



Devon & Somerset Advanced Riders

Group Constitution – Events Rules – Forum Rules



A condition of membership is that you agree to abide by the various rules of the group, these include, The Group Constitution, The Event Rules and The Forum Rules. Please take a moment to read through them and contact us if you are not sure about any points raised within. Continuing with your membership means that you automatically agree with the rules and agree to act within the constitution at all times. The General Committee Decisions are final and if you disagree you should direct your issue to the senior or Executive committee members for discussion; they may at their discretion reverse the decision of the lower committee. Ultimately the Executive Committee Decision is Final

Constitution of the Devon & Somerset Advanced Riders

1. Identity.

The name of the Group shall be the Devon & Somerset Advanced and Riders (hereafter called or known as "the Group" or "DSAR"), which is affiliated to RoSPA Advanced Drivers & Riders (hereafter called "RoADAR").

2. Aims.

The aims of the Group are:

1. To improve the riding standards of Members by training and education
2. To widen the knowledge and interest in Advanced Riding in Devon & Somerset.
3. To contribute to road safety and accident reduction.
4. To provide robust and consistent training for Members who may wish to take the RoADAR Advanced Riding Test

3. Membership.

1. Membership to the club will be dependent on payment of an Annual Membership Fee. The group committee will determine the membership fee.
2. Membership of the Group is open to any person over 17 years of age holding a full motorcycle license upon payment of the membership fee. The period of annual membership starts from the date entered onto the application form or the date that the membership fee was paid on line.
3. Junior membership is available, at 50% of the full membership fee, to any person holding a full license, over 17 and under 20 years of age. To maintain membership, junior members must pay start to pay full member subscriptions in the membership year after their 20th Birthday
4. The Executive Committee may from time to time offer free or honorary annual membership to those persons who perform or have performed specific duties for the Group or for any reason that the Executive committee deems appropriate. Honorary recommendations will be received from the Group Committee and will review such concessions annually.
5. Resignation from the Group will not entitle any Member to a refund of any membership fee paid or relief from any outstanding debts to the Group.
6. The Executive committee can at its discretion revoke or suspend any member if it feels that the members actions are or could become detrimental to road safety or the aims of the group (See Clause 9). Action taken under this clause will not entitle any member to a refund of any membership fee paid.

4. Committee.

1. The management of the Group shall be vested in a three-tier committee structure comprising of the Executive Committee, Group Committee and Sub Committees, including but not limited to, Training Committee and Events Committee. An explanation of the committee structure and its associated member positions is included at the end of this document.
2. Nominations for election to the General or Sub Committees may be sent in writing to the Group Secretary and should be received at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Proposals will also be permitted during the meeting provided that this intention is brought to the attention of the Secretary prior to the commencement of the AGM. In either case, the agreement of the candidate to stand for election must be sought and a Proposer and a Seconder specified and recorded in the Minutes of the meeting.



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3. Any person nominated for membership of the Group or Sub Committees must have been a member of the Group for no fewer than six months prior to the relevant date for election. This can be overruled at the Executive Committee's discretion.
4. The Group Committee shall meet at intervals of approximately three months and at least 4 times during the year. The meetings are to be called by the Chairman and notices issued by the Secretary, with notice of at least two weeks. The Secretary shall have the responsibility of keeping the Minutes.
5. Voting, the Group Committee will vote on proposals affecting the general running of the group, the Sub Committees will vote on proposals raised in their own meetings and also on topics or proposals from the Group Committee or The Executive Committee. An accepted majority will agree proposals. In the event of a fail to agree at Sub Committee level the proposal will be taken to the Group Committee for voting. In the event of a fail to agree at Group Committee level the proposal will be taken to the Executive Committee for voting. If the Executive Committee deem any decision taken by the Group or Sub Committees may be detrimental to or against the fundamental aims of the group it has the absolute power to overrule the decision taken. Committee members who are unable to attend a duly called Committee meeting may vote by proxy, the Secretary must be notified in advance of the meeting by email or telephone of their intended voting and this vote will be delivered at the meeting by the Secretary.

5. Responsibilities of the Committees.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to:

1. Co-opt Officers or members of any of the Committees as required during the year (subject to Clause 4a.).
2. Govern Overall and have the deciding and overriding vote on any matter, this clause will only be exercised where it is deemed to be appropriate to protect the aims, members, assets or reputation of the Group, or if The Group Committee cannot reach an agreement.

The Group Committee shall have the power to:

1. Conduct the governing of the Group provided that its actions are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and the aims of the group.
2. Be responsible for the running of the Group's activities and the safeguarding of its assets. Ensuring that at all times the Group maintains RoSPA/RoADAR insurance cover by conforming to rules specified from time to time and issuing such Group policies and procedures as are required to meet those terms.
3. Appoint Officers as required for the efficient organization and administration of the Group from time to time. The specific responsibilities of Officers may be defined by the Committee and recorded in Minutes, manuals or other documents.
4. Propose to the Group the names of persons for election to the post of Honorary President of the Group. The President shall not have voting rights. The term of office of any Honorary President shall be for one year but may be extended by vote at the AGM. Propose to the Group the names of the persons who have served the Group well for election to Honorary or Life Membership as the Group may determine.

