

SUFFOLK RIDING CLUB
(Affiliated to the British Horse Society)
www.suffolkridingclub.onesuffolk.net

Chairman:

Secretary:

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

1. The Club will be called the “Suffolk Riding Club”.

2. **OBJECTS.**

- 2a. The club is formed for the purpose of improving knowledge of all equestrian subjects.
- 2b. To organise instructional meetings/rallies, lectures, competitive events and other activities.
- 2c. To be affiliated to the B.H.S. and to support and cooperate with recognised organisations interested in the use of all breeds and types of horses and ponies.
- 2d. To concern itself with any object which will benefit the horse and horse-user in the district.

MEMBERSHIP.

- 3a. This shall consist of persons up to the age of 17 years who will be Junior members and 18 years and over who will be Senior members, upon payment of the current membership fee. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Club Officials upon any persons deemed by them to have rendered notable service to the club.
- 3b. Club members under 17 years must be accompanied by an adult.
- 3c. Anyone wishing to become a member shall join via British Riding Clubs/Sport 80 via <https://britishridingclubs.sport80.com/>
Any member whose subscription is more than one month in arrears shall have his or her name removed from the membership list after written notice to that effect has been sent.
- 3d. The annual subscription shall be agreed by the committee each year prior to the AGM. (2024 @ £30.00)
- 3e. Members are eligible to compete in club activities as a team member at the discretion of a selection committee.
- 3f. The Officials may expel from membership of the Club any member who has wilfully disobeyed any rules of the Club, or has, in the opinion of the Officials, been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character, or prejudicial to the interest of the Club, provided that before expulsion the Officials shall call for an explanation of such conduct and shall hear what he/she may wish to say in their defence.

4. **ADMINISTRATION.**

- 4a. The Committee - All powers of management shall be vested in a committee consisting of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and three other Committee Members, five of which shall form a quorum.
- 4b. At the Annual General Meeting each year, 1/3 of the Committee will retire, the members to retire being those who have been longest in office. Those who have been in office for the same length of time to retire shall be determined by lot. Retiring members will be eligible for re-election.
- 4c. The Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Honorary Secretary shall be elected annually by the Committee from their number.
- 4d. The decision of the Committee shall be final, unless over-ruled at a General Meeting
- 4e. 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 to the members.
- 4f. 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.
- 4g. The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising between members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

5. The Financial year of the Club will commence on the 1st January each year.

6. The Committee may appoint a President and Vice President.
These shall not by virtue only of such appointments become members of the Committee.

7. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of February each year to transact the following business.

- 7a. To receive and, if approved, to adopt the statement of the Clubs accounts to the end of the proceeding year.
- 7b. To fill vacancies on the Committee.
- 7c. To appoint an Auditor.
- 7d. To deal with any special matters which the Committee may desire to bring before the members.
To receive suggestions from the members for consideration by the Committee. Notice convening the Annual General Meeting shall be sent to the members not less than 28 days before the meeting and shall specify the matters to be dealt with.
8. 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 Secretary shall give all members 10 days' notice of the date of such a meeting and shall specify any such matters to be dealt with at such a meeting.
9. The accounts of the Club shall be audited each year by the person appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting.
10. Notice may be given to members by sending it by email address or if an email address is unavailable, post to their address in the United Kingdom registered in the Club records. 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, or non-receipt of, a notice of a meeting by, any member shall not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.
11. These rules may be added to, repealed, or amended by resolution at any Annual or Special General Meeting, provided that any such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of at least 2/3 of the members present and voting thereon, and provided that prior notice has been sent to all members stating the proposed amendment.
12. The Club, Committee or persons acting on their behalf shall not be held responsible for any accident or injury to any person or property however caused.
13. In the event of the club disbanding, as determined by an inability at the AGM to elect a quorum for a committee, any funds remaining shall be donated to the following charities: The East Anglian Air Ambulance: Charity Number 1083876 (or its successor) and a Horse Rescue charity to be decided at that time.