
- B. There shall be a post of Vice President to be filled by the committee as appropriate

4. Objects

The aims of the club are the encouragement of Cycling and Outdoor interests, and the fostering of the club spirit. (See Appendix A for a copy of our club code of conduct for participation in GoRide activities)

5. Membership

- A. Membership shall be open to both sexes of any age, but subject to paragraph (f).
- B. Every person wishing to become a member shall complete an application form and shall submit this form to the General Committee, together with the annual subscription, for the Committee to process.
- C. New members accepted by the Committee after the 30th September in any year shall be entitled to full membership up to the 31st December the following year.
- D. Members who wish to resign shall submit a written resignation to the Secretary and forfeit all financial claims to the club. All debts owing at the time of resignation must be paid.
- E. No Life Members shall be created except Honorary Life Members, elected by at least two-thirds majority of the Committee.
- F. Family Membership shall be available to couples living at the same address or to children under the age of 16 joining with parent(s) or guardians(s).

6. Subscriptions

- A. The categories of membership shall be youth (under 16 years), Junior (16 and under 18years), Senior (18 years and over), Family and Second Claim. The annual subscriptions shall be fixed, as required, at the Annual General Meeting.
- B. Annual subscriptions shall be due on the 1st January each year. Any member not paying his/her subscriptions before the 31st March each year shall be deemed to have resigned and forfeit all rights and privileges.



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C. No charges shall be paid on clubroom activities during normal club nights. A fee may be charged on special occasions.

7. Management

A. Management of the club shall be by General Committee, to be elected annually.

B. General Committee shall consist of :-Chairman, Vice Chairman, Magazine Editor, General Secretary, Junior Representative, Treasurer, Touring/audax Secretary, Membership Secretary, Club Clothing Secretary, Time Trial Secretary, Media Secretary, Road Race Secretary, Club Coach, Social Secretary, Cyclocross Secretary, Mountain Biking Secretary, Track Secretary, Trophies Secretary (Non-Committee)

C. The Committee shall have full power of co-option, and any co-opted member shall have full Committee status.

D. Any club officials may appoint their own assistants.

E. The General Committee shall investigate any unseemly behaviour by a club member which is brought to their notice, and shall take appropriate action. The club committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the club or sport into disrepute, Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to the members. Please refer to Appendix A for Club Code of Conducts for all those representing or associated with the club and its activities. We present this as a statement of our intent and a means by which any unseemly behaviour may be reviewed.

F. The club adopts the policy on the protection of children and vulnerable adults as set out by British Cycling. The club will appoint a welfare officer.

8. Meetings

A. The General Committee shall meet at intervals not exceeding 8 weeks, to transact the business of the club.

B. A minimum of 5 members of the Committee shall form a quorum on the Committee.

C. Any member of the Committee absent from three consecutive meetings without affording reasonable excuse shall be deemed to have resigned and the Committee shall fill the vacancy.

D. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on any convenient date during the month of November, and at least 28 days notice shall be posted at the clubroom. The Agenda shall be made available to all membership at the clubroom at least seven days prior to the meeting.

E. A Special General Meeting may be called by the General Committee, or alternately by the Secretary, on receipt of a request signed by seven members. The latter shall be subject to at least seven days notice of Meeting and Agenda being made available to members.

9. Competitive Events

A. Club colours shall be predominantly blue and white with one other colour allowed.

B. Only first claim members of the Derby Mercury RC shall be eligible to compete for awards in club competition except that, for the evening time trial series only, second claim members shall also be eligible.

C. Events qualifying towards the Club BAR must be events that are open to all members of the club.

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D. Any member who promotes an event shall receive the relevant handbook free.

E. All Club championship dates shall be fixed before the start of the season.

F Please refer to Appendix B for a copy of the clubs rules and regulations.

10. Accounts

A. The Club financial year shall commence on the 1st January and end on the 31st December, after which date the treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet and statement of accounts. These shall be audited by the auditors elected at the previous Annual General Meeting.

