



Lydd International Kart Club

Constitution, Rules and Policies of the Club

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1. Title

The name of the Club shall be the **LYDD INTERNATIONAL KART CLUB** (LIKC) Hereinafter referred to as the Club.

1.1. Affiliations

The Club shall be affiliated to both the National Association for Motor Sport in the UK (ASN), Motor Sports UK and with the Association of British Kart Clubs (ABkC)

2. Objectives of the Club

- (i) To foster the ideals of Diversity and Inclusion with in the sport of Karting in particular and the wider fields of motorsports in general. This covers participation in all disciplines including not only as actual competitors but officials, marshals and supporters
- (ii) To safeguard the well-being and protect from harm all members and competitors participating in events organised by the Club. Details of the Clubs **Safeguarding Policy** may be viewed at: [www.https://lydd-international-kart-club.org.uk](https://lydd-international-kart-club.org.uk)
- (ii) To further interest in Motor Sport, specifically in the field of Kart Racing.
- (iii) To provide its members with information, advice and assistance in matters connected specifically with Kart Racing and with motorsport in general.
- (iv) To observe the local administration of the laws and regulations affecting the sport of Karting in particular and motoring in general, and to report any proposed local action or scheme to Motor Sport UK.
- (v) To promote Kart Racing in particular and other motor competitions in accordance with the Rules of Motor Sport UK including those applying to "Race and Respect". (See also Paragraph 18).

3. Constitution

The club will comprise of Ordinary Members and if applicable any Life Members or Honorary Members that may from time to time be nominated. Ordinary Membership is open to any person irrespective of their Ethnicity, Religion, Sex or Gender, subject to acceptance of their application by the Club

4. Management of the Club

The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club for its management shall be vested in a 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 and or is approved by the Club in a General Meeting.

4.1. Officers of the Club

Shall be the Chairman, The Secretary, The Treasurer and the Competition Secretary. (These post may be combined).

4.2. The Committee

The Committee shall consist of The Officers of the Club plus one elected voting representative member from each of the current kart groups (Bambino; Cadet; Intermediate, Junior and Senior) together with the co-ordinator(s) of any Championship(s). The Officers of the Club may also co-opt onto the committee, any individual that it feels may contribute to the aims of the Club. Any such co-option must be ratified by the full committee at the next committee meeting.

All members of the Committee shall have equal voting rights. However in the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

At least half of the Committee must be present at a meeting to form a quorum

4.3. Election of Committee

The Officers of the Club and the remainder of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Nominations for any post should be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting at which the election takes place. Nominations must be made by a member of the Club and seconded by another member. The nominee must also indicate in writing their willingness to serve on the Committee.

4.4. Meetings

The Club will arrange for an Annual General Meeting to be held generally during January of each year. The Secretary shall advise all current members of the meeting at least 28 days in advance. A draft agenda will be provided with the notification of meeting. Any topic not indicated may be discussed at the written request of any current member, under Any Other Business providing that at least 14 days notice is given to the Secretary

Additionally the Committee will meet as required but at a minimum quarterly. Notification of a Committee meeting will be made by the Secretary at least seven (7) days before each committee meeting.

4.5 Absence From Committee

Any member of the Committee who shall, without any reasonable explanation, absent himself from three consecutive Committee meetings may be called upon to resign his position upon the Committee.

4.6. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary is responsible, either in person or by deputy, for taking minutes of any General or Committee meeting. The proceedings of any meeting may be recorded solely to assist the Secretary in maintaining accurate minutes of the meetings. The minutes of each meeting shall be recorded in a book and presented to the attendees for ratification and signing by the Chairman at the subsequent meeting as appropriate.

5. Finance

5.1. The Financial Year

The financial year for the Club shall be from 1st January to 31st December each year

5.2. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer shall produce an audited statement of the Clubs finances at the Annual General Meeting after the end of the Financial year.

5.3. Banking

All monies of the Club shall be banked by the Treasurer in the name of the Club, and no disbursements shall be made therefrom except in accordance with the for or forms authorised by the Board.

5.4. Annual Membership Fee

Members shall pay an annual fee for membership to the Club. This fee may be reviewed annually and adjusted at any Annual General Meeting of the Club.

6. Membership

Memberships for the Club will be submitted via the clubs online membership portal, all memberships will be automatically provisionally accepted upon receipt of the application fee.

Membership will remain provisional until ratified at the next available meeting of the management committee

Applications for any individual shall be in their correct name and be signed by the said applicant personally. An application by any person aged of 17 years or less, MUST be countersigned by a parent or guardian.

Memberships shall continue only from the time of application until 31st December of that year. Membership will then be subject to renewal annually.

6.1. Membership of any other Club

Membership of another club or organisation, does not entitle them to any affiliated Membership, whether Honorary, social or otherwise, either free or at a reduced rate.

6.2. Non-Payment of Fees

Any member who fails to pay the Membership fee with 12 weeks of the date of application, will be notified by email by the Club Competition Secretary or the Treasurer . If, one month thereafter the Membership fee remains outstanding, unless a satisfactory explanation is given to the Board, will be taken off the Register of Members with immediate effect.

Renewal of membership must be completed by the last day of February in any year. If renewal is later than this date, membership will be cancelled

No member whose Membership is in arrears will be able to compete in any competition organised by the Club or be eligible for any benefits provided by that membership.

