

CONSTITUTION OF THE B.B.A.C. COMPETITIONS CLUB

1 Title

The name of the Club shall be the “BBAC Competitions Club”.

2 Objects

- 2.1 to promote, organise and regulate balloon and airship competitions within the United Kingdom.
- 2.2 to organise an annual UK Championship: this may be an open or closed championship at the discretion of the Committee.
- 2.3 to select pilots (Subject to the General Sporting Code, GS 3.7.) to represent the United Kingdom at international competitions.
- 2.4 to promote links with similar organisations world-wide.
- 2.5 to support the objectives of the British Balloon and Airship Club.
- 2.6 to raise funds for the achievement of these objectives.
- 2.7 to encourage high standards of sportsmanship, flying behaviour and consideration for the public.

3 Membership

- 3.1 Only current members of the BBAC are eligible for membership of the BBAC Competitions Club.
- 3.2 **Full membership** shall entitle a member to full participation in the Club’s activities, including the right to enter events organised by the Club, voting rights at General Meetings and to receive mailings.
- 3.3 **Associate membership** shall entitle a member to attend all General Meetings (but not vote), to participate in Club events (subject to 3.4) and to receive mailings.
- 3.4 **Honorary membership** may be awarded for the period of one year, at the discretion of the committee, in recognition of service to the Club.
- 3.5 Membership may be refused or revoked by the Committee in the case of any person whose conduct is considered prejudicial to the interests of the Club, or of the BBAC, or brings the sport into disrepute.

4 Finance

- 4.1 **Income:** The income of the Club shall be used solely for the furtherance of the objects of the Club as outlined in Clause 2 above.
- 4.2 **Indemnity/Liability**

4.2.1 No officers shall be held liable for a bona fide debt incurred on behalf of the Club, and shall not be liable for any loss, or damage which may be incurred by the Club in the execution of their office or in relation thereto.

4.2.2 A member will indemnify the Club for any loss, or damage occasioned to the Club by that member.

4.2.3 The Club shall be under no liability to a member for any loss, or damage suffered by that member.

4.3 The Annual Subscription

4.3.1 Annual subscription rates for Full and Associate members shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting.

4.3.2 Annual Subscriptions shall be paid by 1st November in each year, or within 28 days of notification.

4.3.3 The Club may suspend from participation in its activities such members that have not paid their Annual Subscriptions by the prescribed date.

4.4 Financial Year

4.4.1 The Financial year shall start on 1st November in each year and end on the following 31st October.

5. Management of the Club

5.1 The management of the Club shall be vested in the Officers and three other committee members: this group forms the Competitions Club Committee.

5.2 The Committee may from time to time appoint such other officials, or sub-committees, as it sees fit to assist in the management of the Club.

5.3 The Committee shall meet at least three times each year.

5.4 Quorum for a Committee meeting shall be four.

5.5 Observers may be permitted to attend any meeting of the Committee but without right to vote.

5.6 All decisions shall be made by a simple majority vote.

6. Officials

6.1 The officials of the Club shall be:

6.1.1 President.

6.1.2 Honorary Life Vice Presidents.

6.1.3 Vice Presidents.

6.2 The President shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and shall take office immediately, and may hold office for no more than five consecutive years.

6.3 Honorary Life Vice Presidents shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting.

6.4 Vice Presidents shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting, and shall take office immediately and shall hold office for one year.

7. Officers

7.1 The Officers of the Club shall be:

7.1.1 The Chairman.

7.1.2 The Hon. Secretary.

7.1.3 The Hon. Treasurer.

7.2 The Officers shall be elected by the Annual General Meeting. They shall take up office immediately after that Annual General Meeting and shall hold office for one year.

7.3 The Officers shall be eligible for re-election, save that the Chairman shall not normally serve for more than three consecutive terms of office.

7.4 Committee members:

7.4.1 Three members shall be elected at the AGM to serve on the Committee. They shall take up office immediately after that Annual General Meeting, and shall hold office for one year.

7.4.2 The Committee Members (7.4.1) shall be eligible for re-election.

7.5 In the event of a vacancy occurring through the death, or resignation of an Officer, or Committee Member, or for any other reason, it may be filled temporarily at the discretion of the Committee. The action of the Committee shall be confirmed at the next general meeting of the Club.

8. General Meetings

8.1 A General Meeting of the Club may be called:

8.1.1 When the Committee so decides.

8.1.2 Upon signed request to the committee of not less than one fifth of the current membership.

8.2 Members shall receive 21 days notice of any General Meeting, stating the business to be considered. There shall be no “any other business” on such agenda.

8.2.1 Quorum for any General Meeting shall be, ten full members, or one quarter of the current full membership of the Club, whichever is the lesser.

8.2.2 A General Meeting adjourned for lack of quorum shall be called again, but giving members only 14 days notice.

8.3 The Annual General Meeting shall be held at intervals of not less than 14 months.

8.4 The Officers and all members of the Club shall have the right to be present and speak at the Annual General Meeting, but only full members shall have the right to vote.

8.5 At the Annual General Meeting of the Club the chair shall be taken by the President, and in his/her absence by the Chairman.

8.5.1 At any other General Meeting of the Club, the chair shall be taken by the Chairman.

8.5.2 At both the AGM and any other General Meeting, the person in the chair shall have a casting vote.

8.6 The business shall include:

8.6.1 To receive the Chairman’s report on the Club’s activities for the year.

8.6.2 To receive and adopt formally the report and balance sheet for the year ending 31st October.

8.6.3 To receive and adopt formally the Budget, including proposals re annual subscriptions, for the year.

8.6.4 To elect the Officers.

8.6.5 To elect 3 Committee members.

8.6.6 Members shall give 21 days notice of their intention to stand for election as a committee member or as a Club officer. The Club Secretary must be in receipt of a signed nomination form at least 21 days prior to the AGM. The nomination form is obtainable from the Secretary and requires applicants to have both a proposer and a seconder. The nominee, their proposer and seconder must all be paid-up members of The Club.

If there are insufficient nominations to fill the vacancies, those nominated shall be declared elected and nominations for the remaining vacancies may be accepted at the meeting. Only members present in person shall be eligible for nomination. An election shall be held if necessary.

9. Dissolution

9.1 The Club may be dissolved only by a General Meeting called for this specific purpose.

9.2 If upon dissolution of the Club there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property/assets whatsoever, these shall be disposed of as determined by the meeting, or failing agreement, such assets shall accrue to the BBAC.

10. Amendment of Constitution

10.1 No rule of the Club shall be altered or rescinded, nor any new one made, unless 21 clear days notice has been given to each full and associate member, and then only by a two-thirds majority of those present and entitled to vote, the agenda for which must contain full notice of the alterations proposed.

11. This constitution was approved at the AGM of the Competitions Club on 6th January, 1996, with the addition of **8.6.6** approved on 7th March, 2010.