

## **THE RULES OF THE BRITISH WOMEN RACING DRIVERS CLUB**

1. **Title:** The name of the club shall be THE BRITISH WOMEN RACING DRIVERS' CLUB (hereinafter called The Club), with sections for active Racing, Hill Climb, Sprint, Kart and Rally competitors, plus licensed Officials, Marshals, Supporters and ex-Competitors (to be known as "Wheelers").

2. **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB:**

- To watch over the interests of Members
- To encourage the promotion of more women in races and other speed events
- To encourage novices and newcomers to the sport
- To require all Members to maintain a high standard of driving
- To arrange social and other meetings
- To afford Members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange

3. **CONSTITUTION:** Full competition membership admission shall be by invitation only, to those holding, or qualified to hold, licences issued by the MSA as follows;

<b>RACING:</b>	A British "National A" or International Race licence.
<b>HILLCLIMB &amp; SPRINT:</b>	A British "National A" or International Speed licence
<b>KART:</b>	A British "National A" or International Kart licence
<b>RALLY:</b>	A British "National A" or International Rally licence

MSA Competition holders of a lower status than above may be admitted as Associate Members of the relevant section.

Invitations to join The Club shall be issued by a majority decision of the Committee and acceptance of membership shall be deemed to be acceptance of these rules or any proper substitution thereof.

The Committee by a majority vote retains the right to withdraw the membership, at any time, of any Club Member who they feel is not acting in the best interest of The Club.

4. **COMMITTEE:** The Club shall be run by a Committee. The Committee shall comprise a minimum of five Club Members and a quorum

5. **OFFICERS:** The Officers of The Club shall be President, Vice President(s), Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Public Relations Officer(s), Editor and Merchandiser. Each section shall have its own Secretary to deal with recruitment, etc. All Officers are automatically members of the Committee with power to take part in proceedings and register votes. The Club Secretary and Treasurer shall act under the control and direction of the Committee. The Club Secretary shall summon and attend meetings, take minutes of the proceedings and keep the documents and correspondence of the Club. The Club Treasurer shall receive all monies due and discharge all debts of The Club and produce a statement of accounts when called upon to do so, in any event at the Annual General Meeting. All cheques drawn against Club funds must be signed for by the Chairman or the Treasurer.

6. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:** Ten days notice shall be given by The Club Secretary of an Annual General Meeting, which shall be held every year. Election of all Officers and Committee shall take place in a proper manner annually at the Annual General Meeting. The rules of the Club may not be altered except at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

7. **BADGES:** Any Club badges issued to members shall remain the property of The Club and must be returned on resignation of membership.

8. **SUBSCRIPTIONS:** Shall become payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of February each year.

9. **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:** Associate Membership is open to women holding an MSA competition licence of lower than National A status. Such Members will be elected by normal Committee procedure. Associate Membership is only valid during the year of joining. After that period (and at the discretion of the Committee), Associate Members will become Full Members of The Club. If, during the first year of joining, an Associate Member upgrades their licence to National A Status, then they may also (at the discretion of the Committee), on payment of the difference between Associate and Full Membership fees, upgrade to Full Membership with immediate effect. In such cases then for the remainder of that year, the Member will be eligible for both Associate and the Full Members trophies and awards, but they will only be deemed to be eligible for the Full Members trophies and awards from the actual date of upgrading their membership.

10. **OTHER SECTIONS:** In addition to the sections catering for actively competing Members, The Club will also have other categories of membership as follows;

- a) **SUPPORTERS:** Members who retire from actively competing or allow their licence to lapse, or with an interest in the sport, may become members of this section. Supporter Members have voting rights on all non-championship matters.
- b) **OFFICIALS:** MSA licenced Officials may become members of this section, and have voting rights on all non-championship matters.
- c) **"WHEELERS":** Women who are no longer actively involved in competitive motorsport and have previously been a Full Member of The Club or are otherwise invited to join this section by majority vote of the Committee
- d) **HONORARY MEMBERS:** May be elected by unanimous vote of the Committee. Initially for a period of three years. After three years they will continue to be an Honorary Member at discretion of the Committee.

11. **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS, AWARDS and TROPHIES:** All members are eligible for all Club Championships, Awards and Trophies, subject to them satisfying the individual rules governing those Championships, Awards and Trophies.