



1. **TITLE.** The name of the Club shall be the “Classic Sports Car Club” (“The Club”).

2. **OBJECTS.**

- a) To further interest in motoring and motor sport.
- b) To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with motoring and motor sport.
- c) To watch the local administration of the laws and regulations affecting motoring and motor vehicles, and to report any proposed local action or scheme to Motorsport UK.
- d) To promote and arrange motor competitions in accordance with the Rules of Motorsport UK.
- e) To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.

3. **CONSTITUTION.** Ladies and Gentlemen of not less than 16 years of age shall be eligible for membership. The membership shall consist of (a) Ordinary Members (b) Honorary Members (c) Life Members.

4. **MANAGEMENT.** The business of the Club shall be managed by the Council of Management (“The Council”) of Classic Sports Car Club Limited (“The Company”) The Committee (“the Committee”), will advise the Council in relation to pursuing the objects of the Club as set out in Rules 2(a)-2(e) above.

5. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** The President and Vice President of the Club, Treasurer, Secretary and Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and be subject to termination of office by resignation at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members as they deem necessary. The retiring officers and other members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

6. **COMMITTEE.** The Committee shall consist of not less than eight and not more than thirty members, exclusive of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, who shall be ex-officio Members of the Committee. The Committee shall elect from amongst its own members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. One half of the members of the Committee shall form a quorum. Nominations of Candidates for election to the Committee must be received by the Secretary not less than seven days before the Annual General Meeting. The proposed candidate must be a current member and be present at the meeting at which voting takes place and be happy and willing to be a member of the Committee. Committee members will receive complimentary club membership whilst they remain active members of the Committee. The Committee shall have the power to appoint a Sub-Committee of not less than three persons to meet on its behalf in respect of any matter which is specially referred to such a Sub-Committee.

7. **COMMITTEE MEETING.** The Secretary either of his own accord or by the direction of the Chairman shall unless otherwise agreed by all the Committee give at least 7 days written notice of a meeting.

8. **ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE.** Any member of the Committee who shall, without sufficient reasons, absent himself from three consecutive Committee meetings may be called upon to resign his position upon the Committee.

9. **REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBER.** Should one of the committee members, for any reason, be suspected of acting in a way that may be detrimental to the Club or in a way contrary to the interests of the members or business, the following procedure should be followed: 1) Having been discussed and agreed by the Directors, the matter should be brought to the attention of the Chairman. All options to resolve any disputes should be thoroughly investigated between the member and the Directors prior to initiating Item 2 below. 2) The Chairman will investigate the matter and discuss the findings with the Secretary and deputy Chairman. Should the dispute involve the Secretary, Chairman, or deputy Chairman, then the Directors may bring the matter directly to the committee. 3) If together they feel further action is necessary, the matter will be raised with the entire committee for consideration and a vote will be held on the removal of that member from the committee and/or any specific role they have been given, for example: Drivers' Representative. Prior to any vote taking place, the member will have the right to present before the committee any supporting arguments to preclude his or her removal. 4) The result of the vote will decide whether that member remains on the committee and/or retains any specific role:- Rule 6 applies, which is: 50% of the committee forms a quorum, with a majority carrying the decision. In serious cases, should a vote take place to remove the individual as a Club member altogether, Rule 20 requires not less than two thirds of the committee vote for expulsion. 5) The committee member subsequently voted off the committee (only) could potentially remain a member of the Club, but will relinquish committee membership. The vote will be binding and the member should be reminded that the committee acts in an advisory capacity to the Directors who ultimately have the final decision on all Club matters and of Rule 19 which is: not bringing the club into disrepute.

10. **DUTIES OF SECRETARY.** It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend in person or by deputy, all meetings of the Club and all meetings of the Committee to take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be presented for confirmation at the following meeting.

11. **BANKING.** All moneys of the club shall be banked in the name of the Club and shall only be used in furtherance of the Objects. Large capital expenditure above £3000 will be discussed and agreed at committee level.

12. **ELECTION OF MEMBERS.** Applications of candidates for membership of the Club shall be submitted to the Committee by the Secretary, and the election of such candidates shall be at the discretion of the Committee. Membership of the Club shall continue only for the period covered by the current subscription. All initial applications must be made by an individual in his own correct name and be submitted by the said applicant personally by post, facsimile or e-mail. Applications by persons under the age of 18 years must be countersigned by a parent or guardian. Applicants and existing members must agree that they have read, understood and agree to abide by these rules.

The name and address of the candidate, shall be stated on each application submitted to the Committee. Membership will begin 3 days after the Committee have been notified in writing (letter, facsimile or e-mail), as long as the Committee have not objected to the individuals suitability for membership of the Club. Provided no objection is raised during the members current subscription and the correct forms and fees are submitted when required then their re-election may occur without Committee notification.

13. **VOTING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS.** Each member present at a meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. The Committee shall vote by ballot if any member present so demands. A vote of one third against any application for membership shall exclude from membership. When an online discussion takes place between all members of the Committee, the Chairman may decide that a virtual meeting has taken place and request that a vote be taken electronically if required.

