

Constitution Of The Pendle Forest Cycling Club – April 2024 edition

1 Name of Club

The club will be called Pendle Forest Cycling Club (Hereinafter will be referred to as The Club), and may also be known as PFCC or the PF.. Pendle Forest Cycling Club will be affiliated to British Cycling, Cycling Time Trials and the North Lancs Time Trial Association .

2 Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

- To offer competitive, sporting and leisure opportunities in cycling.
- To promote the club within the local community and cycling.
- To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club.
- To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone.

3 Membership

- (a) Membership of the club is open to anyone interested in promoting, coaching, volunteering or participating in cycling, regardless of sex, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs.
- (b) The membership shall consist of the following categories:
- Full member
 - Social member
 - Life member
 - Temporary Member (for purposes of entering events)
- (c) All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of practice that the club has adopted.
- (d) Members in each category will pay membership fees, as determined at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Individuals shall not be eligible to take part in the business of the Club, vote at general meetings or be eligible for selection of any Club team unless the applicable subscription has been paid by the due date and/or membership has been agreed by the Club committee.

4. Sports Equity

- (a) This Club is committed to ensuring that equity is incorporated across all aspects of its development. In doing so it acknowledges and adopts the following Sport England definition of sports equity:

Sports equity is about fairness in sport, equality of access, recognising inequalities and taking steps to address them. It is about changing the culture and structure of sport to ensure it becomes equally accessible to everyone in society.

- (b) The Club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport, regardless of age, ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status.

- (c) The Club is committed to everyone having the right to enjoy their sport in an environment free from threat of intimidation, harassment and abuse.
- (d) All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behavior and promote equality of opportunity.
- (e) The Club will deal with any incidence of discriminatory behavior seriously, according to club disciplinary procedures.

5 Committee

- (a) The affairs of the Club shall be conducted by a Committee which shall consist of the Chair, Secretary and Racing Secretary plus a committee of at least 5 members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All committee members must be members of the Club.
- (c) If required, the committee shall elect a Vice Chair from among its members.
- (d) The term of office shall be for one year, and members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (e) If the post of any officer or ordinary committee member should fall vacant after such an election, the Executive Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy until the succeeding Annual General Meeting.
- (f) The Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of practice and rules that affect the organisation of the club.
- (g) The Committee will have powers to appoint any advisers to the Committee as necessary to fulfil its business.
- (h) The Committee will be responsible for disciplinary hearings of members who infringe the club rules/regulations/constitution. The Committee will be responsible for taking any action of suspension or discipline following such hearings.
- (i) The committee meetings will be convened by the Secretary of the Club and be held no less than 4 times per year.
- (j) Only the posts listed above will have the right to vote at committee meetings.
- (k) The quorum required for business to be agreed at Management Committee meetings will be 5 committee members

6 Finances

- (a) The club secretary will be responsible for the finances of the club.
- (b) The financial year of the club will run from Jan 30th and end on Jan 29th

- (c) All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club.
- (d) The club's statement of annual accounts will be audited by a club member as appointed by the committee and presented by the secretary at the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold the signatures of the Secretary plus up to two other officers.
- (f) All members of the Club shall be jointly and severally responsible for the financial liabilities of the Club.

7 Annual General Meetings and Extraordinary General Meetings

- (a) General Meetings are the means whereby the members of the Club exercise their democratic rights in conducting the Club's affairs.
- (b) The Club shall hold the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in the month of January to:
 - Approve the minutes of the previous year's AGM.
 - Receive reports from the Chairman and Secretary.
 - Receive a report from the Secretary and approve the Annual Accounts.
 - Elect the officers on the committee.
 - Agree the membership fees for the following year.
 - Consider any proposed changes to the Constitution.
 - Deal with other relevant business.
- (c) Notice of the AGM along with the AGM agenda will be given by the club secretary with at least 14 days' notice to be given to all members.
- (d) All members have the right to vote at the AGM.
- (e) The quorum for AGMs will be 20% of the membership.
- (f) The Chair of the Club shall hold a deliberative as well as a casting vote at general and committee meetings.
- (g) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be called by an application in writing to the Secretary supported by at least 10% of the members of the Club. The committee shall also have the power to call an EGM by decision of a simple majority of the committee members.
- (h) All procedures shall follow those outlined above for AGMs.

8 Amendments to the constitution

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM or EGM.

9 Discipline and appeals

- (a) All complaints regarding the behaviour of members should be presented and submitted in writing to the Secretary.

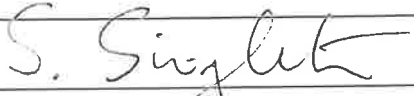
- (b) The Committee will meet to hear complaints within 30 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.
- (c) The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14 days of the hearing.
- (d) There will be the right of appeal to the Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 30 days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.


10 Dissolution

- (a) A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.
- (b) In the event of dissolution, all debts should be cleared with any club's funds. Any assets of the club that remain following this will become the property of *another club with similar objectives*.

11 Declaration

Pendle Forest CC hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

Name	S. Singleton	Position	Chair
Sign		Date	27 th Feb 2025

Name	P. Whittaker	Position	Secretary
Sign		Date	27 th Feb 2025