

**THANET ROAD CLUB OFFICIALS**  
hereinafter referred to as The Committee

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# THANET ROAD CLUB CONSTITUTION

*Affiliated to CTT, BC, Cycling UK, KCA.*

## 1 CONSTITUTION

- (a) The club shall be known as Thanet Road Club.
- (b) The club shall exist to promote the participation in, and enjoyment of all forms of cycling.
- (c) The club is a not-for-profit organisation.

## 2 MEMBERSHIPS

(a) Membership of the club shall be open to anyone interested in the sport on application, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to available facilities is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis.

(b) The Club may have different classes of membership and subscription on a non-discriminatory and fair basis. The club will keep subscriptions at levels that will not pose a significant obstacle to people participating.

(c) The Club Committee may refuse membership, or remove it, only for good cause such as conduct or character likely to bring the Club or sport into disrepute. Appeal against refusal or removal may be made to an appointed panel consisting of club members.

## 3 SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of NOVEMBER and payable by the 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER. Members not having paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of DECEMBER will be required to re-apply.

Members joining after 31<sup>st</sup> July will pay half a year subscription.

### Subscription Rates

Seniors (Over 18 years)	£25.00
Junior (Over 16 but under 18 at renewal)	£10.00
Juvenile / Youth (Under 16 at renewal)	£6.00
Second Claim Members	£12.00
Over 60 Years of age	£10.00
Social Member	£5.00
Family (2 adults plus children under18)	£35.00

## 4 AFFILIATIONS

The Club shall affiliate to:

**CTT. (Cycle Time Trials) BC. (British Cycling), Cycling UK (formerly CTC)  
KCA. (Kent Cycle Association).**

## 5 CYCLING COMPETITION

The Club shall be primarily concerned with the encouragement of racing activities, but not to the exclusion of other cycling disciplines.

(a) Members shall conform to all current requirements of the appropriate governing bodies in the sport.

(b) The Club rules with regards to competition on the public highways concerning Law, dress and conduct of the events shall be the same as those already in force by the Regulatory bodies. - See Paragraph 15.

(c) The rules concerning Club Trophy events shall be summarized in the list of Club Events published at the start of each season.

(d) The competition period shall be between 1<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER and 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER

## FOR RACING RULES AND COMPETITIONS - SEE PARAGRAPH 16

### 6 Thanet RC Race Team

The Thanet RC Race Team is to provide a team environment for club members who are committed to competitive cycle racing and meet the agreed standards for membership. The team will seek to provide an enjoyable and competitive environment for the race team members and will have a particular focus on developing young talent from within the club. Race team members will be expected to meet both performance and commitment criteria and support each other at all times and behave with good manners and uphold the good name of the club.

### 7 Club Organisation

Club business shall be conducted by honorary officials elected annually by members at the Annual General Meeting. The Club shall appoint the following:

(a) **President.** The President may preside over meetings of the Club and Committee, has no executive function but is not barred from other offices.

(b) **Chairperson.** Heads the committee and presides over Club and Committee meetings.

(c) **General Secretary.** Deals with affiliations and correspondence with cycling bodies. Maintains a membership roll and deals with non-racing aspect of Club business. Organises and records decisions of committee and members meetings. Maintains the rule book and organises the Annual General Meeting.

(d) **Treasurer.** Administers club funds, receives subscriptions and makes payments on the authority of the committee. On items of expenditure the Treasurer shall obtain counter signature to cheques from one of the nominated account trustees who shall not be a beneficiary of that cheque.

Prepares an annual statement of accounts which are audited prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(e) **Time Trial Secretary.** Prepares for club approval a programme of Club time trials. Maintains a record of performances by members and lists the award winners at the end of the season. Submits to the appropriate authorities' applications to hold Club time trials.

(f) **Race Team Representative.** Co-ordinate Team entries to road races.

Organises the results of the Club Road race competitions.

(g) **Head Coach:** To be responsible for any coaching programmes and liaising with the coaches. Will hold an annual meeting with the Juvenile members and the Junior representative.

(h) **Youth Representative:** - must be aged from 14 to 18 years of age and will represent all juniors at club committee meetings.

(i) **Ladies Representative.** Must be female and represents all lady rider members at club committee meetings.

(j) **Social Secretary.** Arranges non-competitive activities at the club meetings and elsewhere.

(k) **Editor.** Collates and prepares a news-sheet/magazine to be distributed to Club members and associated organisations.

(l) **Public Relations:** Collates racing results and articles for submission to the press.

(m) **Funding Rep:** Organizes funding applications for submission to the committee for discussion.

(n) **Sponsorship & Heritage Rep:** Builds relationships with new club sponsors, whilst maintaining contact with existing ones. Reviews, updates and maintains club archives and is the point of contact for all historical matters relating to the club.

