

# Limpsfield Riding Club

## Rules

### 1. Title:

The Club shall be known as 'Limpsfield Riding Club'

### 2. Objectives:

The objectives of the Club shall be:

- a) To encourage riding as a sport and recreation; to promote good fellowship amongst riders, to improve and maintain the standard of riding and horsemanship
- b) To organise instructional meetings, lectures and competitive events and other activities deemed to further the objectives
- c) To be affiliated to The British Horse Society, to support and cooperate with recognised organisations interested in the breeding and use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
- d) To investigate the subject of bridle tracks and rights of way; with a view to opening those that have been closed, in addition to maintaining and clearly defining those that are in existence.
- e) To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse user in the district.

### 3. Membership

- a) This shall consist of persons who have attained the age of 17 years and having been elected by the Committee, have paid the due subscription for the current period. Persons aged between 12 and 16 years of age may be elected to join the Junior Section. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Committee upon any person deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the Club.
- b) The Committee may, at their discretion, have the right to refuse membership to an applicant without disclosure of cause.
- c) The annual subscription shall be payable on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Any member whose subscription is more than 2 months in arrears shall have his/her name removed from the Membership List. Any member joining the Club on or after 1<sup>st</sup> October shall be deemed to have paid their subscription for the following year.
- d) All persons serving on the Committee, whether they be elected or co-opted, shall receive free membership of the Club for the period in which they serve.
- e) The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has disobeyed any of the rules of the Club or who, in the opinion of the Committee, has been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club. This is provided that before expelling him/her the Committee shall call upon him/her for an explanation of his/her conduct and shall hear what he/she may wish to say in his/her defence.

### 4. Administration:

- a) All powers of management shall be vested in a Committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer and seven other Committee members. Three shall form a quorum.
- b) Committee members shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a term of three years. Retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

- c) The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, 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 Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Club not provided therein; their decision shall be final and binding on the members.
- f) The Committee may formulate bye-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 office only until the next following Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.
- h) The Committee may co-opt member(s) if it is felt that it would be in the interest of the Club to increase the number of Committee members. Any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next following Annual General Meeting.
- i) The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> October each year.
- j) Membership subscriptions and entry fees to competitions, shows, clinics, etc. shall be decided upon by the Committee and notified to members in a timely fashion.
- k) The Committee may add, repeal or amend the Club Rules as it shall see fit for the benefit of the Club. Any change(s) shall be notified to the members within twenty-eight days of implementation. However, Clause 7 hereof relating to the Dissolution of the Club may not under any circumstance be repealed or amended for whatsoever reason.

## **5. Club Meetings:**

- a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of October each year to transact the following businesses
  - (i) To receive and, if approved, adopt a Statement of the Club's Accounts to the end of the previous August which shall have been audited by the person appointed at the previous annual general meeting
  - (ii) To fill vacancies on the Committee. Nominations for membership of the Club Committee must be in the Honorary Secretary's possession 14 days before and General Meeting; they must be signed by the proposer and seconder, in addition to the candidate as proof of willingness to stand
  - (iii) To appoint an auditor
  - (iv) To deal with any special matter which the Committee may desire to bring before the members and receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 14 days before the Meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
- b) A special General Meeting may be called by the Committee or by a request signed by not less than 5 members specifying the business to be discussed. The Secretary shall give members' 10 days notice of the date of such a meeting. In this notice matters to be dealt with at the meeting will be advised.
- c) Notice may be given to any member by sending it by post to him/her at his/her address in the United Kingdom registered in the records of the Club. If any member has no 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 the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.

## **6. Responsibilities**

- a) Members shall be suitably turned out at all club events but, with the exclusion of Championship shows, it shall not be a requirement that riders wear 'formal' attire, i.e. cream jodphurs, hacking jacket and stock or tie, for dressage competitions]. Hard hats and jodphur or riding boots must be worn at all times when mounted.
- b) It shall be the responsibility of Members to ensure that their own horses or mounts are suitably insured and vaccinated when participating at Club events.
- c) The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident, injury or trauma to any person or property, howsoever caused.

## **7. Dissolution of the Club**

In the event of the Club being dissolved the property shall be auctioned and the proceeds plus any other funds shall be donated to equine charities.