The Sub Committees shall have the power to:

1. Decide, Vote and approve matters that are inside the remitted duties from the Group Committee and it's own internal proposals.
2. Delegate, decide and monitor duties within it's membership and temporarily allow non committee members to become involved in it's work, events for example.
3. Decide whether to refer its proposals to the Group Committee for Approval or sanction.
4. Request funds from the Group Committee for the purposes of carrying out it's duties, these funds must be approved prior to any commitments being made.

6. Bank Accounts & Audits.

The Committee shall open banking or other accounts in the name of the Group with such bank and/or similar organization as the Committee may select and monies received by the officials of the Committee on behalf of the members of the group shall be paid into such account or accounts. Payments of more than £100 must be agreed and recorded in the minutes at a regular committee meeting; payments shall be or approved and signed by two named Officers of the Committee one of these must be the Treasurer.



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The Treasurer shall be responsible for:

1. The day-to-day administration of Group funds
2. Preparing accounts and presenting regular reports to the Committee
3. Reimbursing any expenses incurred by a member on Group business
4. Arranging an independent annual examination of the accounts and presenting them to the AGM.

7. Annual General and Special General Meetings;

1. There shall be an Annual General Meeting held once a year and this shall be summoned by the Secretary by notice in writing to all members at least twenty-one days before the appointed date. The quorum for the AGM shall consist of one-sixth of the membership. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking the minutes of the AGM or any special meetings. The Treasurer is to present the audited accounts at the AGM and if required at any Special General Meeting.
2. Any Special General Meeting to be convened shall similarly be subject to fourteen days notice in writing from the Secretary to all members. The quorum for a Special General Meeting shall be one-sixth of the membership. If a vote on any matter will be required at that meeting then provision shall be made for members not able to attend to vote by post on the proposal set out in the notice. Such postal votes shall be submitted to the Secretary to arrive not less than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.

8. Voting.

Members over the age of eighteen whose subscriptions are current are eligible to vote at Annual General or Special General Meetings.

Postal votes cast on the applicable voting form shall rank equally with votes cast in person at an Annual General or Special General Meeting

9. Expulsion.

Members of the group can have their membership revoked if any of the following circumstances arise;

1. If a member of the Group acts in a manner or expected to act in a manner which is likely to bring, or actually brings the Group or RoSPA/RoADAR into disrepute or
2. If a member of the Group is convicted of a serious traffic or criminal offence or conducts himself in a manner prejudicial to the aims of the Group or the RoSPA Advanced Drivers & Riders then the Executive Committee may decide to expel him.
3. If a member of the Group causes any disharmony or is offensive or threatening or acts in any way so as to offend another member.

The Executive Committee will look to discuss such cases with RoSPA Headquarters and the General Committee before any action is taken if the matter refers to driving convictions Clause 9.2. The decision will be given to the member in writing at their last known postal address. At a later date to be decided by the Committee the person may be considered for re-admission to membership of the Group.

10. Amendment.

The constitution and other governing rules may be amended at any time to reflect the changes in the group, it is accepted that the group is a new venture and teething issues will require addressing. A two-thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee will deliver the final decision, if one member of the Executive Committee abstains their vote no changes will be made. The procedure for amendment will be in the form of a recommendation from the general committee to be considered by the Executive Committee. Any changes to the constitution or rules must be made public on the site as soon as possible.

11. Policy.

1. The Group shall be managed as a "Not for profit organization"
2. Where appropriate and possible, the Group will operate within the RoADAR current Group Guidelines.

12. Dissolution.

1. The Group may be dissolved by a resolution proposed by at least one-quarter of the membership and passed by two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a General or Special Meeting convened for the purpose of which twenty-one days notice shall have been given by the Secretary in writing to the members.



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2. In the event of such a proposal, provision shall be made for members not able to attend the meeting to vote by post. Such postal votes shall be submitted to the Secretary to arrive not less than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting.
3. The Committee shall ensure that any such resolution gives instructions for the disposal of the assets held by the Group provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid to nor distributed among the members of the Group but be given or transferred to a driving training or charitable organization of the choice of the members voting at that meeting.
4. The Executive Committee may also resolve to dissolve the group at its discretion however this decision will require at least 50% of the general Committee to approve the action by Vote at a Specially convened Extra Ordinary Meeting.

