



NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

CONSTITUTION & RULES (Version 16.1 ~ March 22nd 2008)

1. NAME

1.1

The Club shall be known as The National Clarion Cycling Club, herein after referred to as the Clarion.

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The official motto or slogan of The Clarion shall be "Fellowship is Life".

2. OBJECTS

2.1

The Clarion's objects shall be: To protect and further the interests of cycling and cyclists. To promote Mutual Aid, Good Fellowship and support for the Principles of Socialism.

3. ORGANISATION

3.1

The Clarion shall consist of local sections whose names reflect they belong to the National Clarion Cycling Club and a relevant geographic location.

3.2

The Central Section shall consist of any individual members of The Clarion who do not belong to any local Section.

3.3

If a Section becomes inactive all paid-up members may become members of the Central Section until their membership expires.

3.4

Sections wishing to change their name must seek approval from National Committee. In the event that National Committee does not grant approval the section may request appeal at conference to overrule committee. The section shall not change its name until approval is received in writing.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1

The annual subscription to be paid to The Clarion by members shall be fixed by conference. Local Sections may fix an additional annual subscription at their discretion.

4.2

Membership categories shall be:-

- i. Seniors: 18 years or over at the time of payment.
- ii. Juniors: under 18 years at the time of payment
- iii. Life: members with at least 20 years continuous membership, on single payment of £20.

4.3

Honorary life membership may be conferred by decision of The Clarion Committee on a Section's recommendation.

4.4

The Membership Secretary shall maintain an up to date record of membership. The Membership Secretary shall inform the National Secretary of the membership of each Section seven clear days before the Annual Conference. Membership shall cease on 31st December each year, save that subscriptions paid by new members on or after 1st October shall remain valid for membership until 31st December of the following year. Membership shall have deemed to have lapsed if not renewed by the end of February each year .

4.5

Second claim members are permitted to join at the same fee as full members. Second claim members may participate in all activities and races.

Second claim members are eligible to compete in the Clarion Points Competition in their first year. In the second year of membership second claim members who have previously completed at least 4 events of the points competition are eligible to compete for Clarion Championships. Otherwise second claim members have to wait until payment of their third subscription before they qualify to compete for Clarion Championships.

4.6

Any member behaving in a manner against the good name or interests of the Club or fellow members may be expelled by a general meeting of the Section or by Committee, subject to appeal to Conference.

4.7

Decisions relating to donations of any nature shall be at the discretion of national committee.

5. COMMITTEE & OFFICERS

5.1

The officers of The Clarion will be:

- Chair
- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Minute Secretary
- Racing Secretary
- Easter Meet Secretary
- Standing Orders Secretary
- Membership Secretary

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual Conference.

All officers will retire each year but will be eligible for re-appointment.

5.2

The Committee shall consist of all officers plus two members elected at the Annual Conference

5.3

The quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be 4, unless those present agree that business should continue and minutes recorded.

5.4

Committee may appoint other such officers as they think desirable. These may include:- membership secretary, records secretary, team manager, team treasurer etc.

Voting Powers – all officers and committee members elected at conference are entitled to one vote each at The Clarion Committee Meetings.

5.5

The chair may use a second or casting vote in the case of an equal number of votes for or against the resolution. He may not use his casting vote to overturn the status quo.

6. CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEET

(see standing orders – NCCC standing orders vers 1)

6.1

The conference shall be held during the Annual Meet.

6.2

Forms for notices of motions and nominations of officers and committee members shall be sent to Sections 6 months before the date of the Annual Conference and shall be returned to The Clarion Secretary not later than 4 months before the date of the said conference.

6.3

The Secretary's Annual Report and The Clarion Balance Sheet shall be sent to Sections and members of the Committee together with the Conference Agenda one clear month prior to the date of Conference.

6.4

The accounts of the Club shall be audited by two Auditors appointed each year by Conference

6.5

Card votes at Conference shall be on the basis of one vote for each full member of a Section, based on the number of full members in that Section a clear seven days before Conference.

6.6

Alterations to the Constitution and Rules shall require a majority of two thirds of the total number of votes cast by Sections at the Annual Conference.

6.7

The Minutes of the Conference shall be circulated to Sections as soon as possible after the Conference, and within two months at the latest. Resolutions passed by Conference shall take effect as soon as this has been done.

