

# Lindholme Motor Sports Club

Doncaster

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## Club Rules

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### INTRODUCTION

Lindholme Motor Sports Club Ltd is a company limited by guarantee, registered number 2995326, and was incorporated on 28th November 1994. These rules include matters referred to in the Memorandum and Articles of Association and / or refer to matters not required by law to be included in the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

Cross-references to paragraphs in the Memorandum of Association (MA) and the Articles of Association (AA) are shown where relevant.

## **1. Title**

The name of the club shall be the Lindholme Motor Sports Club Limited, hereafter in these rules referred to as "the Club".

(MA 1)

## **2. Objects**

- a) To further interest in motoring and motor sport.
- b) To promote motor competition in accordance with the requirements of Motorsport UK
- c) To officiate on motor sport events locally, regionally and nationally.
- d) To arrange tours, lectures, discussions, social and other meetings.
- e) To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.
- f) To assist other motor clubs and Regional Associations in the promotion of motor sport and related activities

(MA 3)

## **3. Management**

The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club and its management shall be vested in the Council (hereafter in these rules referred to as "the Committee"), who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established, other than those hereby expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Club in General Meeting.

(AA 29 - 34)

## **4. Election of Officials**

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President of the Club and the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, shall remain in office until their successors are appointed at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment. The retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election.

(AA 37 - 42)

## **5. Committee**

The Committee shall consist of not less than six and not more than 14 members, excluding the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President, who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee. The Committee shall elect from its own members a Chairman and Vice-Chairman. One half of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum. One third of the Committee shall retire by rotation at each Annual General Meeting, but shall be eligible for re-election. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members as they deem necessary. Any such co-opted member shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election.

(AA 29 + 31)

## **6. Nomination**

Nomination of candidates for election to the Committee must be received by the Secretary in writing not less than four days before the Annual General Meeting. Nominations of candidates shall be signed by the member proposing them and by the person proposed indicating a willingness to serve.

(AA 40)

## **7. Sub-Committees**

The Committee shall have the power to appoint a sub-committee to meet on its behalf in respect of any matter which is specifically referred to such a sub-committee.

(AA 47)

## **8. Meetings of the Committee**

The Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Secretary, who may convene a meeting of their own accord, or shall do so by direction of the Chairman, or on a requisition signed by any member of the Committee.

(AA 44)

## **9. Voting at Committee Meetings**

Each Committee member present at a meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. All resolutions shall be decided by a majority vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. The Committee shall vote by ballot if any Committee member present so demands.

## **10. Absence from Committee**

Any member of the Committee who shall, without sufficient reason, be absent from three Committee Meetings in succession will be understood to have resigned their position on the Committee.

(AA 36f)

## **11. Duties of the Secretary**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend in person or by deputy all meetings of the Committee at the Club and to take minutes of the meetings. Such minutes shall be written and circulated and presented for confirmation at the following meeting. This procedure shall be followed for all Committee, Annual General and any Extraordinary General meetings.

(AA 35)

## **12. Banking**

All monies of the Club shall be banked at a financial institution as shall be determined from time to time by the Committee in the name of the Club and no disbursements shall be made therefrom except in accordance with the form or forms authorised by the Committee.

## **13. Election of Members**

Applications for membership of the Club shall be submitted to the Committee by the Secretary and the election of such candidates shall be at the discretion of the Committee. The name and address of the candidate and the names of their proposer and seconder, being members of the Club, shall be stated on each application submitted to the Committee, provided that in the case of a candidate who knows no member of the Club, the Committee shall be empowered to carry out the election after proper enquiries.

(AA 3)

## **14. Types of Membership**

Any person of not less than 17 years of age shall be eligible for fully-elected individual membership of the Club.

Any person aged less than 17 years shall be eligible for junior membership, provided that a parent or guardian of such a person is a fully elected member of the Club. A person elected to junior membership shall have, under the rules of Motorsport UK, the right to compete as a member of the Club, provided that proper supervision is exercised, and to benefit from appropriate insurance cover, but shall not have the right to vote at General Meetings nor to receive a copy of the monthly newsletter.

## **15. Conditions of Membership**

Membership of the Club is governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Lindholme Motor Sports Club Limited, the following terms and conditions and all other rules of the Club.

