

Club Rules

Any and all references to "he", "him" or "his" implies male and female members.

NAME AND COLOURS

1. The Club shall be called the GORING GAP BOAT CLUB hereafter known as the CLUB.
2. The colours shall be Kingfisher Blue and Deep Orange.

OBJECTIVES

3. The aims of the Club are to make it possible for members to enjoy unpowered boating, the sport of rowing and associated activities and to organise and run the Goring and Streatley Regatta.

TRUSTEES

4(a) The property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Treasurer or other person or persons nominated by the Committee) shall be vested in the Trustees of whom there shall be no less than two and not more than four.

(b) The Trustees shall be appointed by the Committee and shall hold office until death or resignation unless removed from office by the Committee. Where by reason of such death, resignation or removal it is necessary that a new Trustee or Trustees be appointed, the Committee of the Club is hereby nominated to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 Trustees Act 1925 and shall by Deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated.

(c) The Trustees shall deal with the property of the Club as directed by resolution of the Committee (of which resolution and entry into the Minute Book shall be conclusive evidence) but shall be entitled to be indemnified against risk or expense out of the Club property.

(d) All surplus income or profits are re-invested in the Club. No surpluses or assets will be distributed to members or third parties.

MEMBERSHIP

5. Classes of membership

(a) Full Members - entitled to all privileges of the Club including the use of boats and all other training facilities under the direction of the Committee or any person authorised by them.

(b) Junior members – over 13 and under 18 years of age at the date on which the subscription shall be due. Entitled to full member privileges (except for voting rights as per [9] below). When participating in club activities, Junior Members shall receive appropriate supervision from their parent/guardian or from an alternative person or persons acting on behalf of the parent/guardian.

(c) Social members - May be permitted the use of non-sliding seat boats as may be specified by the Committee or any person authorised by them.

(d) Temporary Members – May be permitted the privileges of a full member for a maximum of 3 club sessions upon completion of a Temporary Membership form. Any person paying an admission fee to be determined by the Committee for the purposes of attending Goring and Streatley Regatta shall be treated as a temporary member of the club for the day or days of such Regatta and during official pre-regatta training. No temporary member shall be entitled to receive notice or attend or vote at any General Meeting of the Club or participate in the management of the Club.

(e) Honorary Members – The Committee shall have the power to elect as an Honorary member without payment of subscription any person who shall in the opinion of the Committee, have rendered exceptional services to the Club, but such election shall be subject to ratification at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting next ensuing.

(f) Life Patron – The Committee shall have the power to elect a Life Patron of the Club at such subscription as it by resolution shall decide. A Life Patron shall not be a member of the Club but shall be entitled to avail himself of such facilities as the Committee shall determine. The privileges of Life Patron, or Honorary Member shall extend for the natural life of the person so elected.

6. Members may be subject to approval by a simple majority of the Committee.

7. The Membership Secretary shall send to each member, immediately upon receipt of the membership fee, confirmation of membership together with a copy of these Rules, and shall maintain a list of all members of the Club.

8. The annual subscription of all members shall be due on the first day of April. The rate of the subscription shall be determined by the Club at the Annual General Meeting.

9. Junior members shall be entitled to membership of the club at a subscription equal to one half payable by a full member. No member in this category shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting of the Club.

10. A member whose subscription is not paid by the first day of May in any year shall be notified in writing. If the subscription shall not be paid by the first day of June in the same year that person shall cease to be a member.

11. In the case of an application for membership after the Goring and Streatley Regatta, the subscription shall be one half of the subscription otherwise attributable to that category of membership. This reduction is only applicable to applicants who were not members in the preceding year.

12. A member may resign from the Club at any time by giving notice thereof in writing to the Secretary.

13. Any member who shall offend against the rules of the Club or whose conduct in the opinion of the Committee render him unfit for membership shall be liable to expulsion. No member shall be expelled from the Club without first having the opportunity to appear before the Committee and answering the complaints made against him and unless at least two-thirds of the Committee shall then vote to expel him.

