

Sidecar Motocross Association of Great Britain Membership Rules

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Full Club Name

The Sidecar Motocross Association of Great Britain (SMCA).

1.2 Authority

The SMCA is affiliated to the ACU as a Non – Territorial Club. The fee for this affiliation will be included in the annual subscription.

1.3 Purpose

To encourage and protect the sport of Sidecarcross in the Great Britain. The SMCA is a member's association and will be conducted independently of personal interests.

1.4 Aims

To help promote and sustain the sport of Sidecarcross in Great Britain.

1.5 Members

All members can download a set of these rules from the SMCA website. All members are encouraged to actively participate and support the objectives of the SMCA.

1.6 Business Address

The Business Address of the SMCA shall be the address nominated by the Secretary for the receipt of official correspondence.

2.0 Objectives

2.1 Promote

The SMCA will help promote and support Sidecarcross at all levels in Great Britain. The SMCA will organise and promote the British Sidecar Clubman's Championship on behalf of the ACU. The SMCA will actively seek sponsorship for the Sidecarcross Championships.

2.2 Communication

The SMCA will endeavour to improve communications between riders, organisers, spectators and the Press by mailshots, press releases, race reports and by participating in online forums. It will hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM) for its members and will make the minutes of this meeting and all other Committee meetings available upon request. These rules will be published on the website.

2.3 Publicity

The SMCA will actively seek to increase public awareness of Sidecarcross by both advertising and promoting the sport nationally and locally.

2.4 Support

- a. The SMCA will support the ACU in the running of the British Sidecarcross Championship.
- b. The SMCA will offer support to any club running a Sidecarcross GP in Great Britain.

2.5 Provide a forum

The SMCA will provide a forum wherein any policy, programme or problem of interest to the Members in general, along with club direction, may be discussed freely.

3.0 Membership & Fees

3.1 Membership

Membership of the SMCA is open to any person, either participant or spectator, of any sporting code, (i.e ACU, AMCA, MCF) and without regard to race, colour, religion, sex, age, handicap or riding ability. Membership is renewable annually and runs from 01 Jan – 31 Dec of that year. Any person joining after the August Bank Holiday will have membership through to 31 Dec of the following year at no extra cost.

The SMCA committee reserves the right to refuse membership.

3.2 Membership Categories

- a. Competitor: Either Driver or Passenger.
- b. Family: All persons living at one address. Not more than one competitor to a Family membership.
- c. Supporter: Any non-competing individual*.

No one will be permitted to compete on a supporters membership. If a supporter decides to start competing during the season they should contact the membership secretary to amend their membership category and pay the outstanding fee.

3.3 Fees

Annual membership fees will be discussed and ratified at the Annual General Meeting. All membership fees will be used to promote Sidecarcross and not paid out as prize money for any event. Fees are payable annually and membership will lapse if fees are not paid within 30 days of their due date. Resignation or suspension of membership will not result in a refund of fees paid.

3.4 Members Responsibilities

All adult members (over 16) have full voting rights at the AGM when in attendance on the day. All members are bound by these rules and are expected to promote Sidecarcross in the best possible light particularly by their and their supporter's behaviour both on and off the track at events.

Members agree that in the event of a dispute or disagreement over the interpretation of these rules that they will accept the decision of the Committee as binding and final.

3.5 Removal of Membership

Membership may be removed for the following reasons:

- a) Failure to pay the membership fee.
- b) In the event of gross disregard of these rules or such conduct that it may be desirable that membership be revoked then a meeting of the Committee will be convened and the member invited to attend to state their case. The member will be informed of the case against them at least 14 days before the meeting. Nothing stated in these rules or actions taken by the Committee override or prejudice any decision made by an ACU hearing although the result of such a hearing may be used to inform the Committees decision regarding membership. No member shall be expelled or suspended except by a resolution of the Committee supported by a two thirds majority of Committee Members present.

4.0 Association Officials & Duties

4.1 Committee

The SMCA shall be governed by a Committee from within its membership. There will be five officers elected annually at the AGM, (by majority vote of those present) and up to a further ten posts filled by volunteers from the membership. In the event that the number of volunteers exceeds the number of posts available then selection will be by majority vote. Any member may propose themselves, or be proposed, for any position on the Committee. Any member wishing to volunteer or be elected to the Committee must be present at the AGM. Roles and responsibilities for Committee members are at annexes to these rules.

4.2 Officers to be elected annually

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| a. Chairman | Annex A |
| b. Vice Chairman | Annex B |
| c. Secretary | Annex C |
| d. Treasurer | Annex D |
| e. Membership Secretary | Annex E |

4.3 Other optional association appointments

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| f. Press/Communications Officers | Annex F |
| g. British Clubmans Championship Co-Ordinator | Annex G |
| h. British Clubmans Championship Recorder | Annex H |
| i. Dinner and Dance Representative | Annex I |

The Committee may identify other roles and responsibilities throughout the year and will actively seek volunteers for these roles. Appointment holders (less Officers) are encouraged to recruit assistants from within the membership. In the event that a vacancy should occur in the Officers or Members of the Committee then the Committee shall appoint a replacement as soon as is practicable.

5.0 VOTING

Voting on all SMCA business will be by a show of hands with the majority ruling; subject to a quorum being present. A quorum for a meeting shall be Five. In the event of a split vote then the Chairman has a casting vote.

6.0 MEETINGS

6.1 Annual General Meeting

There will be an Annual General Meeting to elect officials, review/ratify the SMCA rules and set the next year's membership fees at the end of the year. The date and venue will be published well in advance. All current members are encouraged to attend. The Treasurer will present a Balance Sheet and a report on expenditure and income for that financial year. Any member wishing to raise a matter at the AGM is to contact the Secretary at least fourteen days in advance of the meeting so that time may be allocated and details included on the agenda. SMCA rules and regulations will not be altered without the authority of a majority vote at the AGM. Any change to the rules may not conflict with ACU Rules and Regulations nor contravene any current financial legislation.

6.2 Committee Meetings

The Committee is to meet a minimum of four times a year, once being at the AGM. All Committee meetings will be to the Standing Agenda at Annex N to these rules. Any SMCA member may attend a normal Committee meeting but only members of the committee may vote. The dates of such meetings are to be agreed in advance and will be communicated to the committee members via email and SMCA members via the SMCA social media accounts. Any Committee member wishing to raise an issue outside the Standing Agenda is to inform the Secretary at least fourteen days in advance so that time may be allocated to the issue.

6.3 Special or Extraordinary Meetings

The Chairman may call an extraordinary meeting to address urgent issues that may arise throughout the year. A Special meeting may be requested, subject to a written request to the Chairman, by not less than one fifth of the membership.

7.0 TROPHIES

The SMCA has responsibility for the engraving and presentation of several awards. The awards, the criteria for their award and how they are voted for is at Annex O to these rules.

8.0 DISBANDMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The SMCA may be disbanded at the request of two-thirds or more of the full membership in the form of a signed petition or should its continuance no longer be financially viable. Upon dissolution, all SMCA funds and properties, in excess of liabilities and expenses at disbandment, shall be donated to the ACU.