

LEEWOOD MOTOR CLUB
CONSTITUTION

HONARARY MEMBERS:

Ian Gilbertson – President

Albert Slater

Peter Towers

Gordon Hanson – Deceased

Vinny Gibbons

Bryan Leyland

Karen Ashurst

Mike Day

TRUSTEES:

Terry Harrison – Life Member

Rod Hartley – Life Member

Keith Dingley – Life Member

APPLICABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

ISSUED JANUARY 2018

LEEWOOD AUTOGRASS CONSTITUTION

AIMS AND PRINCIPLES

1. It is the aim of the club to provide, for its members, a cheap and enjoyable form of motorsport and it is the responsibility of all members to assist in activities to further this cause.
2. The club is also anxious to promote the goodwill and patronage of the public and every effort made to ensure the success and popularity of Autograss racing.
3. The club shall be non-profit making and a donation will be made to charity should funds be available at year end.
4. The club, or any of its members, will, so far as it is legally possible, hold no responsibility for any loss of life or any damage or injuries to persons or vehicles competing in or spectating at any club event.
5. All property of the club shall be vested in three trustees. In the event of death, resignation or any incapability to act of any trustee, a new trustee shall be appointed in his stead at the next annual general meeting. The trustees may not be committee members.

SUBSCRIPTION AND MEMBERSHIP

6. Membership subscriptions, as determined by the committee, will be announced on or before the first signing on meeting. Subscriptions are payable to the treasurer followed by signing on by the membership secretary.
7. Subscriptions must be paid in full prior to competing in any club events or under the name of the club and at any inter-club events.
8. All junior members must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
9. A club trustee will be an honorary member of the club.
10. The elected governing committee reserves the right to accept or restrict membership.
11. All racing memberships must include the driver's indemnity insurance which is payable to N.A.S.A.
12. A social membership will be allocated a number from 1000 upwards. A racing member will be allowed to hold a number on a social membership for one season only after which the number will be forfeited unless a full membership is purchased.
13. All racing numbers will be reserved for the member to sign on during the January and February meetings. Thereafter all numbers will become available at the February meeting from 10.30pm.
14. Loss of licence will incur a £5.00 charge to cover administration costs.
15. All members will receive a copy of the constitution upon taking out a membership.
16. All annual trophies remain the property of the club and are on loan to the members.
17. All trophies must be returned to the club at the monthly meeting prior to the dinner dance, or sooner if requested by the club.

FORMATION OF THE GOVERNING COMMITTEE

18. The club shall be managed by the governing committee comprising of: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Safety Officer, Chief Marshall, Track Maintenance Officer, Chief Scrutineer, Vehicle Maintenance Officer, Pits Control, Public Relations Officer, Social Secretary and Membership Secretary. Each position to hold one vote with exception of the Chairman who shall hold a casting vote only.
19. Racing and other additional committees may be formed to the requirements of the club.
20. The committee posts shall be elected at each annual general meeting. In the event of resignations or proposals for change the post shall be elected at the next general meeting.
21. Anyone wishing to stand for a position on the committee must be present at the annual general meeting or inform the committee by letter 14 days prior to the annual general meeting.
22. Absence from three consecutive committee meetings without reasonable excuse will make the offending member liable for instant dismissal from the committee.

CLUB RULES AND AMMENDMENTS

23. Any member may reserve the right to appeal to the elected committee against any decision made binding on any member.
24. The decision may then be brought up at the next general meeting at the discretion of the committee.
25. Whenever possible, all members must help-out at work parties and non-race day activities; the dates and times of which will be notified by the committee.
26. All members must help-out on race days when required and asked to do so.

MEETING OF CLUB MEMBERS

27. The annual general meeting will be held on the first Monday in December of each year. Notice of this meeting will be given on the first Monday in November at the club meeting and the secretary shall also give written notice to all members by email, text or letter. Monday monthly meetings will be called by the committee when issues dictate one is required. A social or informal meeting will be held on the first Monday in the month, excluding bank holidays and meetings after national championships, at a venue to be decided by the committee.
28. An auditor will be appointed to examine the accounts for the current year and report thereon at the next general meeting.

VOTING AND PROCEDURES

29. The chairman of the club shall preside over all the general meetings (if possible).

- 30. A motion must be proposed and seconded before a vote can be taken.
- 31. A majority of members present will be needed to carry out a motion.
- 32. A vote can be taken by a show of hands or by ballot of members present.
- 33. The chairman will have a casting vote only.
- 34. A general quorum will consist of 10% of membership.
- 35. A majority of members present will be needed to carry out a vote.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

- 36. The committee may call an extraordinary meeting of the members at any time, the club secretary giving seven days' notice by post or at a general meeting, specifying the object of the meeting to which the discussion will be confined. The decision of the majority of such a meeting shall be final, providing that the meeting shall be allowed to be adjourned if the majority of the members so desire.
- 37. The club secretary shall also call an extraordinary general meeting of the members subject to written request of 40% of the membership not being committee members.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 38. Committee meetings shall be held during the week prior to the Monday monthly meeting, unless notified otherwise.
- 39. Minutes shall be kept by the club secretary in a minutes' book and a copy of these minutes must be available on request.

