



HULL & DISTRICT MOTORCYCLE CLUB

Constitution and Objectives

- The Club shall be called “HULL & DISTRICT MOTORCYCLE CLUB”
- HDMCC aims shall be to promote motorcycling and the staging of social events for its members, to this end it shall be affiliated to the BMF (British Motorcyclists Federation) and other relevant organisations if and when funds allow

Members and subscriptions

- Any person wishing to join HDMCC shall complete an application form for approval by the committee. The committee reserve the right to refuse any application without giving any reason. This decision will never discriminate against any of the protected characteristics as set out by the Equality Act 2010
- Each application must be submitted with the due subscription. If a membership is accepted, it will run from the AGM date of the current year to the AGM date of the next year
- Members shall abide by the club rules at all club events and abide by the code of conduct at all times.
- Adult members are 16 years and older. Junior members start from 10 years to 16.
- Junior members have no voting rights and must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- The committee have the right to suspend or revoke any membership, the member has “the right to appeal” at the next available committee meeting.
- Bona fide guests may be signed in by any fully paid up member.
- A member can sign in up to 2 guests at any one event.
- Members may keep the same membership number provided they attend and pay up full subscription on the night of AGM or at committees discretion
- Honorary members have no voting rights unless they are fully paid up for the year.
- Life membership may be granted to a member at the discretion of the committee and have the same rights as if they were a fully paid member.

Committee

- A chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, treasurer, liaison officer, webmaster, events officer, rally secretary, safety officer and political officer. These positions should only be held by members of 3 years continued membership or more. A ‘Committee Member’ role with no defined responsibilities is also optionally available, a member can be voted into this role at AGM or by unanimous approval of the committee.
- The chair, vice chair, secretary, webmaster and treasurer positions should only be filled by existing committee members.
- For a committee meeting to be held or committee decision to stand a minimum of 51% committee members must be present (quorum)



Meetings

- The AGM shall be held on the first club meeting of October each year unless otherwise agreed and communicated not less than 30 days before
- An EGM can be called by the committee or a minimum of 1/5th membership (who must all be present) at the EGM.
- All elections to be held at AGM or EGM
- Any member wishing to put an item forward at AGM/EGM must give 2 weeks notice explaining said item.
- These rules will be available to all members upon request
- Club accounts shall be presented at all AGM's and EGM's or if requested in advance by a fully paid up member
- Visiting clubs and organisations are requested to sign in
- All children in the club must be accompanied by an adult who is a fully paid up member and who is held responsible for their conduct
- The club stands behind the BMF Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy any inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated
- Any changes to these rules must be voted on at AGM

Asset Management

During the course of the club's business, it will inevitably acquire assets and funds, these are managed by the committee in the best interests of the club and its members.

If there is ever a scenario where the club shall cease to exist; this clause sets out how the assets and funds will be handled.

Any physical assets of the club should be liquidated; first offered to be purchased by current members at a 'fair market rate' (considering condition and age), otherwise for sale to external parties where possible. If assets cannot be liquidated, they should be donated as assets to a charity. After the liquidation of assets any monies will be donated to charities chosen by all paid member as follows:

Each paid member will have the right to select exactly 1 charity to donate to. The funds will be donated equally weighted by the number of selections. Any members who abstain from selecting a charity will not be considered in calculations.

For example, if there are 4 members, Member 1 selects 'Charity A', Members 2 and 3 both select 'Charity B' and member 4 abstains from selection 1/3 of the club funds will be donated to 'Charity A' and 2/3 of the club funds will be donated to 'Charity B'



Appendix: Code of Conduct and Misconduct Procedures

Good Conduct of Members

- All members shall conduct themselves in a respectful, responsible, and courteous manner at all club events, meetings, and when representing the club externally.
- Members must not bring the name of Hull & District Motorcycle Club into disrepute through words, actions, or online activity.
- Bullying, harassment, discrimination, or any form of abusive behaviour towards fellow members, guests, or the public will not be tolerated.
- Members are expected to respect the reputation and values of the club at all times.

Misconduct Investigation Process

Reporting Misconduct

Any allegations of misconduct must be reported to the committee, providing full details of the incident. Anonymous complaints will not normally be investigated unless supported by evidence.

Initial Review

The committee shall conduct an initial review to determine if the matter warrants a formal investigation. If deemed minor, the issue may be resolved informally with a warning.

Formal Investigation

A subcommittee of at least three committee members shall investigate the allegation. The member accused of misconduct shall be informed of the allegations and given the opportunity to respond. Witnesses and evidence may be considered.

Outcomes

Following investigation, the committee may impose one of the following:

- No action (allegation not upheld)
- Verbal or written warning
- Suspension of membership for a fixed period
- Termination of membership (This may or may not include disqualifying from future membership)

Right of Appeal

Any member subject to suspension or termination may appeal the decision at the next AGM or EGM. Appeals must be lodged in writing within 14 days of notification of the decision.

Confidentiality

All misconduct investigations shall be treated as confidential, with details shared only among the committee and those directly involved and affected by the investigation.

Authority Involvement

It is expected that any misconduct can be handled within the club committee, however if it is the case that there are extremely serious circumstances and/or any serious criminal offences committed, then the committee may refer the matter to the Police or other safeguarding bodies as appropriate.

This appendix forms part of the Hull & District Motorcycle Club Constitution and is binding on all members.