B. Officials shall not be personally responsible for debts incurred on behalf of the Club.

11. Resolutions

A. Member's propositions for any General Meeting shall be sent in writing to the Secretary at least 21 days before the relevant meeting and shall be included in the agenda.

B. Any matter not provided for in this Constitution and the interpretation of the same, shall be dealt with by the General Committee whose decision shall be binding pending ratification by a General Meeting.

C. No alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the members at a General Meeting.. (Note: the Appendices containing competition rules and guide can be changed by agreement with a majority of the committee.)

12. Inclusion

The committee will ensure the club is accessible to all for their recreational as well as competitive endeavours, on and off the bike and progression thereof. The club through its membership will develop a range of activities to ensure it satisfies the needs and aspirations of all sectors of the membership

13. Cessation

In the event of the cessation of the Club, any assets at that time shall be donated to a suitable Youth Organisation, nomination of which is to be left to the discretion of the General Committee.



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Appendix A:- CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT

Derby Mercury RC is committed to ensuring a positive and enjoyable experience for all its members. The club believes that it is important that members, coaches, administrators and parents associated with the club should, always, show respect and understanding for others. Members are encouraged to share any concerns they may have about any aspect of the club with the Club Welfare Officer or General Committee.

As a member of Derby Mercury RC, you are expected to abide by our code of conduct when competing yourself or supporting others, during club activities, wearing club clothing and in club related social media.

As a member of Derby Mercury RC you are expected to be a positive role model, treating other cyclists, officials and members of the public with the same level of respect you look for yourself irrespective of age, gender, ability, race, cultural background, religious beliefs or sexual identity. Encourage everyone to enjoy our sport and understand that people have different motivations for taking part.

Abuse of any sort will not be tolerated.

For coached youth riders (goride) all the above plus:

1. Obey the rules of any activities and competitions you participate in.
2. Celebrate efforts and application, whether they are made by me or my club or the opposition.
3. Our club's workforce: coaches, helpers and officials are all volunteers – please recognise that and when appropriate offer to assist too

For parents and guardians of youth riders - all the above plus:

1. Inform the coach of any specific health requirements or medical conditions of my child in advance of the coaching session by completion of a parental consent form.
2. Encourage my child to learn the rules and play within them, discourage unfair play and arguing with officials.
3. Help my child to recognise good performance, not just results.
4. Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding the performances of all.
5. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not mine.
6. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from our sporting activities.

For coaches and key positions of authority within the club all the above plus the following principles which are adopted directly from our governing body British Cycling:

1. Rights: which outlines the basic rights of individuals to take part in the sport of cycling.
2. Relationships: which offers guidance on personal relationships in cycling, in particular those between coaches, or others in positions of influence and riders.
3. Personal Standards: which outlines the standards of personal conduct and behavior expected within the sport at all levels and hence our club.
4. Professional Standards: which details the commitment to best practice and ongoing professional development expected of officials, coaches, volunteers and all others in positions of authority within British Cycling and hence our club.

Point of information: Derby Mercury RC coaches and welfare staff have signed up to above and receive regular training that is built upon these principles. They are all volunteers; our club supports them as best we can and as such we ask the membership to do so also.



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Appendix B:- RULES AND REGULATIONS

Derby Mercury wishes to create parity in the award of trophies across both genders in all disciplines. A list of new trophies has been identified to be adopted to fulfil this. In the year where it becomes appropriate to award a new trophy an annual medal will be prepared for awards night, ahead of the trophy itself being adopted/or acquired: with that year's winner being retrospectively honoured.