13. Committee Structure.

Changes to this structure do not require an amendment of this document; this diagram is for illustrative purposes and is subject to Change by the Group Committee

Executive Committee

Group Chairman Group Secretary Group Treasurer

Group Committee

Group Chairman Group Secretary Group Treasurer Group President
Training Officer Training Co-Ordinator Membership Secretary
Events Co-Ordinator Publicity Officer

Events Committee

Events Co-Ordinator Publicity Officer
Group Chairman Group Secretary

Training Committee

Training Officer Training Co-Ordinator
Group Chairman Group Secretary

Additional Terms for Events and Rides

Riding and being around motorcycles and bikers pose inherent risks. By attending any Devon & Somerset Advanced Riders ride event or other entity's event posted on our calendar, you and any guests you bring agree to this disclaimer (you are responsible for making sure your pillions are aware of this disclaimer), assume all risk, liability and responsibility for your safety and well-being, and agree not to hold the Group Organizer, Assistant Organizers, Members, or any one attending our events responsible or liable in any way should an injury or death occur. No one is responsible for you but you. No member has gone through any screening, safety or certification process of any kind to join this social group or attend any event listed on the calendar. Some events on our calendar are run by other people or organizations, and you are additionally bound by any and all of their rules and requirements. Should injury or death occur at any of said other events, you will not hold Devon & Somerset Advanced Riders, this Groups Organizer, Assistant Organizers, Members or any one at said event liable or responsible in any way. You agree to this disclaimer by attending the event and signing the event register.

FORUM RULES

General Rules

1. While debating and discussion is fine, we will not tolerate rudeness, insulting posts, personal attacks or purposeless inflammatory posts. Our decision is final in these matters.
2. Please refrain from posting meaningless threads, one word (or short) non-sense posts, or the such.



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3. Multiple or repeated posting in order to increase your post count is not allowed.
4. You should be aware that you are posting comments on a public site. If you leave, resign or have your membership revoked we will not remove posts that you have made. You should not include any information on the forum or website of DSAR that you do not want to be public knowledge. It may be possible for us to remove a wrongly worded post for you but we will not remove all posts should you decide that you no longer want to be associated with the group of forum.
5. Advertising, spamming and trolling is not allowed. This includes using the forum, email, visitor messages, blog comments, picture comments and private message systems to spam other members.
6. Please wait a reasonable amount of time before bumping posts.
7. We also do not allow posts or links to sites that are sexual in nature or violate DSAR community standards. The DSAR team shall be the sole arbitrator of what does and what does not violate community standards.
8. Discussion of illegal activities such as software and music piracy and other intellectual property violations are not allowed.
9. Each member is allowed one login account. Registering with multiple accounts is not allowed.
10. While we are quite happy to have constructive comparative conversations about competitor's products, we will not tolerate blatant adverts or the sort of 'ooh look, yet another bulletin board' threads. Also, we would appreciate it if you refrain from blatant bashing of other boards.
11. We reserve the right to remove offensive posts without notice.
12. If you are going to post non-English on these forums, please also post an English Translation of your post.
13. Posts arguing about Group policies are not allowed.
14. Posts discussing moderator actions are also not allowed.
15. Also while these rules cover most common situations, they cannot anticipate everything. Consequently we reserve the right to take any actions we deem appropriate to ensure these forums are not disrupted or abused in any way.
16. You cannot post any affiliate or referral links, or post anything asking for a referral. Such posts will be subject to removal.
17. You cannot post advertisements or notices for contests.
18. All post must be made in English
19. We also reserve the right to ban anyone who wilfully violates the forum rules, as access to our support forums is a privilege and not a right. A banned customer is still entitled to support from the support system.
20. Advertising Services and Solicitation

We do not allow people to post threads or to send private messages or emails to users here that advertise or solicit any products, services, funds or donations. Explicit advertising and soliciting in signatures is also prohibited.

Links in signatures must follow these guidelines

1. Linking to a commercial product/service is fine, provided it is not a product or service that competes with a product or service offered by DSAR.
2. Promotional text for a commercial product or service is ok, provided there are no price(s) of product(s) or service(s) listed.
3. A link and promotional text for a site that is not commercial and does not contain product(s) and/or service(s) is allowed, provided the site is not sexual or does not violate DSAR community standards. The DSAR team shall be the sole arbitrator of what does and what does not violate community standards. (Examples include sites about drugs and/or sex.)
4. Duplicate links to the same URL in a signature are not allowed.
5. All signatures must be made in English

Avatars

Animated avatars are not allowed. Sorry.

Avatars that may be confused with official staff avatars are not allowed.

All signatures should not exceed the following limits



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1. You can't have both text and images in your sig
2. For text signatures: 4 lines normal size, 8 lines small size and up to 90 chars per line. Font sizes above 2 are not allowed. (Blank lines count as lines.)
3. Do not use images with large text to bypass the previous item
4. For images in signatures: 1 image up to 300 pixels wide, 125 pixels tall and 20k in size
5. Animated images in a signature are not allowed

Moderation

1. Although the administrators and moderators of DSAR Community Forum will attempt to keep all objectionable messages off this forum, it is impossible for us to review all messages. All messages express the views of the author, and neither the owners of DSAR Community Forum, nor any member will be held responsible for the content of any message.
2. By agreeing to these rules, you warrant that you will not post any messages that are obscene, vulgar, sexually oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violate any laws.
3. The owners of DSAR Community Forum reserve the right to remove, edit, move or close any thread for any reason.

Addendum

We reserve the right to update and modify these rules as the needs of the community dictate to ensure the smooth operation of this community.