Plymouth Motor Club Limited

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Plymouth Motor Club rules

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VISION

To promote motorsport events and motorsport in general in an organised and safe environment.

MISSION

To promote membership and making participation in motorsport open for all, taking due regard for the principles of the Race With Respect Code, respect, integrity, fair play, self control and good manners. Making motorsport safe, fair and fun for all.

CLUB VALUES

Plymouth Motor Club expects all its members to behave at all times in a manner that adheres to the values set out within Motorsport UK's Race with Respect Code as follows;

Race With Respect Code

Everyone involved is Motorsport UK event plays a part in creating a positive environment for the sport. By taking part, whether as a competitor, volunteer, official, team member, you agree to follow the values of Motorsport UK’s Respect Code.

- Respect
- Integrity
- Fair Play
- Self-control

- Good Manners

Through #Race With Respect, we ask all members to: Help create a welcoming and supportive environment for everyone involved in the sport. Acting with integrity and fairness in competition and conduct. Treating everyone with respect, regardless of background, identity or belief. Recognising that we all represent the sport and showing respect to officials, volunteers, competitors and fans. Respecting the rules of the sport and the authority of Motorsport UK officials.

We all share responsibility for maintaining high standards of behaviour. If you witness behaviour that falls short of the Respect Code we encourage you to speak up

Breaches of the Respect Code may result in disciplinary action taken by Plymouth Motor Club and/or Motorsport UK.

1.0 MEMBERSHIP

1.1 Any person who has attained the age of 14 years shall be eligible for membership and have the rights and privileges of the Club. Any person who has not attained the age of 14 years may become a member, but shall not be eligible to vote until the age of 18 years old.

1.2 Any person desiring to become a Member of the Club shall complete the appropriate form. The application will be considered and voted on by the Club Committee.

1.3 Persons desiring to become Members may be elected to membership either at a meeting of the General Committee or at the Annual General Meeting of the Club.

1.4 Membership dues are payable on election & renewals on 1st January annually, except when a Member is elected after the 31st August. In this case, the Member will not be required to renew their membership on the following 1st January.

1.5 Membership shall lapse if any membership dues are not paid within one month of the due date - such lapses shall not prejudice Members seeking re-election.

1.6 It shall be the duty of the Committee, if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interest of the Club so requires, by letter, to invite any Member to resign from the Club within a time specified in such letter, and in default of such resignation to submit the question of his/her expulsion to a meeting of the Committee to be held within six weeks after the expiration of the time specified in such letter. Members of the Committee shall be given at least seven days notice in writing, that a question of invitation to resign or expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting of the Committee. Any Member whose expulsion is under consideration, shall be given at least seven days notice in writing of such meeting and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct either verbally or in

writing. Any resolution to expel shall be voted upon by the Members of the Committee by secret ballot, a simple majority of those present and actually voting to determine the matter. In such a ballot, the Chairman shall be entitled to vote, but shall not have a casting vote and in the event of an equality of votes, the resolution shall be declared lost. Any Member expelled pursuant to this rule, shall be given notice in writing of the decision of the Committee and shall be entitled within seven days from such notification, to give Notice of Appeal to a General Meeting. Such General Meeting shall be held within twenty-eight days of receipt by the Secretary of the Notice of Appeal.

The Notice of General Meeting shall specify that it is to consider an appeal under this rule and no other business shall be discussed. An expulsion under this Rule shall not take effect until seven days after notice thereof has been sent to the Member expelled and in the event of an appeal shall not take effect pending the decision of the General Meeting, but the Member shall not be entitled to take part in any of the Club's activities after the Committee resolves to expel him/her until after the hearing of appeal unless the Committee otherwise determine.

1.7 The General Committee will be responsible to the Plymouth Motor Club Ltd Directors for the conduct of the affairs of the Club.

1.8 There shall be the following classes of Membership:- Life Honorary Members whom shall be nominated by the Committee and elected at a General Meeting for outstanding services to the Club. The number shall be limited to fourteen. They shall pay no dues and shall enjoy all the rights and privileges of the Club except that they shall have no voting powers. Members will be entitled to receive the Club newsletter per edition. Honorary Members whom shall be invited annually by the Committee for professional services to the Club. They shall pay no dues and shall have all the rights and privileges of the Club except that they shall have no voting powers. Members will be entitled to receive the Club newsletter per edition. Single Membership is for one person, whom shall be elected at a General Committee Meeting upon payment of the annual membership fee as set by the Committee annually at a General Meeting. Members will be entitled to receive a monthly copy of the Club Spotlamp newsletter. Family Members whom shall be elected at a General Committee upon payment of the annual membership fee as set by the General Committee annually at a General meeting. Family membership shall be defined as a minimum of two and maximum of four members of a family residing at the same address. As a Family member, no voting rights will apply to any person who has not attained the age of 14 years. Members will be entitled to receive a single monthly copy of the Club Spotlamp newsletter.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP BEHAVIOUR

2.1 The Club runs a zero tolerance policy to bullying and harassment of its members by other members of the Club, members of other Clubs, or members of the public. If a Club member feels

they have suffered or you feel you have witnessed an incident, then they must contact the Chairperson or the secretary of the Club or Safe Guarding Officer(s) and they will form a sub committee consisting of: the Chairperson, Secretary and three other officers of the Club. Unless the complaint is about one or more of those said persons, then suitable replacements will be found.

