DROMARA CYCLING CLUB

Constitution (version 17-04-2019)

1 Club Name

The Club is called Dromara Cycling Club, referred to hereafter as 'The Club' and is affiliated to Cycling Ireland, the recognised Governing Body for the Island of Ireland by the World Governing Body for Cycling, the Union Cycliste International (UCI).

2 Objectives and Policies

- 2.1. The objectives of the Club shall be to organise and promote cycling orientated activities, without discrimination. It shall be Club policy to offer opportunities to participate in cycling to all sections of the community. The Club shall adhere to the Equity Policy of Cycling Ulster/Cycling Ireland in promoting the sport of cycling to all sections of the community regardless of age, gender, religion, ability, ethnicity or sexual preference.
- 2.2. To operate a Safeguarding Young People and Vulnerable Adults Policy that conforms to the requirements of Cycling Ulster, Cycling Ireland and other relevant agencies.
- The Club understands it has a duty of care to safeguard all young people involved in the Club from harm. All children have a right to protection, and the needs of disabled children and others who may be particularly vulnerable must be taken into account. The Club will ensure the safety and protection of all children involved in the Club through adherence to the Cycling Ireland Code of Practice for Young and Vulnerable Cyclists guidelines adopted by the Club.
- 2.3. To promote drug free participation in cycling in accordance with the requirements of Cycling Ireland, the UCI and the World Anti-Doping Agency.
- 2.4. To adhere to all relevant policies adopted by Cycling Ulster and Cycling Ireland, the National Governing Body.

3 Officers

The Office Bearers of the Club shall be the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Safeguarding Officer.

4 Committee

- 4.1 The Club management committee shall consist of the above named Office Bearers. Additional members, up to a maximum of seven, shall be elected from the body of the Club. Committee members must be paid up cycling members of the Club and of Cycling Ireland.
- 4.2 Each committee member shall have one vote with a casting vote being carried by the Chair.
- 4.3 The committee shall be responsible for the running of the Club.
- 4.4 The committee shall appoint sub-committees and co-opt members on to the committee as deemed necessary.

<u> 5 AGM</u>

- 5.1. The committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). At least one month's notice must be given of this meeting.
- 5.2. Notices of motion regarding changes to the constitution must also be given 21 days prior to this meeting. Members should be advised seven days prior to the meeting of the notices of motion.
- 5.3. The meeting shall be called for in October or November.
- 5.4. All paid-up members, clear of Club suspension, shall be entitled to attend and vote. Voting shall be by show of hands or, on request, by secret ballot.
- 5.5. The election of officers shall be by simple majority. Two-thirds majority of those voting are required to change any constitutional rule.

6 General and Special Meetings

- 6.1. The Club committee may call General Meetings at any time. At least two weeks' notice of such meetings must be given. A General Meeting shall be open to all Club members and shall merely be a forum to discuss important issues and allow an exchange of views.
- 6.2. The committee may call for a Special Meeting (Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)). So too may any paid-up Club member on submission of a written request to the secretary, giving a minimum 14 days' notice. The Club member's written submission must also contain the signatures of 10 fully paid-up members and the reason for the meeting. The committee shall decide on the most appropriate way of gathering votes on any particular issue. This may include a show of hands or secret ballot at a meeting or postal ballot. The committee will also decide on the majority required.
- 6.3. In cases where expenditure of more than £2,000 is planned, a General Meeting of the Club must be called. Two-thirds of those voting at the meeting are required to grant permission for the expenditure.

7 Annual subscription / Membership

- 7.1. Club subscriptions shall be fixed annually by the committee. The period of annual membership shall run from January $\mathbf{1}^{st}$ to December $\mathbf{31}^{st}$. New members who pay a Club subscription after an AGM will be offered membership for the remainder of that calendar year and the whole of the following year.
- 7.2. The Club shall have categories of membership in line with Cycling Ireland's Membership Categories:

Full Members

They must have a recognised membership or licence issued by Cycling Ireland which provides the member with, as a minimum requirement, Third Party Liability insurance. Such members will have full Club voting and membership rights. They must also pay any annual Club subscription.

Associate Members

They would have cycling insurance with another supplier e.g. CyclingUK or be full members of other Clubs but want to be counted in the points as part of the Club league.

7.3. The committee reserves the right to veto an application of membership.

8 Discipline

All complaints will be investigated and dealt with by the committee of the club. The Club committee shall have the right to suspend members for misconduct or breach of Club, Cycling Ireland or UCI rules.

9 Racing

- 9.1. The Club shall promote cycling events for all its members. The committee will produce a calendar of events for each year. The calendar will be made available using all accessible media.
- 9.2. Competitive events will be organised and run under the rules of the governing body.
- 9.3. Any amendments to competition rules will be made available in a supplementary document for the relevant event.
- 9.4. Anyone representing the club in competition must be a member of the club or else invited as a guest if the club cannot field a squad for a particular event.
- 9.5. Trophy winners shall, upon receipt of same, be made responsible for them for the period in which they are to be held.

Declaration: Updated Constitution adopted at a meeting held at:

Location	Dromara Village	Centre
Date	17 April 2019	

As a Club Official I agree to abide by and enforce the rules of the Club Constitution and office which I hold.

Name	Signature	
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NEIL ARMSTRONG		
BRIAN WILSON	By- W.	
Daron Mclan	Som	
GRAHAM BECKETT.	Grelan Beeket	
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