14. **SUBSCRIPTION AND PAYMENT.** This will be an amount decided by the Committee for ordinary membership to be paid annually. The renewal of membership can take place by filling out a membership form and returning it to the Club with payment or by renewing online where this capability exists. The Club will notify members when their yearly subscription is due. It is the members responsibility to ensure they make payment before their existing membership lapses. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be eligible to take part in any competitions organised by the Club and under the rules of Motorsport UK. In order for club members to race within the Classic Sports Car Clubs Series they may be required to register their car and pay an annual fee.

15. RESIGNATION. Any member wishing to resign his membership shall give notice in writing of such desire to the Secretary, or by not renewing their membership upon due date. Also any member ceasing, voluntarily or otherwise, to be a member of the Club, shall thereafter cease to enjoy any privileges of membership, but he or she shall remain liable for the payment of any debts due to the Club from him or her.

16. USE OF CLUB NAME AND ADDRESS. The logos, name or address of the Club shall not be used or given by a member as his address for trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

17. LIFE MEMBERS. Subscribers of not less than 50 times the annual subscription for the time being may be elected Life Members by the Committee, and shall be exempt from the payment of annual subscriptions. A member can not become a Life Member until after re-election.

18. SAFEGUARDING POLICY. The Club has adopted and follows the Motorsport UK Safeguarding Policy as found here: <https://www.motorsportuk.org/the-sport/policies-guidelines/safeguarding/>

19. HONORARY MEMBERS. The Committee may elect as Honorary Members all members of the Royal Family, and any persons distinguished for their political, scientific, literary, industrial and administrative capacities, or who have been distinguished in promoting the cause of motoring in general or of the club in particular.

20. CLUB DISCIPLINE. The club promotes and expects excellent driving standards and behaviour from its members. This includes the members actions both on and off the circuit, and can include bringing the club or its series into disrepute, driving standards and use of social media and video. If the Committee believes that a member has fallen below the standards expected of him the Club may impose penalties or actions in addition to those that may be imposed by Motorsport UK. Club discipline guidelines are freely available on the Clubs website or by request from the Club office. All Classic Sports Car Club races are strictly non-contact, however, should an on-track incident occur members must follow the Motorsport UK rules and take any grievance to the officials at the circuit. It should be noted that a sincere apology between members can go a long way to defusing a situation.

21. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS. It shall be the duty of the Committee if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interests of the club so require by letter, to invite any member to withdraw from the club within a time specified in such letter.

The letter will give the member the opportunity to offer an explanation of his or her conduct in writing at a meeting of the committee and shall be given at least 7 days notice of that meeting. Having heard the members explanation the Committee shall vote on his/her expulsion and if not less than two thirds of the members present shall then vote for his or her expulsion, he or she shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Club.

22. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held sometime during the months of October, November or December, the exact date being determined by the location and date of the end of season Dinner Dance which will be upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee. The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive from the Committee a full statement of accounts duly audited showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending.
- b) Receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the club during the said year.
- c) Elect the President and Vice President, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the club, and if appropriate, the Solicitor and Auditor.
- d) Elect the Committee.
- e) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.

23. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS. A Special General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Committee, or on a requisition of the Secretary stating the business for which the Special General Meeting is required and signed by not less than 12 members.

24. AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETINGS. When members wish a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting, the text of such matters shall be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of such meetings, so that it may be included in the Agenda. A copy of the Agenda shall be sent to each member at least five days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not received a copy of the Agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings. No business which is not included in the Agenda shall be discussed at the meeting unless every member present is in favour thereof. Should the proposer of any motion fail to move a resolution in respect of the relevant item on the Agenda, then any other member shall be entitled to do so.

25. VOTING AT GENERAL MEETING. Every person with a right to be present may exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all General Meetings, except as provided in Rule 26 (alteration of rules), a majority of votes decides a resolution. At any General Meeting any 12 members may demand a Poll, and thereupon the meeting shall be adjourned to a time and place to be named by the Chairman, and a postal vote shall be taken of all members of the Club, the decision of the members, as shown by a postal vote, shall be reported to the adjourned meeting, and shall be deemed to be the decision of such meeting

26. RIGHT TO BE PRESENT. No-one can take part in General Meetings unless he has been duly elected as a Member of the Club, and has paid his/her subscription according to the rules.

27. OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES. Every member binds himself to abide by the rules of the club, and also by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such rules, and also to accept as final and binding the decision of the Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules.

28. ALTERATION OF RULES. Any alterations may be made in these rules by a General Meeting provided (a) that details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the agenda of the General Meeting and (b) that the resolution proposing such alteration is carried by not less than two thirds of those present and voting at such General Meeting or by not less than two-thirds of those voting should a Poll be demanded as provided for in Rule 23 (Voting at General Meeting).

29. EVENTS. All motor competitions organised by the Club shall be held under the rules and requirements of Motorsport UK. Any member convicted of an offence arising out of his being in charge of a motor vehicle in any Club event or on Club business shall be thereupon be liable to expulsion from the Club under Rules 18 and 19 (Club discipline and Expulsion of members).

30. COPIES OF RULES. Every new member shall be furnished with a copy of the rules and regulations on election. Every member also has access to a copy of the rules and regulations on the Club website. These can also be printed and sent to the member on request.

31. DISSOLUTION. The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee, or on the requisition of the majority of the members.

If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club, and if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.

32. INTERPRETATION. In the event of any conflict between these rules and the Articles of Association of the Company, the latter shall prevail.

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