

GUERNSEY MOTOR CYCLE AND CAR CLUB LBG

GENERAL RULES

Revision 2 - 8th November 2011

1. The title of the Club shall be the "Guernsey Motor Cycle and Car Club LBG".
2. The objects of the Club shall be:-
 - a) To foster motor sport, both in speed and non-speed events, in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.
 - b) To encourage a spirit of friendship amongst club members.
 - c) To afford members such benefits and privileges as may be possible to arrange.
3. The Club shall consist of:-
 - a) A President.
 - b) A Vice President.
 - c) An Honorary Secretary.
 - d) An Honorary Competition Secretary.
 - e) An Honorary Treasurer.
 - f) A Sandracing Chairman.
 - g) A Hillclimb Chairman.
 - h) A Trials Chairman.
 - i) An Autotest Chairman.
 - j) A Social Club Chairman.
 - k) A Bike Captain.
 - l) A Car Captain.
 - m) An Awards Secretary - The Awards Secretary need not be a Member of the Committee.
 - n) A News Report Editor
 - o) Ordinary Members.
 - p) Life Members.

On payment of the current subscription any ordinary member who has held 5 years membership of the Club as a Family, Joint or Single member can apply to the Committee for Life Membership. At which time a members spouse or partner may become a Life Member free.
 - q) Joint Members.

A Member's spouse or partner can be admitted to Joint Membership provided the current additional fee is submitted on either renewal or proposed application to the Club.
 - r) Family Members.

A Member's Family can be admitted to Family Membership provided the current additional fee is submitted, on either renewal or proposed application to the Club. Only children under the age of 16 are eligible for this type of membership.
 - s) Junior Members.

Shall be under the age of 16 years and have no voting rights within the Club.
 - t) Social Members.

A Social member can be admitted to Social Membership at any time provided the current fee is submitted on either renewal or proposed application to the Club. Social members will not have any voting rights within The Club.
4. The management of the business of the Club shall be vested in a Committee comprised of (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), (l) & (m) as set out in Rule 3. In addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred on the Committee by these Rules, they may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established; other than decisions which, as provided by these Rules, must be taken by the Club in a General Meeting.

The Committee shall have power to co-opt as necessary.
5. The President shall preside as Chairman at all full Committee Meetings. Failing him the Chairman shall be the Vice-President and failing him the Chairman shall be appointed by the Committee. In the case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.

6. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Secretary to attend in person or by deputy all meetings of the Club and in meetings of the Committee, and to take Minutes of the proceedings for confirmation at the following Meeting. He/she shall conduct all correspondence, file all letters and keep copies of the replies thereto.

7. All monies of the Club shall be banked by the Honorary Treasurer in the name of the Club. It shall also be the duty of the Treasurer to disburse all monies justly due to the Club. He/She shall balance their accounts yearly, and prepare or arrange to prepare a Balance Sheet for the Inspection of members. The financial year shall end on 31st October.

8. The officers and Committee of the Club shall be elected by ballot annually. Retiring Officers and Committee shall be eligible for re-election unless stated otherwise. Casual vacancies may be filled by a paid-up member of the Club at the discretion of the Committee.

9. The Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Honorary Secretary, who may convene a Meeting of their own accord, or do so by the direction of the President, or on a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Committee. Four shall form a quorum of the Committee.

10. In the case of a General Meeting, a quorum shall consist of not less than 15% of the paid-up members. At least 8 days notice shall be given to all members for a General Meeting. Non-receipt of such notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings.

If within half an hour from the time appointed for any meeting a quorum of members is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place unless otherwise directed by the Honorary Secretary and if at the second meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour of the appointed time, the members present shall be considered to form a quorum.

11. Voting shall be by a show of hands, except (a) as defined in Rule 8, and (b) when a majority of those present who are entitled to vote, deem that voting shall be by ballot. When voting is by a show of hands a declaration by the Chairman that a resolution has, or has not, been carried, and an entry to that effect in the Club's Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of the votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution. When voting is by ballot, two scrutineers shall be appointed to count the votes and to inform the Chairman of the result.

12. Any Member of the Committee who shall, without sufficient reason, absent themselves from three consecutive Committee meetings, will be understood to have resigned his position upon the Committee.

13. The Committee may whenever they think fit, and shall, on a requisition made in writing by not less than 10 members, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any requisition so made by members must state the object of the Meeting proposed to be called and must be signed by the said members and deposited with the Committee, whereupon the Committee shall forthwith proceed to convene an Extraordinary General Meeting. Should they fail to do so within 28 days of the depositing of the requisition the said members may themselves convene a Meeting.

14. The Committee may elect any distinguished persons as Honorary Members provided that the membership of such persons shall be of benefit to the Club or will help in promoting Motorsport.

15. An Auditor or Auditors shall be appointed by the Club at the Annual General Meeting

16. Any person who may be desirous of becoming a Member of the Club shall have his or her name proposed at any Committee Meeting and it shall be determined by vote there and then taken whether such person shall or shall not be admitted, and in the case of refusal the club shall not be required to state any reason for such refusal.