6.8

A copy of the up-to-date Constitution and Rules (or notification of the date of those last issued, if unamended) together with details of Officers and Section Secretaries addresses shall be sent to all Sections within two months of Conference.

7. AWARDS

7.1

All trophies and awards for the preceding calendar year shall be presented at the Annual Meet.

8. NON RACING AWARDS

8.1

The Section, which, in the judgement of The Clarion Committee, has given the most meritorious service to The Clarion shall be awarded the Tom Groom Memorial Trophy. Each Section may forward to the Secretary by 31st December a report of its activities during that year.

8.2

The awards of Clubman, Clubwoman and Most Meritorious Junior Rider of the year. These awards shall be judged by The Clarion Committee and the winners presented with trophies and medals. Nominations from Committee, Sections or individual members may be forwarded to the Secretary by 31st December

8.3

The Section whose members have aggregated the highest mileage cycled to the Annual Meet shall be awarded the British Workers Sports Association Trophy, provided that all members nominated in the claim have paid the Meet Levy and signed the Register.

8.4

The Brian Braithwaite Memorial Award shall be presented to the winner of the Photographic Competition to be held at the Annual Meet.

8.5

The Neil Duckworth Memorial Trophy shall be awarded to the Section having the greatest number of members at the Annual Meet, provided that they have all paid the meet levy and signed the register.

9. NATIONAL RACING CHAMPIONSHIP AND AWARDS

9.1

Details of members racing performances which maybe eligible for awards shall be forwarded to the Racing Secretary. No claims received after the 31st December shall be valid.

9.2

Clarion event medals shall be awarded on the 'one rider, one prize' basis, other than for the Team awards.

9.3

The Racing Secretary shall circulate a list of racing awards to be presented at the Annual Meet to all Section Secretaries no later than the end of February.

9.4

Any member wishing to claim a Clarion record shall forward the relevant result sheet or other appropriate document to the Racing Secretary.

There are three classes of records for both males and females:

- i. Allcomers (any age)
- ii. Junior (18 and under) age related records (unless a younger person holds a better record)
- iii. Veteran (40 and over) age related records (unless an older person holds a better record).

All record-breakers shall be presented with a certificate at the following Annual Meet.

9.5

Additional medals may be awarded at the discretion of the National Committee.

9.6

The title 'Clarion Novice Champion' shall be awarded to the member who, in the opinion of the National Committee, has shown the great improvement in competitive cycling over the past year. The winner shall receive a medal. A Novice is one who has never won a prize (except a team prize) prior to the current season in a competitive cycling event.

9.7

The Title Clarion Champion shall be awarded to the winner of the Clarion Points competition based on their best four rides in designated Clarion events throughout the year. Points shall be awarded on the following basis:

1st 50, 2nd 40, 3rd 30, 4th 20, The last rider is awarded 5 points and thereafter one additional point for every rider beaten. Riders starting but not finishing are awarded 2 points.

The Competition is open to second claim members in their first year of membership although they are not permitted to be eligible for the title until compliant with rule 4.5.

Medals shall be awarded to the Champion, 2nd and 3rd placed riders, the first lady, first veteran and the first junior.

10. TIME TRIALLING

10.1

The title '25 Mile Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the rider recording the fastest time in the annual Clarion 25 mile time trial championship event. The winner shall receive The Kenneth Humphries Memorial Angel Trophy and medal. Medals shall also be awarded to 2nd and 3rd fastest; 1st handicap place; fastest Veteran on 'standard'; fastest Junior.

The title 'Women's 25 mile Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the woman recording the fastest time in the event. The winner shall receive the Rose Bowl and a medal. Medals shall also be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd fastest women.

The fastest team of three shall receive the Kalkoff Trophy and medals.

The fastest tandem pair shall be awarded the Milsom Trophy and medals.

10.2

The Kenneth Humphries Memorial Time Trial shall be held at the Annual Meet. The Kenneth Humphries Memorial Cup and medals shall be awarded to the winning Section team of two or three subject to entries and type of event. Medals shall also be awarded to 1st individual, 1st on handicap and 1st woman.

10.3

The title of '10 Mile Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the rider recording the fastest time in the annual Clarion 10 mile time trial championship event. The winner shall receive the Alec Holliday Memorial Cup and medal. Medals shall also be awarded to 2nd and 3rd fastest; 1st handicap place; fastest Veteran on 'standard'; fastest Junior.

