Ipswich Bicycle Club – Membership Rules

1. The Club shall be called the Ipswich Bicycle Club and its objective shall be the encouragement of cycling. The Club shall be bound by its adopted constitution and governed by its members club rules.
2. The Club shall appoint its Committee at its Annual General Meeting (AGM). Honorary roles will be appointed by the Committee and are for on open ended term. Management roles will be subject to an application to the Committee for consideration prior to the AGM due to the nature and commitment required along with responsibilities, skills and training that may be required. General roles will be available for anyone to stand for, prior or at the AGM. If more than one application is made for any role then those Members attending the AGM will be able to vote for their preferred candidate.

In the event of an officer resigning mid-year or the role remaining vacant at the end of the AGM, the Committee will be able to co-opting someone into that role.

The role of Chairman is to be held for a maximum of 3 years and stood down for a minimum of 1 year.

1. The Club Colours shall be registered as required with the appropriate National Governing Body and the design of the Clubs Racing Jersey and all associated Racing clothing shall be approved only at the AGM.

The Registered Club Design shall run for a minimum period of 3 years from approval. A vote may be taken after 3 years at the AGM on the option to change or alter the Club Kit design. Upon approval of the meeting the committee shall then over the following year consult with the membership to produce a proposal for a change to the design. This shall be presented to the following AGM where a vote may be taken on the option to continue with the current design or change to the new proposed design.

Casual Clothing & Merchandised items may at anytime be produced and may include different design options as required upon prior notice and approval of the committee.

The name 'Ipswich Bicycle Club' and the recognised 'Club Badge' shall not be altered or modified in any way without the consent of an AGM.

1. Club Membership fees and types are set annually at the Club AGM and shall be advertised to all members.
2. Club Members are free to compete for different clubs in different cycling disciplines but in accordance to BC Rules they may only be a member of one club at any one time for the disciplines of Road & Track Cycling.
3. Any Member wishing to resign from the Club and compete for another Club during the current season and in a discipline for which they have already represented the IBC they must inform the Club Secretary and formally send notice of their wish to resign.
4. Under no circumstances may a Lapsed Member compete or participate in any Cycling Events or Rides, by using or Registering under the Club name. Lapsed Members may not use the Club Kit to mislead or give the impression of being a Club Member.

It is accepted that the Club cannot prevent a lapsed member from the wearing of a Club Jersey if such Jersey is the property of the Individual, however lapsed members may not use that Jersey to give impression of membership to the club should their membership have ceased.

1. In the event of a non-member using the kit to give the impression of membership the Committee shall take all possible actions to prevent such an occurrence.
2. Single day Club membership may be made available upon approval of the committee for events where participants are required to be a member of a club. Day members shall not be allowed to receive any club trophies or awards.
3. All Club Rides shall be conducted in accordance to the Law and in line with the recommendations of British Cycling. The club code of conduct shall be observed for club rides which shall be held and managed by the appointed ride leader.
4. Members attending Club events will at all times conduct themselves in a civil manner. Any behaviour that may bring the Club into disrepute will not be permitted and may constitute grounds for dismissal from the Club.
5. All riders taking part in any club event shall, whilst Cycling, wear a Cycling Helmet of a type approved by the appropriate governing body.
6. All Members competing in events open to other clubs shall wear the Current Club Jersey. New members shall be exempt for a period of 6 months after joining.
7. Every active member shall be supplied with a copy of these rules by which he/she shall be bound, and these rules shall be strictly enforced. None of these rules shall be altered without the consent of a majority of the Elected Committee.
8. All members will, either voluntarily or by invitation, help in the running of a Club event. The Committee shall be tasked annually with operating a system to ensure fairness to all.
9. Club points can be earned for helping at or organising Ipswich Bicycle Club events, and at the end of the year the Committee will receive a report on the number of points awarded and determine the cut off point for those to be rewarded. Awarded points count towards receiving the Attendance Cup, presented each year at the Annual Awards evening.

Points will be awarded at the following rates: 6 points for promoting an open event, 2 points to Organise Club events, Timekeeper or Judge and 1 point to marshal or otherwise helping out.

1. No activities, events or promotion shall be organised under the operating name of the Ipswich Bicycle Club or shall any inference be made which may lead individuals to believe any activity is under the control of the club without the full prior approval of the club Committee.
2. No Club member shall undertake any Coaching or Tuition activity or offer any guidance to members unless properly qualified under the regulations of the national Governing body and approved to do so by the Club Committee.
3. No Sub Committees or management groups shall exist outside the existing Club Committee unless properly notified and approved by the club committee. Minutes of any meetings shall be provided to the committee within 4 weeks. The Club Chairman will retain the full right to attend and be notified of any meetings of Sub Groups or Committees.
4. Notice of any proposed alteration or addition to these rules should be forwarded to the General Secretary and notified to the Committee at least 14 days prior to the meeting.