Time Trials

1.1 General

All time trials, whether open events or club events, are held under CTT regulations as laid down in the current edition of the CTT handbook. The event organiser ensures that regulations are complied with but riders should be aware of the following points:

- (a) All riders must be fully paid up members of a club affiliated to the CTT.
- (b) Riders must sign the appropriate entry form or start sheet before taking part in the event.
- (c) Riders under 18 years of age must submit a signed parental consent form to the organisers before taking part. In the case of the club time trials, one form covers all club events for the season.
- (d) The following categories of rider are recognised: - Seniors, Juniors, Juveniles, Female, and Veterans, (as defined in the current CTT Handbook).

1.2 Evening 'TT' series.

- (a) Entry is 'on the line'. A nominal entry fee will be charged, as decided by the Committee.
- (b) For the evening 'TT' season-long competition only, a rider retains the category to which he belonged at the first event of the series.
- (c) Points competition - decided on actual time. Within each of the categories listed above, points are awarded as follows: 1st - 40 pts, 2nd - 39 pts, 3rd - 38 pts, etc down to 40th position. A rider's best 10 performances (points scored) count towards the total for the series, thus the maximum score possible is 400.
- (d) Joe Buxton Handicap Competition - rider's categories do not apply. Points are awarded as in (c) above but based on handicap time, i.e. actual time minus handicap. A handicap is assigned to each DMRC rider at the start of the season based upon performances over the previous 2 seasons, relative to the scratch time for the course. In the absence of any previous form, a handicap is calculated from the rider's first ride of the season. Through the season a rider's handicap is reduced when improved performances require it.

1.3 Club 'TT' Championship

Ray Booty trophy to be awarded for the winner of a club time trial event. Female and Juniors championships to be run in conjunction with the Ray Booty event.

1.4 Hill Climb Championship

- (a) Open to all categories of rider as defined in section 1.1
- (b) Entry is 'on the line' and is free under 16 riders.
- (c) Results in each category are decided on actual times only.



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1.5 Time Trial Championship

Senior, Junior and Veterans trophies to be awarded based on a committee decision for the best performances over the season.

2 Road Races

Two road racing trophies are awarded, one for seniors and one for juniors. In each case the award goes to the rider who has scored the most points in a scoring system based on the BC points system. Counting events are all those open to all DMRC members holding a BC license.

A Veterans Road Race trophy be awarded annually. To be decided on by the committee, based on results in age related (over 40s) road races during the calendar year. Not gender specific.

3. Track Racing

The Senior, Junior, Veterans and ies to be awarded based on a committee decision..

4. Cyclo-cross Trophy

The Cyclo-Cross trophy is awarded based on the points system of the Notts and Derby league.

Awards will be given for first Female, Veteran and Junior based on the points system of the Notts and Derby league.

Awards will be given for 1st Male and 1st Female in each youth category in the Notts and Derby league.

5. Tourist Trophy Competition

Audax Trophy

Senior trophy and “opposite sex” trophy to be awarded to the rider with the most AUK points
Under 18 trophy to be awarded base on AUK points but including events under 200Km

6. MTB Trophy :- To be awarded based on committee decision.

7. Photographic Competition

- (a) The Competition is open to Club Members
- (b) There shall be 2 categories; Open and DMRC/cycling related. DMRC members may submit up to 3 photos in each category.
- (c) Entries must have been taken by the entrant during the current year (i.e. From AGM to AGM)
- (d) The photos can be any format slide print or digital. Prints limited to A4 size. Digital should be Jpeg
- (e) The DMRC/cycling related category shall have a subject of a cyclist or bicycle or a picture of a DMRC member taking part in an outdoor activity.



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- (f) The open category photos can have any subject.
- (g) The competition will be judged by an independent, experienced judge.
- (h) Judging will take place on the Club Night after the AGM, or as soon as possible afterwards
- (i) Entries to be submitted on the night by 8pm.
- (j) There shall be certificates for the winners in each category and the overall winner judged purely on photographic merit will receive the Margaret Johnson trophy.

8. Clubman of the year

To be decided by a vote at the AGM for contribution to the club over the past year.

9. Performance of the year.

To be decided by the committee for a specific performance over the past year.