



DEAL & DISTRICT MOTOR CYCLE CLUB



CONSTITUTION CLUB RULES

Aims and Objectives of the Club

The Deal and District Motor Cycle Club (DDMCC), reformed in 1999, has for its aims the encouragement and protection of motorcycle interests in the district.

The club endeavours to meet the requirements of all members, irrespective of the make, size or type of motorcycle they own. It will organise club outings, discounts (where available) on associated products, lectures, charity rides and fund-raising events for local charities, throughout the year.

OFFICERS/COMMITTEE

DDMCC Officers and Committee comprise the following posts

Officers:

President
Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary
Treasurer

Committee:

Membership Secretary
Web Site Administrator
Magazine Editor
Events/Ride out
Fund Raising
Regalia

Rules

1. That the Club be called the "Deal and District Motor Cycle Club" (DDMCC), and be affiliated to the British Motorcycle Federation.
2. The Club shall consist of persons who are considered eligible under Club Rules.

Officers

3. The management of the Club shall be invested in the Committee (who shall be ex-officio members of all Committees). The Committee may resolve themselves into Sub-Committees as may be necessary.



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4. The officers of the club shall be: President, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.
5. The Committee shall comprise as many members¹ as is deemed necessary to maintain and fulfil the needs of the Club and the Club membership.
6. The Committee shall at the Annual General Meeting present a Report and Balance Sheet, which latter shall be duly certified by two auditors elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Committee

7. The Committee shall have power to fill up any vacancies that may occur between Annual General Meetings.
8. Any member of the Committee failing to attend THREE consecutive meetings will be deemed to have resigned unless some reasonable explanation is given in writing.
9. A quorum of five members is necessary for the purpose of Committee Meetings.

Membership

10. Any person wishing to join the Club will complete the membership application form and hand it, together with a subscription, to the Membership Secretary. The Committee shall have power to accept or reject such applications without reason being given.
11. All applications for membership will receive a receipt for their subscription, and as soon as possible, if elected, Rules of the Club will be forwarded. If rejected, the subscription will be returned intact.
12. As proof of membership, all members will receive a Membership Card, a copy of the Club Rules relating to the current year plus any supplemental information relating to Club Events for the current year.
13. The annual subscription shall be a sum as should be fixed at the Annual General Meeting, payable on application for membership and on or before the end of the appointed club financial year. The Club year is to be from 1st September to 31st August of the following year. This subscription does not include any club badges, insignia or clothing which may be purchased at club meetings and at prices as fixed by the current committee. The club logo may only be displayed on vehicles by fully paid-up members. Any person ceasing to be a member of the DDMCC for any reason whatsoever shall not be eligible to display the club emblem or insignia.
14. Club sporting events (as defined whereby the prize, if any, is a club trophy or other prize) will be open only to fully subscribed members or, in cases of family membership, the member's family as named upon the member's application for membership.



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15. Every member duly elected binds themselves to abide by the Rules of the Club, and also by any modification thereof, made in conformity with such Rules.
16. In the event of a grave breach by a member of the Rules of the Club, or of conduct on the part of a member rendering it desirable that the member should cease to be a member, a meeting of the current Committee shall be convened, at which such member shall be invited to attend, to inquire whether a cause for expulsion has arisen or not. In the event of any member being, in the opinion of the Committee, guilty of reckless driving or misbehaviour under circumstances involving conduct which the Committee may consider unsportsmanlike, or prejudicial to the interests of motor-cycling, the member shall be called before the Committee and, failing a satisfactory explanation, the member may be cautioned or suspended, or required to resign their membership. No member shall be expelled or suspended except by a resolution supported by at least two-thirds of the members of the Committee present at the meeting of the Committee.

Meetings

17. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held in August each year. At which all members are entitled to be present and shall receive due notice of the date and time of the meeting.
18. Notice should be given in writing to the Secretary of any proposal to be discussed at the AGM, at least FOURTEEN DAYS before such a meeting. A meeting agenda will be provided to attendees of the AGM prior to commencement of the meeting.
19. A Special General Meeting can be called by the Committee at any time or upon requisition from at least TEN members, giving at least TWENTY-ONE days notice to the Secretary.
20. Committee meetings may be 'Open' or 'Closed' to club members as determined by the current Committee. Members may be permitted to attend Committee meetings provided they remain silent and do not interfere with the normal business of the meeting as determined within each meetings agenda. During 'Open' meetings, at the discretion of the Chairperson, questions from attendees will be invited as 'Any Other Business' (AOB) items within the meetings agenda. All meetings will be fully documented and the arising minutes held on record. Minutes will be published to the committee as soon as is practicable after each meetings closure and in all cases, before the next scheduled Committee meeting. The Chairperson's address to club members on club nights is implicit in keeping the membership advised of events relating to the running of the Club. Written communication e.g. Newsletters etc., will be reviewed by the Committee prior to publication.

Finance

21. The funds to be banked in the name of the "Deal and District Motor Cycle Club". Signatories to club cheques shall be any two of the following officers: President, Secretary or Treasurer in order to meet current expenses as authorised by the committee.
22. All accounts over £20 (Twenty pounds) are to be approved for payment by the Committee. **In extenuating circumstances only**, the Officers of the club may jointly approve payment not exceeding the sum of £150.00 in any one calendar month. Ordinary members of the



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committee must be informed of the rationale for taking this action as soon as is practicable in all cases.

Competitions

23. All events will be run under the general competition rules of the relevant governing body, together with such supplementary rules as decided by the Committee of the DDMCC.
24. The result of each and every competition shall be counter-checked by two members of the Committee who have not participated in such events as competitors. Until this has been done, no results will be issued.

Riding Rules

25. Club runs shall start from designated places and will start punctually at the time notified.
26. Club runs will be led by a designated member or committee member who will regulate the pace. Any member wishing to proceed at their own pace (either faster or slower) should inform the person leading the run. Before starting the run these members should make prior arrangements regarding place and times that participants will meet, thus ensuring that all participating are accounted for at regular intervals. In the event of any member not appearing within a specified time at the meeting place, all members will wait together until the missing person has been located by the leader of the run.
27. Participants shall at all times conduct themselves in a safe and proper manner on such runs/ride-outs. Participants will adhere to current road traffic legislation with compliance to the Highway Code. A safe distance should be kept whilst travelling in a group. **Neither the Club (DDMCC) nor any of its elected officers shall be liable for any accidents or legal penalties incurred by participants whilst involved with runs. Non-Member participants are deemed by the club (DDMCC) to agree to be bound by the aforementioned Riding Rules. It is the duty of each participant to ensure that their vehicle is roadworthy, legal and that they are in possession of any necessary insurance.**

General

28. **All members, having signed the application for membership, endorse their acceptance of these rules, claiming ignorance of them will NOT be accepted as an excuse for any breach thereof.**
29. The committee may decide any question on the meaning of these Rules and may do whatsoever they deem necessary for the well-being of the Club providing it is not inconsistent with these Rules. The decision of the Committee shall be final in all matters.

Addendum:

1. The term 'Member' used throughout this document shall include, in the case of family membership, the named family members according to the submitted application for membership.