

FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB
RULES & CONSTITUTION – 16.03.2024



1. TITLE

The club shall be known as

“FAVERSHAM & DISTRICT RIDING CLUB”

and shall be referred to within this document as “the Club”

“BRITISH RIDING CLUBS” shall be referred to as “BRC”

2. OBJECTS **The object of the Club shall be:-**

- (a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation, to promote good fellowship amongst riders and to improve and maintain the standard of horsemanship.
- (b) To organise instructional & educational meetings, lectures, competitive events, social events and other activities deemed to further object of the Club, both mounted & unmounted.
- (c) To be affiliated to the British Horse Society and to support & co-operate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses & ponies.
- (d) To investigate the subject of bridleways, rights of way and permissive paths and rights of way with a view to maintaining and more clearly defining those that are in existence on the PROW Definitive map
- (e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse user in the district.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Senior Full Members must be 18 or over on 1 January in the current year and have paid the due subscription for the current period. Senior Full Members may sit on the Committee & vote at AGMs.

Junior Full Members must be under 18 on 1 January in the current year and have paid the due subscription for the current period. The minimum age for Junior Members is 8 yrs. Junior Members cannot sit on the main committee or vote at AGMs.

All Junior Members must be accompanied by a Parent or Guadian when at a Club event

Senior Family Members - Each Family Member must have one FULL MEMBER residing at the same address. There is no restriction on number of Family Members per household but each one must fill in a separate Membership application and have paid the due subscription for the current period. Family Members cannot sit on the main committee or vote at the A.G.M.. Senior Family Members must be 18 or over on 1 January in the current year.

Junior Family Members - Each Family Member must have one FULL MEMBER residing at the same address. There is no restriction on number of Family Members per household but each one must fill in a separate Membership application and have paid the due subscription for the current period. Family Members cannot sit on the main committee or vote at the A.G.M.. Junior Family Members must be under 18 on 1 January in the current year.

All Junior Members must be accompanied by a Parent or Gaudian when at a Club event

Senior Non-Riding Members – Must be 18yrs or over and they may attend any club activity but must be on foot.

Honorary Membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any persons deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club.

NB: No Junior Member may be a voting member of any Riding Club. However, Clubs with a Junior membership may appoint a Junior Committee to discuss matters relevant to the Junior Members. This Committee, through the Chairperson of said Committee, may make recommendations to the adult Committee for their consideration.

4. Anyone desirous of becoming a Member shall go to the Club Website www.favershamridingclub.com and select Membership Page and follow the links provided to **Sport80**, the designated platform for applying for membership of the club with online payment going to the BRC. Anyone not already a member of an affiliated BRC riding club shall have to set up an account with Sport80 at <https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com>
5. The Committee reserves the right to refuse application for membership without having to give a reason for doing so.
6. The annual subscription shall be payable to the BRC every 12 months starting from the date of joining the club. Members will receive a reminder from the BRC by email before the membership expires unless they have set up Auto Renewal with Sport80.
7. Any Member allocated their membership number will be eligible to reduced entry fees to Club events and occasional discounts and special offers open to Members of an Affiliated Riding Clubs.
8. The Committee may expel from Membership of the Club any Member who has disobeyed any of the rules of the Club, or who has in the opinion of the Committee have been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, provided that before expulsion, the said person is given proper opportunity of answering the allegations against them. If necessary, the disciplinary rules printed in the British Riding Clubs' Rule Book will be referred to and used.

ADMINISTRATION

8. The Committee:

- (a) All powers of management shall be vested in the Adult Committee which shall consist of:-
Honorary Chairperson
Honorary Vice-Chairperson
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Plus at least three other Committee Members.
Five shall form a Quorum.
 - (b) At the Annual General Meeting each year, one third of the Members of the Committee shall retire. The Members who retire being those who have been longest in office and as between those who have been in office for the same length of time shall be determined by lot. Retiring Members shall be eligible for re-election.
 - (c) The Honorary Chairperson, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from among their number.
 - (d) The decision of the Committee shall be final unless over-ruled at a General Meeting.
 - (e) The decision of the Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules and for anything relating to the Club not provided therein. The Committee's decision shall be final and binding to the Members.
 - (f) The Committee may formulate by-laws for the detailed running of the Club and elect sub-committees for any special activities of the Club which the Committee may authorise.
 - (g) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst Members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain the office only until the next Annual General Meeting and then shall be eligible for re-election.
9. The financial year shall commence at the beginning of the Club year on the first of January and conclude on the thirty first of December in each year.
 10. The annual subscription shall be forty pounds for Full Membership and Twenty nine pounds for Family and Non-Riding Membership or such other sum as shall from time to time be determined by the Committee.

11. The Committee may appoint annually a President & Vice Presidents. They shall not, by virtue only of such appointment, become Members of the Committee
12. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of February each year to transact the following business:
(NB. The newly appointed officers will be included in the Riding Club's Year Book for the following year.)
 - (a) To receive, & if approved, to adopt a Statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the preceding year.
 - (b) To fill vacancies on the Committee.
 - (c) To appoint an Auditor
 - (d) To deal with any special matter(s) which the Committee may desire to bring before the Members and to receive suggestions from the Members for consideration by the Committee.
15. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to Members not less than fourteen days before the meeting and shall specify matters to be dealt with.
15. A Special General Meeting may be called by the Committee, or by a request signed by not less than five Members specifying the business to be discussed. The Honorary Secretary shall give all Members ten days notice of such a meeting and shall specify in such notice the matters(s) to be dealt with at the said meeting.
16. The accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous year's Annual General Meeting.
17. Notice may be given to any Member by sending it by post or email in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any Member does not have a postal address in the United Kingdom, such Member shall not be entitled to receive any notice. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any Member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.
18. These rules may be added to, repealed or amended by resolution at any Annual General or Special Meeting, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least two thirds of the Members present and voting thereon., and provided that prior notice has been sent out to all the Members stating the proposed amendment.
19. The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property howsoever caused.
20. Members shall be correctly turned out at all Club events. British Horse Society approved headgear conforming to current British Riding Club's current Standards Regulations **MUST** be worn with the chin strap securely fastened at all times, when mounted. The Committee strongly recommends that any other safety / protective clothing approved by The British Horse Society and conforming to the British Standards Regulations also be worn at Club events, i.e. body protectors.
21. **DATA PROTECTION**
Personal information that you supply to us may be used in a number of ways to facilitate your riding club membership. It should be noted that as an affiliated BRC, your personal information will be shared with the BRC in order to fulfill your BRC membership benefits and they may share with associates for the purpose of fulfilling your full membership benefits i.e. insurance providers.

The Club and BRC will contact you from time to time to ensure you receive your membership benefits, to tell you about news, activities and events. This includes sending you a regular magazine, newsletter, email updates, information on other membership benefits, and publishing competition times and results in the public domain. To see our full Privacy Policy, or if you need any further information, please go to our website www.favershamridingclub.com or please email favershamridingclub@gmail.com