(o) **Webmaster:** Oversees the TRC Website.

**The General Secretary, Treasurer and Time Trial Secretary** shall be elected to serve for three years. The Election for these posts will take place in different years. There is no bar to members holding more than one office, except that the office of General Secretary and Treasurer may not be held by the same person.

## **8 DECISION MAKING**

The Club Rules may not be changed except at the Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting. A quorum of 20% of the membership is required to review such changes. A majority vote will be required to endorse the proposals. Out with these rules the committee may meet and a quorum of six will be required to authorise proposals to be placed before the membership.

Only members aged 16 or over will be eligible to vote. Second claim members may attend but are not eligible to vote – unless they are an elected official.

Youth members will be represented by the Head Coach who will hold meetings at his discretion along with the Junior rep.

## **9 MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting shall be held during the month of November.

Members shall attend to hear and approve the minutes of the previous Annual Meeting and reports of the year's activities from:

- (a) General Secretary
- (b) Treasurer
- (c) Time Trial Secretary

The Membership shall elect officers for the ensuing year and deliberate upon issues and propositions submitted beforehand to the General Secretary in writing and included on the agenda.

The General Secretary shall convene monthly or open meetings as required where members may raise items of general interest for consideration. The meeting shall be subject to Standing Orders published and approved beforehand. Decisions shall be by majority vote of those attending, with the Chairperson retaining a casting vote.

## **10 DISSOLUTION**

If the Committee decides for Financial, or any other reason, that it is desirable to dissolve Thanet Road Club, it will call a General Meeting, giving fourteen days' written notice to members. If such a meeting decides by a simple majority of those present and voting, that dissolution is appropriate, then the affairs of the Club will be wound up.

Any assets remaining after satisfaction of any liability's payable would be transferred either to another body with objects similar to its own, or be given to charitable organizations, as may be decided by the members at the meeting where the dissolution takes place.

## **11 EXCLUSION FROM MEMBERSHIP**

In matters affecting the good name of the Club or cycle sport the Committee shall meet and decide upon sanctions.

- (a) The Committee may disqualify a member from a competition for a breach of the Regulations or Rules of Racing.
- (b) The Committee may suspend a member for serious misconduct affecting the interest of the sport. The suspension must be endorsed by an Extra-Ordinary Meeting before expulsion is enforced.

## **12 INTERPRETATION**

The Committee shall rule on interpretation of the Rules. A member disagreeing with such an interpretation may seek a different ruling by appeal to a quorum of the membership at a monthly meeting and or by tabling a Rule amendment at the Annual General Meeting.

## **13 SPONSORSHIP**

The Club may seek sponsorship from outside parties for the promotion of competitions, events or any other related requirements.

## **14 CLUB COLOURS**

The Club Colours shall be Red, Yellow and Black to a design offered for acceptance by a majority vote at the Annual General Meeting. The design shall be registered with British Cycling.

## **15 RULE BOOK**

The Rules of the club shall be reviewed annually after the AGM and amended where necessary and distributed to members, via the club webpages.

## **16 RACING RULES AND COMPETITIONS**

## THE RULES

(A) No person may compete for a Club or Open competition including season-long competitions while a subscription or entry fee is unpaid.

(B) No person may compete in a Club event without first signing the standard CTT (or appropriate BC) disclaimer. Persons under 18 years of age are required to obtain parental consent.

(C) Other than persons attending school who have parental consent, participation in Club races by unaffiliated riders shall not be permitted.

(D) Entry fees for Club races shall be announced annually at the AGM. Such fees will include the CTT levy if appropriate. Fees for private trials by members of other affiliated clubs shall be notified on the season event list.

(F) A member must complete at least six races in the name of the club, or as a selected representative of a national or regional squad to be eligible for any club competition with the exception of the Hill Climb.

(G) Claims for records shall be made in writing to the Time Trial Secretary, accompanied by the result sheet in the case of Open or Association events, or a copy of the timekeeper's record and a witness statement that the claimant reached the turn point in the case of a Club event. Successful record breakers shall be awarded an engraved medal.

(H) Claims for BAR, Standards awards, and Championships shall be made in writing accompanied by the result sheet in the case of Open or Association events, or a copy of the timekeeper's record. Claims must be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup> October** in each season.

(I) Club Time Trials – 'Help and Ride' Scheme – All riders will be expected to help by committing to help at least twice at club time trial events through the season to gain eligibility to ride. Contact Time Trial Secretary to make a commitment. If the required number of officials is not obtained, events may be cancelled at short notice.

