

Ribble Valley Juniors

Constitution

1 The name of this body, herein after called the club, shall be the RIBBLE VALLEY JUNIORS (Affiliated to British Cycling)

2 Officials

2.1 The following voluntary roles to be elected as officials annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

2.1.1 Chairperson

2.1.2 Vice-Chairperson

2.1.3 Secretary

2.1.4 Treasurer

2.2 The election by simple majority of the members.

2.3 Adult club members or any parent/guardian of a club member automatically assume the right to become a committee member.

2.4 The officials, on election, shall have the power to:

2.4.1 Form appropriate sub committees

2.4.2 Co-opt members to fill official vacancies which may arise (co-opted members may be non Club members invited to advise on specialist subjects)

2.4.3 Adjudicate on any matter not covered by the constitution

2.4.4 Adjudicate on the resolution of any dispute between members

2.5 The club to run from one AGM to the next.

3 Meetings

- 3.1 The secretary to convene one AGM per Year and other general meetings as when deemed necessary.
- 3.2 For all meetings a quorum to consist of one half of the elected officials.
- 3.3 No meeting to be held without the presence of at least THREE Committee Members.
- 3.4 An official is defined as one who has been elected or co-opted to the committee.
- 3.5 With regard to meetings, the secretary will communicate with all club members and elected officials.
- 3.6 Once agreed the constitution and principles of participation can only be changed if there is a SIMPLE majority of the club membership in favour of the change at an AGM or EGM called by the officials.

4 General Meetings

- 4.1 The AGM of the club shall be held in March of each year.
- 4.2 At least 21 days notice shall be given of the AGM in writing to all Club Officials and committee members accompanied by the Agenda and Papers signifying the business to be transacted and which shall include:
 - 4.2.1 Confirmation of the previous AGM and minutes
 - 4.2.2 Annual Report (Secretary)
 - 4.2.3 Audited Balance Sheet (Statement of Accounts) and Treasurer's Report
 - 4.2.4 Existing officials stand down to allow election of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer (together with such other posts as may have been agreed by the committee)
 - 4.2.5 Notified amendments to the Constitution and Principles of Participation
 - 4.2.6 Other business duly notified to the Secretary

5 Monies

- 5.1 Any member authorised to collect monies for or on behalf of the club shall pay such monies to the treasurer as soon as practicable or within fourteen days following an event.

6 Appeal

- 6.1 Any member suspended or excluded by the committee (or a delegated sub-committee) shall have the right to attend an appeal hearing, be represented and produce witnesses in support of his/her appeal.
- 6.2 The appeal board (a maximum of three) shall not include members of the original decision making committee but may include non-members of the club.
- 6.3 The decision of the appeal board shall be final and binding on all parties.

7 Assets

- 7.1 In the event of the Ribble Valley Juniors ceasing to exist, all assets owned by the club shall be given to The Lewis Balycky Trust Fund.

8 Membership

- 8.1 Membership of the club is open to anyone provided they agree to abide by the following conditions:
 - 8.1.1 They must apply and become members of British Cycling.
 - 8.1.2 Accept current rules and regulations of the club and British Cycling.
 - 8.1.3 Payment of the appropriate membership fee to British Cycling.
 - 8.1.4 Behave in a responsible and trustworthy manner when representing the club.
 - 8.1.5 Accept the aims, objectives and fair play guidelines of the club.
 - 8.1.6 Membership may be terminated if the appropriate elected committee deems the member's behaviour is unacceptable.

9 Aims and Objectives

- 9.1 To promote a better understanding of cycling
- 9.2 To encourage physical activity and good health
- 9.3 To improve and promote road safety
- 9.4 To improve cycling skills, therefore becoming proficient cyclists
- 9.5 To learn about cycle maintenance
- 9.6 To encourage transition to a senior club
- 9.7 To have fun

10 Principles of Participation

- 10.1 All riders must have roadworthy bikes and wear protective headgear.
- 10.2 All riders under 16 years must have signed parental/carer permission.
- 10.3 All riders must adopt the fair play guidelines of the Riders Charter.
- 10.4 All officials, committee members and other helpers must adopt the British Cycling rules for Child Protection, Good Practice in the Care of Children, Health and Safety and Equal Opportunities.