



Constitution

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1. Name

The club will be named and known as the Barnesbury Cycling Club, referred to hereinafter as “The Club”. The title of The Club shall not be changed unless 95% of the members of The Club are in favour of the change.

2. Status

Barnesbury Cycling Club shall be affiliated to British Cycling and Cycling Time Trials (CTT), the respective governing bodies of road racing and time trialling in the UK. The Barnesbury CC shall affiliate to any other cycling body to the benefit of its members, if agreed by a majority during the AGM or a SGM.

3. The Club - Statement of Intent

The purposes of The Club are to promote the sport of cycling in Northumberland and Tyneside and community participation in the same.

Barnesbury CC will strive to develop pathways into cycle sport through the promotion of recreational and competitive activities and events. The club will endeavour to maximise the appeal



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of cycling supporting all aspects of cycle sport. The club will provide a programme of coaching and volunteer development, assisting coaches and volunteers within the club to achieve their potential, developing their individual knowledge and experience as part of club activity. Coach and volunteer certification will be updated and followed in conjunction with British Cycling's best practice for Go Ride clubs. The Barnesbury will encourage riders not in the club to actively take part in events, coaching activities and social activities.

The Barnesbury CC shall ensure the coaching and events will be consistent with the equal opportunities policy followed by the governing body of that cycle sport. The Barnesbury CC shall support a social section as required, as well as supporting racing members where possible. The club will have a team strip for members to wear; these strips will be provided at a subsidised rate to all club members under 18 years of age. Where finance allows senior members club kit may also be subsidised.

4. Membership Criteria, Equality Policy and Categories

Membership of The Club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport of cycling on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, The Club may limit membership according to available facilities on a non-discriminatory basis. By accepting membership of The Club, members are agreeing to abide by the constitution and Rules of The Club and that they support the aims and objectives of The Club.

Membership of The Club will be categorised as follows:

Seniors – 18 years and over

Juniors - 16 and 17 years

Youths - 12 to 15 years

Under 12 years

Membership of these categories will be open to any person and will be known as 1st claim membership of the Barnesbury. Persons who are already members of another cycling club may apply for 2nd claim membership of The Club, 2nd claim members will enjoy all facilities and activities available to first claim members, with the exception of item x) below.

Under 18 Members - Barnesbury CC has a primary objective to increase participation in youth cycle sport and youth club membership. As a British Cycling Go Ride Club the Barnesbury CC will deliver a regular race and coaching programme for young members. Non-members will be actively encouraged to participate.

- I. Barnesbury CC will consist of the officers and members.



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- II. Any members not paying their annual fees by 31st January of that year will cease to be a member and all rights associated with that.
- III. The Committee has the right to refuse membership or cancel a membership for unseemly conduct.
- IV. Membership fees will be stipulated at the AGM and notified on the notice board, website or by post.
- V. Junior and senior members shall have the right to vote at general meetings; Youth/Under 12 members will also have the right to elect amongst themselves a representative – “club captain” to sit on the committee.
- VI. First claim members only shall be eligible as Barnesbury club officials.
- VII. New members joining the club after 1st October will be entitled to 15 months membership to the club.
- VIII. No member shall be allowed to take part in any competitive event or official role if the committee has suspended them.
- IX. Honorary membership may be awarded if a nomination is received from a club member to those outside of the club for outstanding contributions to cycling.
- X. 2nd claim members cannot qualify for club championship awards.

5. Insurance

- I. Barnesbury CC shall be affiliated to British Cycling and the CTT.
- II. Members belonging to British Cycling or the club and acting in an official role for Barnesbury CC in any official BC or CTT race or official coaching session shall be indemnified as set out in the respective Insurance Cover.
- III.

6. Club Officials and Committee

- I. The Officers will be elected annually at the AGM, elected by a majority vote for a term of 12 months. Officials shall consist of the following (please see job descriptions in the appendix at the rear):
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Club Captain (Youth Member – boys and girls if applicable)
 - Chair
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Child Welfare Officer
 - Coaching Secretary
- II. In addition other officials deemed necessary by the club will also be elected at the AGM, as well as four other members of general committee.



