

Wrekinsport Cycling Club – Rules

The Club

1. The club shall be called Wrekinsport Cycling Club
2. The club shall be affiliated to British Cycling (BC), Cycling Time Trials (CTT), British Triathlon Association (BTA), South Staffordshire and Shropshire Cycling Clubs Road Racing League (SSSCRRL), Shropshire Cycling Clubs Association and any other body as agreed at the club AGM.
3. Elected officials shall be:- Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Racing Secretary.
4. The aim of the club shall be to encourage and promote Road Racing, Time Trials, Audax and touring as well as participation in cycling activities in general.
5. Club colours shall be Red and Fluorescent Yellow and Black
6. The club shall bank with Santander and the Halifax Building Society
7. The committee shall meet at least every 2 months.
8. Any committee member who is absent from two consecutive meetings without reasonable cause may be removed from office.
9. All fees payable in advance for club activities should be paid for from club funds, and not by the individual member making the booking on behalf of the club.

Membership

10. Types of membership shall be:- Full, Second Claim and Family (2 adults and any children)
11. Membership fees shall be determined annually at the AGM
12. Second claim members shall pay the same fees as full members but they are not entitled to vote, and although they can ride in all club events they shall not be eligible to win club prizes
13. Wrekinsport CC Membership fees must be paid prior to a member entering a competitive race in the name of the Club. Where Wrekinsport CC becomes aware that an individual is racing in the name of the club without having paid their membership fees, this will be reported to the event governing body.
14. Club membership fees are due for all members on 1st January annually. Memberships not renewed by 31st January will be considered to have lapsed and access to member benefits, facilities and services will be withdrawn at this point.
15. New members who join after 31st August in a year will automatically qualify for membership for the whole of the following year.

Member's Conduct

16. The Wrekinsport Committee reserve the right to immediately terminate, (without notice or compensation) the membership of an individual whose behaviour is deemed by the Committee to be unacceptable. Examples of unacceptable behaviour include (but are not limited to):
 - Bullying
 - Harassment
 - Abusive behaviour
17. Wrekinsport members will treat all other members with respect and courtesy.

18. While riding with Wrekinsport CC and/or in Wrekinsport CC colours, members are representing the club and will extend their respect and courtesy to other riders, road users and the public.

Wrekinsport 2018 Rules – Change Rationale

The club rules have been split in to three sections to make it easier for members to follow and identify relevant rules. The three sections relate to the running of the club “The Club”, how the club processes memberships “Membership” and how the club expects all members to behave “Member’s Conduct”.

Rule 1 – No change.

Rule 2 – This rule has been simplified. The “must have” affiliations are given, but others are left to the discretion of the membership to agree at the AGM. This potentially allows the membership to propose additional affiliations that they feel would benefit them and in turn allows the club to deliver better value for a wider range of potential members.

Rule 3 – No change to the make-up of elected officers to the club.

Rule 4 – Rule amended. As per previous rule but also states that the club will encourage and promote participation in cycling activities in general as well as the previously specified competitive events. This reflects the changing nature of the club in recent years as well as that of cycling of a whole.

Rule 5 - No change to the club colours.

Rule 6 – No change to club banking arrangements.

Rule 7 – No change to club committee meeting arrangements.

Rule 8 – No change for the process for addressing “non-attending” committee members.

Rule 9 – No change to the means by which the club will pay for goods or services.

Rule 10 – No change to the types of membership.

Rule 11 – No change to how membership fees are determined.

Rule 12 – No change to the differentiation in rights between first and second claim members.

Rule 13 – This rule has been amended. Wrekinsport CC will check periodically throughout a year that riders who have declared that they are part of Wrekinsport CC have paid their membership fees. There have been isolated instances in the past of individuals declaring they are a Wrekinsport member when racing, but who have not joined the club. Should the club identify that such practice is taking place, the individual will - in future - be reported to the appropriate body. This additional control is to ensure that people do not pass themselves off as being a member of the club without actually paying their membership fees.

Rule 14 – This rule has changed to simplify the process by which memberships are renewed. Doing so makes it easier for the club to manage the transition from one membership year to the next by keeping all the changes to social media and membership systems at the time of year when the club is quietest in terms of membership activity. As of now, all memberships will become due for renewal on the 1st January each year. The previous 3-month grace period is now reduced to one month. Any member who has not renewed by 31st January will be deemed to have lapsed.

Rule 15 – No change to the concession that members joining after 31/08 shall automatically qualify for membership of the club during the following year.

Rule 16 – This rule has been expanded to make it explicitly clear that the club will not tolerate bullying, harassment or abusive behaviour.

Rule 17 – This is a new rule requiring members to treat each other with respect and courtesy.

Rule 18 – This is a new rule which makes it clear to members that whilst riding in Wrekinsport Kit or on Wrekinsport club rides they are representing the club and as such they must ensure that they treat all other riders, road users and the public.