2.2 Should an issue arise that both the appointed sub committee and the General Committee agree falls beyond their remit the Club the matter will be referred to Motorsport UK via the route pursuant at the time. The Club would like to remind members that online activity fall within this policy. N.b. See the Motorsport UK website for the full Safeguarding policy/Anti bullying policy.

2.3 Complaints Internal & External not arising at a Motorsport UK Licenced Event. Should a complaint arise outwith a formal organised motorsport event organised by Plymouth Motor Club, the complaint in the first instance should be considered by the General Committee, who if required will form a sub committee to review the issue and consult further with the General Committee at the earliest opportunity. The person who has raised the complaint should receive an acknowledgement from a member of the General Committee or Sub-Committee (if one has been formed) to confirm receipt of the complaint and that contact will be made in due course. Communication within the appointed sub committee of and when referred to the General Committee should be kept to a minimum and clearly marked 'in confidence' and 'not for general distribution'. This is to ensure impartiality for both parties and/or motor clubs involved.

2.4 In a case whereby a decision is made that the complaint should be referred to Motorsport UK this should be undertaken at the earliest opportunity and the parties involved should be informed as such. At this point communication from within the Club on the matter in hand should cease until such time as the adjudication and/or guidance from Motorsport UK is received. Any actions arising will be reviewed/issued in the first case by the Sub-Committee (if Formed) or the General Committee.

3.0 OFFICERS OF PLYMOUTH MOTOR CLUB

3.1 There shall be the following Officer appointments:- Patron of the Club whom shall be invited annually by the Committee as a mark of esteem for services to the Club or to Motorsport in general. President whom shall be invited annually by the Committee as a mark of esteem for services to the Club. Vice-Presidents whom shall be invited annually by the Committee. This is limited to 6 posts. Chairperson whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting to serve a period in office of a maximum two consecutive years. Vice-Chairperson whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Treasurer whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Secretary whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting Competition Secretary whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Chief Marshal whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

3.2 ROLES WITHIN PLYMOUTH MOTOR CLUB & GENERAL COMMITTEE Social Secretary: Whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Editor of Club Magazine whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Social Media Creator/Co-ordinator: whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting 12 car Co-ordinator: Whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Werrington Co-ordinator: Whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Press & Public Relations whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Awards Secretary whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Membership Secretary whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. Club Safeguarding Officer(s) whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and be licensed by Motorsport UK. Webmaster whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

3.3 The General Committee whom shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall remain in office until their successors are elected. There will be a maximum of 8 members in the Committee, in addition to Club Officers and those members with roles appointed at the Clubs AGM. The Committee shall have the power to coopt members as necessary. No member shall be elected to more than one Office at the same time unless circumstances arise whereby the Club must have a role filled to maintain its operations. The other exceptions being as follows a member who is President, Vice-President, ViceChairman, Chairman, Club Safeguarding Officer(s) or a member acting in an Honorary Role, may also hold one other Office at the same time. The Chairperson, may not hold an Ex Officio position (Secretary or Treasurer). The appointment as a Honorary Officer does not automatically make the elected person a Honorary Member as in ‘Rule 2h, Honorary Members’ and is a honorary title only.

4.0 PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

4.1 The function of the Officers and the Committee is to direct and organise the Club in the best interests of the Members and Motorsport.

4.2 The Committee shall meet at least monthly and Meetings shall normally be held in the first week of each month on a day suitable to the majority of the Members of the Committee.

4.3 Attendance at General Committee is open for Club Officers and those with roles and general committee members appointed at the AGM. Club members have an open invitation to attend general committee meetings, but must contact the Club Secretary or Chairperson/Vice-Chair prior to the meeting to advise them they will be attending. Club members who attend are not entitled to vote and may be asked by the Chairperson to vacate the meeting if and when a confidential matter is to be discussed for the period said item requires only as directed by the Chairperson.

4.4 All Officers and Members of the Committee shall, except in a case of an urgent requirement, receive at least 7 days notice in writing of the date, time and venue of all Committee Meetings, other than the ordinary monthly Committee Meeting. In a case of a urgent requirement the Committees shall be entitled to meet without such notice having been given, but in such a case the Secretary or nominated representative shall take all reasonable measures to give prior notification to all Officers and Members of the date, time and venue thereof. Such a Meeting shall be called on the initiative of the Chairperson or the Secretary, or by 50% of the Officers of the Club.