- 17.** Every Club Member shall be furnished with a copy of the Club Rules on election. It is a condition of membership that members shall abide by all the Club Rules.
- 18.** The Annual Subscription of Members shall be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.
- 19.** The Subscriptions of Members shall expire at 31st October in every year and shall be due for renewal on that date.
- 20.** Any member of the Club who has failed to pay their subscription by the 31st December shall be required to pay a late subscription fee. When a members subscription is in arrears they will not be eligible to take part in any Club event.
- 21.** Membership of the Club shall not be utilised for any trade, advertising or business purposes.
- 22.** Should any Member be charged with conduct prejudicial to the Club, he may be invited to attend a Committee meeting held for the purpose of deciding whether or not a case for suspension or expulsion has arisen. There should be at least one-half of the Committee members present to decide, the defaulting member may be cautioned, suspended or required to resign. The casting vote of the Chairman shall in each case be on the side of leniency.
- 23.** A notice may be given to any member either personally or by sending it by post to him at his registered address.
- 24.** Should members require any matter to be included on the agenda for a General Meeting they must notify the Honorary Secretary by the end of the financial year.
- 25.** Every member and outside contestant (should they be invited to compete) shall accept the Club rules and regulations in force for the event for which they enter as being final and binding.
- 26.** The monies of the Club shall be applied towards the benefits of the Club, or otherwise in the promotion of the interests of the Club.
- 27.** As between the Club and individuals competing in any event organised by the Club, the Club accepts no responsibility whatever for any injury or accident caused through participation in such events, whether such injury or damage is suffered by the person or property of the individual.
- 28.** An alteration may be made to these Rules only by a General Meeting provided that the resolution proposing such alteration is carried by two-thirds of those present and voting, and provided that such proposed alteration is notified in accordance with Rule 24.
- 29.** The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened on the recommendation of the Committee or on the requisition of the Members. To have effect the resolution of the dissolution must be duly passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. If the resolution be thus passed, a further Special General Meeting shall be held within one month at which the original resolution must be ratified by a majority vote. Only after such ratification resolution of dissolution be effective. At no meeting whatsoever may a vote be taken on such unless an agenda showing such an intention has been issued with the notice convening the meeting. If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed and ratified, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club, and if there be any surplus assets on the realisation these shall forthwith be disposed of at the discretion of the majority of the Members present at the Meeting at which the resolution of dissolution is ratified.
- 30.** i) Drivers and riders who have received a road license suspension up to and including six months in length will be allowed to compete, in any Club event.

ii) Drivers and riders who have received a road license suspension of 7 to 12 months will be suspended from competition for the length of their road license suspension i.e. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 or 12 months. This will commence from the first day of the suspension and apply whether or not there are any events during this time.

iii) Any road license suspension in excess of 12 months and up to 3 years, will result in the competitor being suspended from all competition for 12 months only, after which they will be free to compete again.

iv) For any road license suspension of longer than 3 years the above rule will only apply if the sitting General Committee agrees that it is appropriate for it to do so.

31. The Committee maintains that if members provide their email addresses when joining the Club they can be expected to use them to communicate from time to time.

32. Any member using electronic equipment, the internet, social networking sites or any form of media to abuse other members or the general public will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 22.

33. All competitions must be sanctioned by the Committee, who may themselves be the organisers, or who may appoint a Sub-Committee as Organisers.

34. Where a Sub-Committee exists already, or is appointed as Organisers for an event, the Committee may direct them on any point regarding any competition.

35. Awards for competition's must be sanctioned by the Committee.

36. It shall be the duty of the Honorary Competition Secretary to ensure that all necessary permits are applied for and that all events are covered adequately by insurance.

37. Each discipline Chairman shall ensure where necessary, that Supplementary Regulations are drawn up, they may be assisted by The Honorary Competition Secretary and will be sent to the M.S.A. or A.C.U. for approval. When approved, a copy will be made available on the Club website.

38. All competitors wishing to compete in a Club event must complete the appropriate entry form which shall be so worded as to comply with the requirements of the M.S.A. or A.C.U.

39. All entries must be completed in full and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee failure to do so may result in the entry being refused.

40. The entry fee stated on the Supplementary Regulation's shall be applicable to the normal closing date. Each entry received after the normal closing date shall be accompanied not only by the normal entry fee but also by a late entry fee. The normal closing date shall be deemed to end at 8.00 p.m. on the day of closing.

41. The Competition Rules in force at the time shall be read in conjunction with the Club General Rules.

42. The Club will allow One Day Memberships to enable an entry to be accepted for one event per year only. For any subsequent entry to be accepted in the same year the balance of the full membership fee will have to be paid.

43. In conjunction with 42. above the Club will allow a partial payment of 50% of the Compulsory Insurance premium for one event only per year. For any subsequent entry to be accepted in the same year the balance of the full Compulsory Insurance premium will have to be paid.