10.4

The Bert Brown Women's 10 Mile Time Trial shall be held in conjunction with the men's 10 mile time-trial championship. The trophy shall be awarded to the winning Section team of two women, subject to there being at least two Clarion teams starting the event, the winners shall receive medals. In the event of insufficient Clarion teams competing, the fastest woman shall be awarded the trophy and a medal.

10.5

The title of 'Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the member with the highest average speed in any one year in time trials of 25, 50 and 100 miles. The Champion shall be awarded the Vaughton Trophy and a medal. The runner-up and third place rider shall be awarded medals. These calculations to be in accordance with the BBAR

10.6

The title of 'Women's Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the woman member with the highest average speed in any one year in time trials of 10, 25 and 50 miles. The Champion shall be awarded the Calder Cup and a medal. The runner-up and third place rider shall be awarded medals. These calculations to be in accordance with the BBAR

10.7

The title of 'Junior Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the member with the highest average speed in any one year in two 10 mile ridden before the 18th birthday. The winner shall receive a medal. These calculations to be in accordance with the BBAR

10.8

The title 'Veteran Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the member who, being over 40 years old has the best average speed over distances of 25, 50 and 100 miles with allowance for age. These calculations to be in accordance with the VTTA. The winner shall receive the E.R.Jones trophy and a medal. Medals shall also be awarded to the runner-up and third place rider.

10.9

The title of '50 Mile Time Trial Champion' shall be awarded to the Clarion rider recording the fastest time in a 50 mile time trial designate by the National Committee. The winner shall receive The Rylance, Linklater, Ogden Trophy and a medal.

10.10

The title 'Hill-Climb Champion' shall be awarded to the Clarion rider recording the fastest time in the annual Clarion Hill-Climb Championship event. The winner shall receive The Joe Hoban Trophy and a medal.

11. ROAD RACING

11.1

The title of Road Race Points Champion and a medal shall be awarded to the member who has accrued the most British Cycling points in road and circuit races.

11.2

The title of Junior Road Race Points Champion and a medal shall be awarded to the member who has accrued the most British Cycling points in road and circuit races.

11.3

The Skegness Trophy and a medal shall be awarded to the most meritorious Clarion rider in a road or circuit race at the Annual Meet. The award to be decided by Judges and Commissaires.

11.4

The title Road Race Champion, the York Clarion Trophy and a medal shall be awarded to the highest placed Clarion rider in the annual Clarion Road Race Championship event

11.5

The title Women's Road Race Champion and a medal shall be awarded to the highest placed Clarion rider in the annual Clarion Road Race Championship event.

11.6

The title Veteran Road Race Champion and a medal shall be awarded to the highest placed Clarion rider in the annual Clarion Road Race Championship event.

11.7

The title Junior Road Race Champion and a medal shall be awarded to the highest placed Clarion rider in the annual Clarion Road Race Championship event.

12. TRACK RACING

12.1

The title of Omnium Champion shall be awarded to the member who wins the omnium to be run in conjunction with the National Clarion Track Championship. The organiser of the track championship will decide which events and the scoring methodology, which must be available before the championships take place. The winner to be awarded a medal and hold the Dove Memorial Trophy for one year.

12.2

The Czechoslovak Trophy shall be awarded to the winning team in a 4km pursuit event to be held annually. The members of the winning team shall receive medals.

12.3

The 5 Mile Track Championship Trophy shall be awarded annually. The winner, second and third shall receive medals.

12.4

The MacKay Pollock Track Sprint Trophy shall be awarded to the winner of the sprint at the Clarion Track Championships. The winner shall receive a medal.

12.5

An Individual Pursuit Championship Trophy shall be awarded annually and retained for one year, the winner shall receive a medal. The exact definition of heats and eligibility to compete shall be the responsibility of the organisers of the Clarion Track Championship.

12.6

Junior Omnium: The Handforth Clarion Cup and medal shall be awarded for the highest points total in three nominated events at the Clarion Track Championships.

13. CYCLO-CROSS

13.1

The title 'Cyclo-Cross Champion', shall be awarded to the highest placed Clarion rider in the annual Clarion Cyclo-Cross Championships. The rider shall receive the Alf Taylor Memorial Cup and medal. Medals shall also be awarded to first Senior, first Woman, first Veteran, first Junior, first under 12 and first under 10

14. RACING COLOURS

14.1

The colours of The Clarion Cycling Club shall be red and yellow.

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