4.5 Elected Officers & Members of the Committee, shall have one vote, the Chairperson to have the casting vote only. For the purposes of this sub-rule, the term “Chairperson” shall be deemed to include any Member occupying the Chair at that meeting. The President and Vice-Presidents, when present at a Committee, shall be entitled to vote.

4.6 A quorum of the Committee shall be 50% of the Elected Officers and Committee Members, as constituted at the time of the Meeting. A quorum shall be proven at the commencement of every meeting of the Committee.

4.7 The proceedings of the Committee shall be recorded by the Secretary (or if he/she is not present by a deputy to be nominated by the Committee on the occasion of the Meeting) and shall be approved at the next Meeting. The minutes, when approved, shall be signed by the Chairperson of that meeting as a true and accurate record and be held by the Club Secretary or nominated person.

4.8 The minutes of the Committee shall be available to any Officer or any Committee Member at a Committee Meeting.

4.9 Any Member of the Committee failing without just cause to attend three consecutive meetings must forfeit his/her seat on the General Committee unless granted leave of absence by the Committee.

4.10 It shall be the duty of the Committee to organise revenue producing events during the year and to use the receipts there from to maintain the annual dues at a low level to encourage increased membership and to promote/support new events as and when the opportunity arises to promote the continuation and growth of motorsport.

4.11 The Committee shall organise annually at a venue easily accessible to the majority of members, a formal social event combined with the presentation of principal awards, subject to enough attendees to make the event viable.

4.12 The General Committee will be responsible to the Directors of Plymouth Motor Club.

5.0 SUB-COMMITTEES

5.1 The Committee shall, at the first Committee Meeting after the Annual General Meeting, appoint such Sub-Committees as shall be necessary for the proper running of the Club affairs. The Committee may at any time appoint additional Sub-Committees for specific/special purposes.

5.2 Club Members may be co-opted to serve on any Sub-Committee. (c) A SubCommittee shall consist of such Members as may be deemed desirable. One Member shall be appointed Secretary, to be responsible to the Committee.

5.3 The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be ex officio members of all SubCommittees.

5.4 Co-opted Members of Sub-Committees shall not be entitled to attend General Committee Meetings except by invitation.

6.0 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held annually, a minimum of 21 days after the Annual Accounts have been made available to the Membership.

6.2 Nominations for election as an Officer of the Club, or as a member of the Committee, must be submitted in writing to the Secretary not later than 7 days prior to the Annual General Meeting, such nominations to bear the signature of the proposer and seconded and a statement that the nominee is willing to stand. Nominations for election as a Member of the Committee will also be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting. A person may be nominated for more than one office and should he/she be defeated for the position nominated, his/her name will automatically go forward for another position, subject to his/her approval. No Officer or Member of the Committee may be elected at the Annual General Meeting, unless the nominee is present, or has indicated in writing his/her willingness to serve (NB this does not apply to invited Officers and Life Honorary Members).

7.0 RULES

7.1 These Rules are for the guidance of all members and a copy shall be available for perusal at all General Meetings.

7.2 The Membership Secretary shall send an electronic copy of the Rules to each new member upon joining the Club.

7.3 Any changes to the Rules will be considered at the Annual General Meeting. On adoption of any changes, the Secretary shall send an electronic copy of the revised Rules to all members.

8.0 EVENTS

8.1 All Motor Competitions promoted by the Club shall be held under the General Competition Rules of Motorsport UK, and in accordance with any other requirements of Motorsport UK.

9.0 CLUB COLOURS

9.1 The Club colours shall be Blue, Silver & Green.

10.0 AWARDS

10.1 Any perpetual award winner who does not attend the Annual Dinner and Dance/Awards Presentation (when held) to collect their trophy may forfeit the right to hold the perpetual trophy for the year, although they may arrange to collect the replica trophy from the Awards Secretary, if they so wish. The perpetual trophy will be engraved and held by the Awards Secretary until it is due to be awarded again.

10.2 Perpetual trophies presented at the Annual Dinner and Dance /Awards Presentation when held will be held by the recipient for 11 months, or until the Awards Secretary (or another duly authorised Official of the Plymouth Motor Club) requests its return.

10.3 It is the responsibility of the trophy holder to return the trophy in an acceptable condition.

11.0 GENERAL

11.1 The Club will when required operate all it’s rules and processes within the rules and guidance of Motorsport UK e.g ‘Race With Respect’ and any relevant legislation issued by HM Government. E.g. General data Protection Regulations (GPDR).

Current website copy: https://plymouthmotorclub.co.uk/club-policies/membership-rules/
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