14. Equal Opportunities Policy - The Club will ensure that the talents and resources of all members are utilised to the full and that no member receives less favourable treatment on the grounds of gender, disability, marital status, creed, social class, ethnicity, age or sexual orientation.

15. Child Protection Procedures - The Club accepts the policy and procedures relating to Child Protection, as set out by the ARA, and requires all members to accept them as a condition of membership.

16. Safety - The club activities will comply with the Water Safety Code contained in the rules of the ARA and the Water Safety Code Guidance Notes as published by the Amateur Rowing Association.

ADMINISTRATION

17. The officers of the Club shall be the President and the committee. The Committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting and shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when they shall retire but shall be eligible for re-election provided they have not been a member of the committee for five consecutive years.

18. The Committee shall consist of:-
Chairman
Honorary Secretary
Honorary Treasurer
Captain of Rowing
Captain of Boats
Regatta Chairman
Social Secretary
Membership Secretary
+ up to 5 other members

The Committee shall assign specific responsibility for the following additional areas to person(s) chosen from the above:

Welfare, Safety Advisor, Publicity & PR, and non-sliding seat boats.

Meetings of the Committee may be convened by any Committee member and seven shall be a quorum.

19. The Committee shall manage the affairs of the Club in accordance with the rules of the Club and define the duties of the several officers who shall in all respects be subject to the control of the Committee. In the event of the President retiring, the main Committee shall appoint a replacement.

20. The Committee may from time to time appoint from among the members such Sub-Committees as they deem necessary or expedient and may depute or refer to them such powers and duties of the Committee as the Committee may determine. Such Sub-Committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the Committee and shall conduct their business in accordance with the direction of the Committee.

21. The Committee shall have the power to make arrangements for local institutions to enjoy the amenities of the Club and the power to co-opt a responsible member from any such institution on to the Committee.

22. The Committee shall from time to time make, repeal and amend all such byelaws and regulations (not inconsistent with these rules) as they shall think expedient for the internal management of the Club. All such byelaws and regulations shall be binding on the members until repealed by the Committee or set aside by a resolution of a General Meeting of the Club.

23. Those members of the Club who are appointed by the Committee to supervise training sessions shall be regarded for their period of duty to be ex officio officers of the Club.

MEETINGS

24. An Annual General Meeting shall be held in November in each year, at a time and place determined by the Committee, and notified in writing (or by email) to the membership at least twenty one days in advance.

The business of the meeting shall be the election of the Committee, the passing of accounts and receiving reports of the Captains and Secretary. Also consideration of any proposed Rule changes and any other business of which notice shall have been given to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the meeting.

The membership shall be notified in writing (or by email) of the business of the AGM, including proposed rule changes and any other business, at least seven days prior to the meeting.

All notices required by this Rule shall be deemed to have been given if sent to the address of the member as recorded on the Club records.

25. The Committee may at any time and shall on the requisition of any 10 members, stating the purpose for which it is required convene an Extraordinary General Meeting for any specific purpose. The notification requirements shall be as stated for an AGM in Rule (24)

26. The financial year of the Club shall be from 1st October until the following September 30th.

AMENDMENT OF RULES AND DISSOLUTION

27. The Rules may be altered or repealed or new Rules may be made by resolution at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting duly summoned for that purpose, provided that no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless carried by a majority of the members present and voting thereon.

28. If at any General Meeting a resolution for the dissolution of the Club be passed by a majority of three quarters of the members present and such resolution shall at a Special General Meeting held not less than one month thereafter be confirmed by resolution passed by a majority of 75% of the members voting thereon the Committee shall thereupon and at such resolution proceed to realise the property of the Club after discharge of all liabilities and shall transfer to some such local organisation(s) and / or charity(ies) as the Committee shall determine and from the completion of such transfer the Club shall be dissolved.

29. For the purpose of any resolution to amend Rule 28 or for any Special General Meeting called pursuant to Rule 28 a quorum shall be one half of the members of the Club plus one, and no such resolution shall be passed unless passed by a majority of 75% of members and voting thereon.