6.3 Resignation of Membership

Any paid-up Member wishing to terminate their membership MUST do so in writing to the Club Competitions Secretary on or before the date which the Membership is due to renew for the following Membership period.

Any Member whose membership has lapsed, whether voluntarily or otherwise will cease to benefit from any privileges available to Club members, and shall remain liable for any debts due or outstanding, to the Club.

6.4. Honorary and Social Members.

The Management committee may elect as Honorary Members all Members of the Royal Family, and any persons distinguished for their political, scientific, literary, industrial and administrative capacities, or who have been distinguished in promoting the cause of motoring in general or of the Club in particular.

The Committee may also offer Social Membership to supporters of the Club at a reduced annual subscription. (Amount to be decided). Social Members shall not be permitted to take part in any competitions held under the Rules of Motorsport UK. They will however be eligible to receive any other benefits as may be available to Club members

6.5. Expulsion of Members.

If, in the opinion of the Committee and in the best interests of the Club, it becomes necessary to ask a member to withdraw from the Club, it shall set out in writing giving a clear explanation and reasons for doing so.

If the Member declines, he shall have the opportunity to appeal to the Committee and a meeting of the Committee will be arranged within 6 weeks following the date of the expulsion letter.

Members of the Committee, appointed Officials of the Club and the Member whose expulsion is under consideration, shall be given at least 7 days' notice of such a meeting and shall be offered the opportunity to provide an oral or written explanation of his conduct.

If two thirds of the Members present vote in favour of an expulsion, They shall thereupon cease to be a Member of the Club and the decision will be final.

The Club reserves the right to effect an interim suspension pending the final decision by the Board.

Notwithstanding the above. The owners of any venue where events organised by the Club are being held has the right to expel a member from the venue and ban them from subsequent/future events that may be held at that venue.

7. Annual General Meeting

The annual General Meeting [AGM] shall be held each year at a date and time fixed by the Committee, giving a minimum of 14 days prior notice of the meeting. An agenda for the meeting shall also be issued with the notice. The AGM can be held either in person or online at the discretion of the Board. Where the meeting is held online a recording of the meeting will be placed on record.

The AGM shall:

- (i) Be open to all members to attend
- (ii) Receive from the Treasurer a full statement of accounts duly audited detailing the receipts and expenditure for the previous year.
- (iii) Receive from the Chairman a report of the activities of the Club during the said year.
- (iv) Settle any remunerations for the Officers of the Club
- (v) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted and placed in the Agenda for the meeting.

8. Extraordinary General Meetings

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Officers of the Club, or on a requisition of the secretary stating the business for which the Extraordinary General Meeting is required. A meeting of the Committee will be held within the following 21 days maximum. If a face to face meeting within this time frame cannot be held due to the availability of the Committee an online meeting will be convened.

9. Agenda for General Meetings

When members wish for a matter to be discussed at the AGM, a written request signed by two members should be submitted at least 14 days before the date of such meetings, so that it may be included in the Agenda.

A copy of the Agenda will be sent to each member, at their appointed correspondence email address, five days prior to the meeting, but the fact of any member has not received a copy of the Agenda will not invalidate the proceedings.

No business that is not on the Agenda shall be discussed unless every member present is in favour of the addition of any other business.

10. Voting

Every Person with a right to be present may exercise one vote. The Chair Person shall not vote except in the exercise of the casting vote. At all General Meetings, except as provided in Rule 12, a majority of votes decides the resolution.

10.1. Right to be Present

No-one can take part in any meeting unless they are a fully paid up member or have been duly elected and registered as a member of the Committee of the Club.

11. Observance and Interpretation of Rules.

Every Member binds himself 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 decision of the Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules.

12. Alteration of the Rules

Any alterations may be made in these rules by a General Meeting provided

- (i) that details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the notice of the General Meeting.
- (ii) that the resolution proposing such alteration is carried out by two thirds of those present with the right to vote.

13. Events

All motorsports competitions organised by the Club shall be held under the rules and requirements of Motorsport UK.

14. Rules and Regulations

Copies of the Club and Sporting Rules and Regulations will be available on the Club website [www.https://lydd-international-kart-club.org.uk](https://lydd-international-kart-club.org.uk)

15. Safeguarding Policy

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16. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

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17 Social Media Policy

Lydd International Kart Club (LIKC) encourages the use of social media to promote drivers and their achievements. However, the Club takes a very serious view on those who wish to use any social media platform to dishearten, tarnish, bully or discriminate against other users, whether they are other racers, mechanics, family/friends, officials, or championship organisers. The LIKC has therefore published its own social media policy which is available on the Clubs Website at: www.https://lydd-international-kart-club.org.uk

Additionally the see the social media policy of MSUK which also applies to activities of the LIKC. This policy can be viewed at:

<https://www.motorsportuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2021-03-17-Motorsport-UK-Social-Media-Policy.pdf>

18. Code of Contact

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

- (i) conduct themselves in a proper manner at all times, in the best interests of UK motor sport
- (ii) respect the decision of event officials
- (iii) treat all competitors, marshals and officials equally with respect
- (iv) maintain the highest standards of driving behaviour
- (v) 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.
- (vi) refrain from the use of foul or abusive language and the use of threatening behaviour

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

19. Dissolution of the Club

The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee, or on the requisition of the majority of the Members. If the resolution of dissolution be duly 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 at the discretion of the Committee.