

Constitution and Domestic Rules of West of Scotland Championship Club

The West of Scotland Championship Club shall be affiliated to the Royal Pigeon Racing Association

and adopt and implement the Constitution & Racing / Showing Rules of the R.P.R.A.

Approved by the Management Team, Governing the day to day running of the W.S.C.C.

The club shall be called “**West of Scotland Championship Club**” abbrev. “**W.S.C.C.**”

Membership is open to an unlimited number of members residing in Ayrshire and the surrounding area, who support the aims and objectives of the club.

Aims and objectives

It is a non-profit making organisation whose objects are:

- To promote, education in the benefits of participating in the recreation and social activity of pigeon care, showing and racing.
- To co-operate with the show & race rules of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association and the Constitution and Domestic Rules of the W.S.C.C.
- To foster a community spirit and provide a public facility for recreation, leisure time or meeting space for the members and the local community.
- To provide, maintenance or a public amenity, where it is for the protection of the environment.

The W.S.C.C. shall not distribute profits and shall apply all of its income to the furtherance of the objectives above.

The work of the W.S.C.C. shall not be for the benefit of any operators / funders who may contribute to the W.S.C.C. and claim credit under any of the Communities Funds. Nor shall it be for the benefit of contributing third parties, as defined in any of the funding organisations tax regulations.

The W.S.C.C. shall not carry out, promote or pay for work required to be completed under any notice issued under the Control of Pollution Act 1974, the Environmental Protection Act 1990, the Water Resources Act 1991, or required by any planning permission, statutory consent or by agreement under [section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990] [S75 of the Town and Country Planning Act (Scotland) 1997] [article 40 of the Planning (Northern Ireland) Order 1991].

Finances

The ordinary and social member subscriptions will be fixed at an Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Management Team and the Founder Members or their Appointed Substitute.

Ordinary member subscriptions of the W.S.C.C. will include R.P.R.A. subscriptions and any other annual organisational fee or club charity / funding fees proposed by the Management Team.

No member will be allowed to compete in any race, show or use the club facilities until all subscriptions are fully paid.

Social member subscriptions of the W.S.C.C. will include any club charity / funding fees proposed by the Management Team. No member will be allowed to use the club facilities until all subscriptions are fully paid.

The W.S.C.C. shall maintain independently examined accounts and keep full records, which shall identify all income and expenditure. The financial year shall be 1st November to 31st October. Accounts will identify the receipt and application of all contributions received under any Funding.

An external examiner to audit the business affairs of the W.S.C.C. will be appointed at the AGM to hold office for one year. They shall be eligible for re-election annually.

A Banking Account(s) shall be kept in such Bank as the W.S.C.C. shall appoint in the name of the "West of Scotland Championship Club" and all monies shall forthwith on receipt be paid into such Bank. All cheques payable under the sum of £500 can be signed by one signatory and all cheques payable over £500 must be signed by two signatories of the Management Team. Signatories are Treasurer, President and a nominated V. President.

Any projects that is to be funded by any Communities Fund money shall only be undertaken once the project has been registered by that body.

Management Team

All the activities operation and work of W.S.C.C. shall be the responsibility of the Management Team, who will be appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Management Team and the Founder Members or their Appointed Substitute.

The initial membership of the Management Team will consist of a President, any number of Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. In an emergency, the President and the Treasurer shall have discretionary powers.

The Management Team shall meet at least 4 times per year to consider and decide the activities of the W.S.C.C., invited ordinary members and guests can also attend. The Management Team shall maintain written record of proceedings. The Management Team can convene a meeting of the ordinary or social members, whenever they deem necessary. The secretary shall give at least 7 days' notice of any meeting. Members meetings will be displayed on the clubs notice board, website, social, media pages and by electronic mail where possible.

Ordinary members will be notified of all planned activities at the AGM of the ordinary members. Social member activities / events will be displayed on the clubs notice board, website and social, media pages.

The quorum for a Management Team general meeting shall be 5. The quorum for an ordinary members AGM shall be one third of all its members.

When decisions requested by the Management Team are required to be made by voting, each ordinary member of the W.S.C.C. Club shall exercise one vote. In the event of a tied vote, the President shall have the casting vote as long as they are not a local authority or funding representative, where the casting vote will pass to an independent member.

The Club has the powers to co-opt such a member as are deemed appropriate to carry out its aims and objects. They shall have no voting rights.

Membership

The Management Team may appoint and remove members as it sees fit.
All members should be registered at the AGM for the following year.

Individuals applying to join the W.S.C.C. must complete an application form, available from the Club Secretary. Application forms (if applicable), must be signed by a proposer and a seconder who are fully paid members of the W.S.C.C.
Individuals can apply to join the W.S.C.C. at any time.

Completed application forms must be returned to the Secretary. The applicant if approved or declined by the Management Team to become an ordinary or social member of the W.S.C.C. will be notified in writing of the decision.

Applicants that have been declined can re-apply for membership in the following year.

Any member wishing to resign must do so in writing to the Club Secretary not later than the date of the AGM, otherwise they will be held responsible for any subscription for the following year.

In cases where a member has proved to have conducted his / her affairs in a loose, negligent or unsatisfactory manner, the Management Team will have such members called to a meeting to answer questions on how club business is being conducted with possible sanctions being applied.

The decision of being excluded, suspension or expulsion of any member may only be taken at a properly convened meeting of the Management Team. Such exclusion, suspension, expulsion and resignation shall mean the forfeiture of all claims against the club.

Ordinary Members Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the ordinary members shall be held no later than 30th November each year. The Management Team will call each AGM. The Club Secretary shall give at least 14 days' notice of the AGM by advertising on the clubs notice board, website, social, media pages and by electronic mail where possible.

An agenda for the meeting will be available for those members in attendance.

W.S.C.C. Constitution and Domestic Rules have been accepted by the RPRA 2016