DISSOLUTION

- 40. In the event of a need to dissolve the club, all remaining members must be notified by post at least 14 days in advance of the proposed final meeting.
- 41. A majority of three quarters present must be obtained to put into effect the proposed dissolution of the club.
- 42. If a motion to dissolve the club is carried all funds and properties of the club will revert back to the trustees for disposal. The trustees, on obtaining the best price possible for any properties and after paying any outstanding debts, will donate the remaining club funds to charity or charities of the members' choosing.
- 43. If the treasurer considers the club to be in a serious financial position, and immediate emergency committee meeting will be called. A unanimous decision by the committee can affect an immediate dissolution of the club. This action will only be taken to save the club from further financial involvement.

ALLOCATION OF ALL EXCESS FUNDS

44. Allocation to registered charities will be decided at a committee meeting as close as possible to the end of the racing season.
45. The committee will decide upon the recipient charities but will consider any proposals by general members.

DISCIPLINE

46. All disciplinaries will be carried out to N.A.S.A. guidelines.
47. If a member is banned from the club by a committee decision any subscription paid is non-returnable.
48. Any member under suspension or ban cannot hold a committee position. The suspended committee member's position cannot be re-elected whilst the committee member is under suspension.
49. The committee shall have power in its absolute discretion (having carefully considered all aspects of the matter) to expel or discipline any member from the club for what they consider to be misconduct or conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the club and their decision will be binding to that member. Any member expelled shall have the right to reapply for membership at the first signing-on meeting next season. However, rule 10 will then apply.
50. The constitution can only be changed at the annual general meeting or an extraordinary general meeting.
51. Only club members are allowed to attend the annual general meeting, admittance will only be allowed if they are registered in the club membership book, with exception to honorary members and trustees of the club.
52. If a car is trailered it will only be from that class i.e. if a class 1 car man is trailered, the car can still be used in ladies and juniors providing it has not been trailered for any scrutineering fault or illegality.
53. All meetings to be run to the official N.A.S.A. rule book and all rules contained therein.

GENERAL RACE RULES

54. The men's champion of champions race will consist of the first placed car only, or it will be offered to the second placed driver if the first placed driver didn't want to take part, from each class, 1-10, F600, in the final points standing. Only the qualifying driver will be allowed to race, i.e. The person who won their championship. The resulting champion may use the prefix LM1 for the next season. The current champion is entitled to defend the champion of champions title so long as they hold a current Leewood full racing licence.
55. The ladies' champion of champions race will consist of the first placed car only, or it will be offered to the second placed driver if the first placed driver didn't want to take part, from each

class, 1-10, F600, in the final points standing. Only the qualifying driver will be allowed to race, i.e. The person who won their championship. The resulting champion may use the prefix LM2 for the next season. The current champion is entitled to defend the champion of champions title so long as they hold a current Leewood full racing licence.

56. Qualifying drivers of the champion of champions race may substitute alternative cars of the same class on the day, should their car not be available.
57. Whilst racing LM1 and LM2, the drivers' old numbers will be retained for that year.
58. Any appeal against a disciplinary action taken by the committee must be lodged in writing to be received by the committee within seven days of the time which the club member has been notified.
59. All meetings run at Leewood, within the championship season, will be points meetings with any extra dates added within the period being points meetings at the discretion of the Committee. The date of the Champ of Champs meeting will be notified before the racing season starts, and if the Champ of Champs races cannot be run on the notified date, then they will be run at the next available meeting – whether this be in the same season or the following season.
60. Trophy points will be allocated to the first two heats only at all points meetings.
61. Annual trophy points will be calculated after deduction of the lowest points meeting of those run within the season. A non-attendance at a points meeting maybe taken as a dropped score, however a disqualification from a points meeting may not be taken as a dropped score. If four or fewer meetings are run then all points will count.
62. All members must race in their own class for 50% of the Leewood point meetings and appear on lap scoring sheets to qualify for an annual trophy at the end of the season. Men must race with the same race number in the same class.
63. All Leewood drivers will be awarded points for the position they finished in the heat, this includes away drivers (so if there are two away drivers in front of you at the finish you will be awarded 3rd place points.)