## THE COMPETITIONS

**Events 3 to 6 inclusive are restricted to Kent courses only:**

**1a Men's Senior Championship:** Best average speed for rides 25, 50, and 100 miles in the season.

**1b Women's Senior Championship:** Best average speed for rides 10 and 25 miles in the season.

**2 Senior Best All Rounder:** Best average speed for rides at 50, 100, and 12 hours in the season (Senior Long BAR)

**3a Veterans Championship:** Best average speed by a rider over 40 years at 10, 25 and 50 miles in the season. There will be a separate award for riders over 60.

**3b Women's Veterans Championship:** Best average speed by a women rider over 40 years of age over 10 and 25 miles in the season. (If a vet wins the Women's Championship, the next fastest vet will be eligible).

**3c Over 60 Championship Trophy Men:** Best average speed by a women rider over 60 years of age over 10 and 25 miles in the season.

**3d Over 60 Championship Trophy Women:** Best average speed by a women rider over 60 years of age over 10 and 25 miles in the season.

**4a Veterans Best All Rounder:** Best average plus miles per hour on age standard from rides at 10, 25 and 50 miles in the season.

**4b Women's Veterans Best All Rounder:** Best average plus miles per hour on age standard from rides at 10 and 25 miles in the season.

**5a Junior Boys Championship:** Best average speed for rides from two 25 and two 10-mile rides in the season.

**5b Junior Girls Championship:** Best average speed for rides from two 25 and two 10-mile rides in the season.

**6a Juvenile/Youth Boys Championship (Evening Points):** Points competition based on a Juvenile rider's best "e-1" rides, minus any cancelled events, at the evening Betteshanger 10-mile events. Points are awarded on a sliding scale for the greatest improvement on the preceding ride. Juvenile/Juniors who declare to the Time Trial Secretary at the beginning of the season their intention to compete in the senior points competition will not be eligible for the Juvenile/Junior Championship. (e = total number of events in the seasons calendar)

**6b Juvenile/Youth Girls Championship: (Evening Points):** Rider with the best average speed over 5 rides in 10-mile time trials during the season as above.

### Addendum:

For British Cycling (BC) events, a rider is a youth until 31st December of the year in which their birthday falls and a junior from 1 st January of the year in which their 17th birthday falls to 31st December of the year in which their 18th birthday falls.

For Cycling Time Trial (CTT) events, a rider is a juvenile until their 16th birthday and a junior until 31st December in the year of the rider's 18th birthday. BC rules will apply for TRC road race events and CTT rules will apply to TRC time trial events. TRC race team members are excluded.