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- III. Any person can be co-opted onto the Committee for specialist projects, and may employ professional help for this purpose. Co-opted committee members will not be entitled to vote, merely offer specific guidance.
- IV. Any member wishing to resign office must do so in writing and handed to the secretary.
- V. Committee meetings shall be held on a regular basis after the AGM.
- VI. A quorum for a committee to go ahead shall be six of the above members.
- VII. Every vote shall be by a majority of the members eligible. Any proposition resulting in Constitution change shall require a two-thirds majority.
- VIII. Any other matter not covered in the rules shall be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision is binding on all parties.
- IX. The Club committee shall manage The Club on behalf of the members of The Club and in accordance with the constitution and any applicable rules of The Club.

7. Annual General Meeting and Other Meetings

- I. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Barnesbury CC shall be held in every year during the month of October, when the annual report of the Committee and the audited statement of accounts up to the end of the financial year shall be presented.
- II. Not less than seven days' notice of the date of the AGM shall be given to all members by the secretary.
- III. The secretary shall receive nomination for officers seven days before the AGM, or from the floor on the day with consent of two-thirds majority of members entitled to vote.
- IV. The dates of the general meetings and of Committee Meetings shall be determined at the previous meeting. In addition the Chair or secretary may call a meeting if they consider it necessary, or upon the written request of at least two members of the Committee.
- V. Barnesbury CC shall decide at the AGM if an Executive Committee is required, if so to elect such at the AGM and describe the role of the Executive Committee.
- VI. Extraordinary General Meetings called shall have a simple majority consent of the Committee, with an Agenda and notice given of fourteen days.
- VII. An Extraordinary General Meeting may also be called if requested in writing by at least one third of the members, who shall state their business in their application.

8. Finance

- I. All monies raised by, and on behalf of the Barnesbury CC shall be used to further the objectives of the club and no other purpose.
- II. The treasurer is responsible for finances of the club.
- III. The financial year of the Barnesbury CC will be from 1st January to the 31st of December each year.
- IV. Proper accounts shall be kept of all sums of money received and paid out by the club.



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- V. An audited statement of accounts, up to and including this date, shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting of the club.
- VI. The funds of the Barnesbury CC shall be lodged at a bank in an account on the name of Barnesbury CC. All monies paid by cheque or drafts, drawn on the accounts shall be signed by two of the officers on the committee. These must not be members of the same family.
- VII. The property and funds of The Club cannot be used for the direct or indirect private benefit of members other than as reasonably allowed by the rules.
- VIII. The club may provide sporting and related social activities, sporting equipment, coaching, courses, insurance cover, medical treatment, event expenses, post event refreshments and other ordinary benefits of Community Amateur Sports Clubs as provided for in the Finance Act 2002.
- IX. The Club may also in connection with the sports purposes of The Club: a) Sell and supply food, drink and related sports clothing and equipment: b) Employ members (though not for riding) and remunerate them for providing goods and services, on fair terms set by the Committee without the person concerned being present;
- X. Pay for reasonable hospitality for visiting teams and guests;
- XI. Indemnify the Committee and members acting properly in the course of the running of the Club against any liability incurred in the proper running of the Club (but only to the extent of its assets).

9. Discipline and Appeals

- I. The Committee shall have the power to take appropriate disciplinary action against any member and shall have the authority to terminate the membership of any member found guilty of conduct deemed detrimental to the Barnesbury CC.
- II. There shall be the right of appeal to the Committee or an appeal committee set up to act on its behalf, against any decision made by an officer of the Barnesbury CC.
- III. The appeal should normally be considered within fourteen days of its receipt by the secretary.

10. Dissolution Procedures

- I. The members may vote to wind up the Club if not less than three quarters of those present and voting support that proposal at a properly convened general meeting.
- II. The Committee will then be responsible for the orderly winding up of the Club's affairs.
- III. After settling all liabilities of the Club, the Committee shall dispose of the net assets remaining to one or more of the following:
 - a) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a charity and/or



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- b) To another Club with similar sports purposes which is a registered CASC (Community Association Sports Club) and/or
- c) To the Club's national governing body for use by them for related community sports.

11. Review of the Constitution

- I. Amendments to the Constitution shall be viewed and agreed at each AGM.
- II. Any such amendments shall be submitted to the secretary twenty-one days before the AGM and sent to members seven days before the AGM.
- III. NO resolutions involving an amendment to the Constitution may be proposed at the AGM.
- IV. Any amendments shall be proposed and seconded in writing in the time frame in item ii
- V. Any items for Constitution Amendments shall require a simple majority.
- VI. In the event of any question arising not provided in the Constitution, shall be dealt with by the Committee, whose decision is final.