- a. Membership of the Club shall continue only for the period covered by the current subscription and members shall be subject to approval annually by the Committee.
- b. All members agree to guarantee the company's debts should it ever be dissolved or cease to trade for whatever reason, to the value of £1.00. This guarantee extends to one year after ceasing to be a member for whatever reason.

c. Any member of the Club who has not paid their subscription within two clear months of the date on which it became due and does not give sufficient reason to the satisfaction of the Committee shall be taken off the register of members forthwith. No member whose subscriptions are in arrears shall be eligible to take part in any competitions promoted by the Club under the general rules of Motorsport UK.

d. The name and address of the Club shall not be given by any member as their name and address for any trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings. The same shall apply to the use of the Club website and any email address associated with the Club or its officials.

e. Any member convicted of any offence arising out of their being in charge of a motor vehicle in any event promoted by the Club or on Association business, whether criminal, civil or against the rules of Motorsport UK, shall thereupon be liable to expulsion from the Club.

## **16. Subscriptions**

The due date of subscriptions shall be 1st January annually. The rate of subscription for membership shall be fixed at each Annual General Meeting. Lower concessionary rates of subscription shall be fixed whenever required in special circumstances and at the discretion of the Committee.

## **17. Resignation**

Any member wishing to resign their membership shall give notice in writing of such desire to the Secretary, but they shall remain liable for payment of debts to the Club from them.

## **18. Code of Conduct**

Members must ensure they abide by the rules and regulations of the Club and Motorsport UK and:

- a. conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times, in the best interests of UK motor sport
- b. respect the decision of event officials
- c. treat all competitors, marshals and officials equally with respect
- d. maintain the highest standards of driving behaviour
- e. not discriminate against individuals for any reason, whether as a result of race, colour, gender, marital status, sexuality, age, disability, occupation, religion or political persuasion.

Failure to comply with this Code may result in stringent sanctions being imposed by Motorsport UK and the National Court.

## **19. Expulsion of Members**

If at any time the Committee shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, it shall be the duty of the Committee by letter to invite any member to withdraw from the Club within a time specified in such letter, and in default of such withdrawal to submit the question of their expulsion to a meeting of the Committee to be held within six weeks after the date of such letter. The member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least seven days notice of such a meeting and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of their conduct verbally or in writing. If members present shall vote for their expulsion they shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.

## **20. Annual General Meetings**

Annual General Meetings of the Club shall be held in the month of July in each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Committee. Members shall be given twenty-one clear days notice in writing at the least of every Annual General Meeting.

(AA 5 +8)

## **21. Extraordinary General Meeting**

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the direction of the Committee or on a requisition to the Secretary, signed by not less than twelve members and stating the business for which the Extraordinary General Meeting is required.

(AA 6 - 7)

## **22. Proceedings at General Meetings**

No person shall be entitled to be present or to vote at General Meetings unless they have been duly elected as a member of the Club and have paid their current subscription. Every person with a right to be present at any General Meeting may exercise one vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the Chairman of the meeting shall be entitled to a second casting vote. At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on a show of hands, unless a poll is demanded by the Chairman or at least two members present. If a poll be demanded, it shall be taken at such time and place, and in such a manner, as the Chairman of the meeting shall direct, and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded.

(AA 15 - 19)

## **23. Alteration of Rules**

Any alteration may be made in these rules by the Committee provided the details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the notice of the Committee Meeting and that the resolution proposing such alteration is carried by a majority of those present.

## **24. Observance and Interpretation of Rules**

Every member binds themselves to abide by the rules of the Club, and also by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such rules, and also to accept as final and binding the decisions of the Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules.

## **25. Events**

All motor competitions promoted by the Club shall be held under the General Regulations of Motorsport UK Limited and in accordance with any other requirements of Motorsport UK and FIA.

## **26. Dissolution**

The Club may be dissolved by an Extraordinary General Meeting convened by the direction of the Committee or on the requisition of twelve of the members. If the resolution of dissolution be passed, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club and if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of as directed by paragraph 60 of the Articles of Association.

## **27. Copies of the Rules**

A copy of these rules, as periodically altered or amended, will be maintained by the Secretary and will be supplied to every officer of the Club. A current copy of these rules will also be supplied to every member when first elected, following any alteration or amendment, and on request at any time.

## **APPENDICES**

1. **SAFEGUARDING:** The Safeguarding Policy of Lindholme Motor Sports Club shall be incorporated into these Club Rules.
2. **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION POLICY (GDPR):** The GDPR Policy of Lindholme Motor Sports Club shall be incorporated into these Club Rules.

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