- 7 Men's Ten Mile Championship:** Best average speed from three 10-mile rides in the season.
- 8 Women's Ten-mile Championship:** Best average speed from a female rider in three 10-mile rides in the season
- 9a Men's Twenty-five-mile Championship:** Best average speed from three 25-mile rides in the season.
- 9b Women's Twenty-five-mile Championship:** Fastest 25-mile ride in the season (Club or open)
- 10 Fifty-mile Championship:** Fastest 50-mile ride in the season.
- 11 Hundred-mile Championship:** Fastest 100-mile ride in the season.
- 12 Twelve-hour Championship:** Best 12-hour distance in the season.
- 13 Vincent Evans Memorial Trophy:** Fastest ride in the last open 25-mile event as listed in the Thanet RC Time Trial Schedule for the year.
- 14 Mike Catlow Memorial Cup:** Best performance on handicap in an open 25-mile event as listed in the Thanet RC Time Trial Schedule for the year.
- 15 Glen Nicholls Handicap 10:** Best performance on handicap in the final evening 10-mile event of the season.
- 16a Men's Consolation Cup:** Best performance in the final KCA 25-mile event of the year by a rider who has not won any award from club or open events (time trial or road race) during the season.
- 16b Women's Consolation Cup:** Most deserving women rider who has not won another award.
- 17 Senior Road Race Champion:** The most meritorious road racer, decided by ballot amongst the committee.
- 18 Junior Road Race Champion:** The most meritorious junior road racer, decided by ballot amongst the committee.
- 19a Road Race Points Competition (Men):** The highest accumulation of BC licence points during the current season.
- 19b Road Race Points Competition (women):** The highest accumulation of BC licence points during the current season.
- 20a Men's Evening Points Competition:** Based solely on club evening 10-mile time trials. Points are awarded on a sliding scale for the greatest improvement on the preceding ride for a rider's best "e-2" events minus any events cancelled. Juvenile/Juniors who are eligible and want to ride on Thanet Way can declare to the Time Trial Secretary at the beginning of the season their intention to compete in either the senior or junior points competition. (e = total number of events in that season's calendar).
- 20b Women's Evening Points:** Based solely on club evening 10-mile time trials. Points are awarded on a sliding scale for the greatest improvement on the preceding ride for a rider's best "e-2" events minus any events cancelled. Juvenile/Juniors who are eligible and want to ride on Thanet Way can declare to the Time Trial Secretary at the beginning of the season their intention to compete in either the senior or junior points competition. (e = total number of events in that season's calendar).
- 21 Challenge 25:** Fastest time in the first open 25-mile event as listed in the Thanet RC Time Trial Schedule for the year.
- 22a Hill Climb Competition:** The fastest time in the Club Hill Climb to be held in October as listed in Thanet RC Time Trial Schedule for the year.
- 22b Women's Hill Climb:** The fastest time for a women rider in the club hill to be held in October as listed in Thanet RC Time Trial Schedule for the year.
- 22c Matt Hill Memorial Trophy:** The fastest time for a boy, junior / juvenile in the Club Hill Climb to be held in October as listed in Thanet RC Time Trial Schedule for the year.
- 22d Junior Girl Hill Climb Trophy:** The fastest time for a Girl, junior / juvenile in the Club Hill Climb to be held in October as listed in Thanet RC Time Trial Schedule for the year.
- 23 Jim Linton Memorial Trophy:** Awarded to the first-year young member who in the opinion of the committee has shown the best performance of the season.
- 24 Dave Saffery Cup:** Awarded annually for services to the club. Nominations to be submitted to the secretary for a ballot among members present at the AGM.
- 25 Gordon Haller Memorial Shield:** Awarded to the club with the fastest aggregate time of five riders in the inter-club 10-mile evening event held on the third evening in June.
- 26a Bert Spickett Memorial Shield:** Awarded to the club rider with the best handicap performance in the last evening 10-mile event in June. Riders in this competition must have ridden 3 events to qualify.
- 26b Bert Spickett Memorial Shield Junior / Juvenile Award:** Awarded to the club Junior / juvenile rider with the best handicap performance in the last evening 10-mile event in June. Riders in this competition must have ridden 3 events to qualify.
- 27 Pat Baxter Trophy:** Awarded to the young rider who, in the opinion of the Committee has shown the most improvement in their performance during the season.
- 28 Cyclo Cross Trophy:** Most meritorious cyclo cross performance decided by ballot amongst the committee.
- 29 Jim Bragington Memorial Cup:** Most open time trials completed in the season
- 30a Juvenile Championship (Boys):** Rider with best average speed over 5 rides in 10-mile time trials during the season.
- 30b Juvenile Championship (Girls):** Rider with best average speed over 5 rides in 10-mile time trials during the season.
- 31 TRC 4 -up Team Time Trial:** The fastest time in the nominated event by a team comprising of Thanet first and second claim members of any composition. The first 3 riders to finish count towards the trophy.
- 32 Junior / Juvenile Go-Ride Rider of the year overall:** As voted by the Club Coach
- 33 Junior / Juvenile Go-Ride Male rider of the year:** As voted by the Club Coach

**34 Junior / Juvenile Go-Ride Female rider of the year:** As voted by the Club Coach

**35 Junior / Juvenile Go-Ride Volunteer of the year:** As voted by the Club Coach

**36 Eastbourne Trophy:** As awarded by the event organiser

**37 Ray Jessett Memorial 10:** Awarded to the fastest Kent rider in the Thanet open 10-mile time trial.

**38a Sarah Jones Trophy (senior):** Awarded to the winners of three advertised events at the Women's summer series of events.

**38b Sarah Jones Trophies (novice):** Awarded to the winners of three advertised events at the Women's summer series of events.

**38c Sarah Jones Trophies (girl):** Awarded to the winners of three advertised events at the Women's summer series of events.

**Certificates:** Will be awarded to Second and Third placed riders in competitions: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,19,20,23,26.  
Riders must be 1st Claim members, except where stated.

### **Thanet RC Time Trials**

Q10/42- Betteshanger Country Park - sign on in car park/enter on-line

Q10/31- Thanet Way - sign on Hawthorn corner (Reculver turn)

QHC/8 – St Margaret's – sign on at bottom of hill

All riders must sign Cycling Time Trials (CTT) entry form before obtaining number. Entrants aged under 18 must present a signed Cycling Time Trials (CTT) parental consent form at your first club time trial of the season.

Signing on closes 15 minutes before the start time for all events.

Club time trial fees are:

£5.00 for club members/second claim riders,

£2.00 for youth club members and

£10.00 for guests, including the CTT Levy.

(Excludes 'come and try it' events)

Please ensure we leave Betteshanger by 19.45 to assist the Ranger with Country Park closure

Any enquiries to Michael Friend, Time Trial secretary, michael.friend@talktalk.net 01843 848396