



# NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

## CONSTITUTION & RULES (Version 29.0 ~ 2024)

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### OUR ORIGINS

The Club began as part of the socialist movement of the Clarion newspaper in the 1890s. Its chief objectives then were the promotion of democracy and opposition to every form of inequality. These remain crucial concerns which we all should try and further in the 21st century. Clarion socialism was more social and cultural than political and the Club does not seek to prescribe the political views and affiliations of members.

### 1. NAME

#### 1.1

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

#### 1.2

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

### 2. OBJECTS

#### 2.1

The Clarion's aims are to protect and further the interests of cycling and cyclists.

In all its activities, the Clarion and its members shall endeavour to promote and encourage; Mutual Aid, Good Fellowship, Fairness, Equality, Inclusion and Diversity.

#### 2.2

The Clarion shall not tolerate harassment or bullying in any form, including but not restricted to; verbal, non-verbal, written or in social media.

### 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. A section may only use the Clarion name and logos while they remain a fully paid-up section of the Clarion. New sections should have at least 5 members. Any section dropping below 3 may have the remaining members invited to become Private Members or transfer to a geographically proximate section subject to review by that section secretary and the National Committee.

#### 3.2

If a Section becomes inactive, all paid-up members may become Private members will be invited to become Private Members or transfer to a geographically proximate section until their membership expires.

### 3.3

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.

### 3.4

Sections should (as a minimum) comply with the following operational criteria:

- Name an elected secretary who will communicate with the Clarion National office
- Hold their own bank account (within the first 12 months of establishing).
- Meet on regular occasions throughout the year to conduct section affairs.
- Hold an AGM (annual general meeting) each year, to which all Section members are invited.
- Submit names and contact details of their key officers annually and no later than 1st March annually.  
(Secretary/Treasurer/ Racing Secretary/Touring Secretary/Youth Development Officer/Club Coach(es)/Welfare Officer)

### 3.5

Only sections whose members have paid an annual subscription to the National Clarion Cycling Club may describe themselves as a 'Clarion Cycling Club' or use the National Clarion logos and trademarks including but not limited to the 'Clarion Cycling Club' (name), 'Trumpet' Logos, the 'Angel' logos and other variants commonly in use by the National Clarion over time.

## 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. Junior: under 18 years at the time of payment
- iii. Life: members with at least 20 years continuous senior membership and having reached their 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, on a single payment of 5 x the annual membership fee.
- iv. Family: shall consist of two paid up Senior (or Life) members living at the same household address and may include any number of Juniors (at same address) at no further cost for full Junior membership.
- v. Private: Senior members who are not members of any Clarion section. Annual subscription shall be 2 x the annual senior fee for membership to 31<sup>st</sup> December. A Private member is encouraged to join a Section within 36 months of becoming a Private Member.

### 4.3

All new members should join via the online membership system approved by the National Committee. Where the applicant is under 18, there should be a digital approval of this application by either the parent or legal guardian using the same system.

A member becomes a member of the National Clarion once online payment is approved and payment is received by a section or National administrator.

### 4.4

Honorary life membership for services to or exceptional recognition by the National Clarion, may be granted by a decision of The Clarion Committee. Sections or the National Committee May make recommendations for this honour.

### 4.5

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 31<sup>st</sup> December each year, save that subscriptions paid by new members on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September shall remain valid for membership until 31<sup>st</sup> December of the following year. Membership shall have deemed to have lapsed if not renewed by the end of February each year.

#### 4.6

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

#### 4.7

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.

### 5. COMMITTEE & OFFICERS

#### 5.1

The officers of The Clarion will be:

- President
- Chair
- Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Treasurer
  
- Admin Secretary
- Competition and Events Secretary
- Webmaster / IT Manager
- Section Liaison Officer
- Compliance Officer
- Safeguarding Officer
- Boot and Spurs Editor
- Women's Officer
- Young Members (under 28 years old) Officer
- Ethnically Diverse and Inclusion Officer
- LGBTQ+ Officer
- Standing Orders Secretary

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual Conference.

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

Conference may elect Vice-Presidents as honorary positions to recognise service to The Clarion.

#### 5.2

The Committee shall consist of all officers elected at the Annual Conference or appointed by the Committee under the provisions of clause 5.1 above.

#### 5.3

The quorum for a Committee Meeting shall be 4.

#### 5.4

Committee may appoint other such officers as they think desirable. The number of appointed or co-opted officers must always be less than the number of officers elected by the Annual Conference.

Voting Powers – all officers elected at conference are entitled to one vote each. Appointed and co-opted officers may be invited to attend committee meetings and may vote on matters relevant to their role.

#### 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. They may not use their casting vote to overturn the status quo.

#### 5.6

The Committee shall meet, by video conference, in person or hybrid, at least once every two months and ideally once a month.

#### 5.7

Decisions relating to donations or grants of any nature shall be at the discretion of national committee. The committee shall have authorisation levels of up to £2,000 for any one cause per annum. Donations above this level shall be referred to the annual conference for approval.

### 6. **CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEET** (see standing orders – NCCC standing orders vers 2)

#### 6.1

Sections may give notice of motions to conference and nominations of officers and committee members each year prior to conference. These motions and nominations shall be sent the Clarion Secretary not later than two months before Conference. A motion should state when the resolution, if passed, should come into effect. A suitable form is available on request if needed.

#### 6.2

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

#### 6.3

The accounts of the Club shall be audited/examined by an Auditor/Examiner appointed each year by Conference

#### 6.4

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 fourteen days before Conference.  
Private members' votes shall be based on one person one vote, by card vote when attending conference as a Private member.

#### 6.5

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

#### 6.6

The minutes of the conference shall be circulated (by email and posted on the website) as soon as possible after the conference and within 2 months at the latest. Resolutions passed by conference shall take effect as soon as this has been done unless stating to the contrary in the specific motion.

#### 6.7

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 e-mail 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.

#### 7.2

The committee may at its discretion decide to award additional medals for racing events and outstanding achievements.

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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. A Junior is defined as being under 19 years of age on 31 December of the relevant year. Nominations from Committee, Sections or individual members may be forwarded to the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> 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. A medal will also be provided to the individual member who has the highest mileage cycled to the Annual Meet. Committee shall have the final decision when assessing all start locations and times.

#### 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..

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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

For the purposes of all racing awards and records, the term 'Junior' shall be consistent with the relevant racing bodies applicable to that event.

#### 9.5

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

- i) All comers (any age)
- ii) Junior (18 and under\*) age related records (see rule 9.4)
- iii) Veteran (40 and over) age related records

For age related records to qualify, in the case of juniors a faster time must not already exist for a younger aged rider. In the case of veterans, a faster time must not already exist for an older rider.

A member wishing to claim a Clarion record shall satisfy the following requirements:

- i) Claimants must be paid up first-claim members of the National Clarion Cycling Club at the time of the qualifying performance.
- ii) For time trials, Open or Association Events \* only to count. For track events, approved British Cycling Events only to count.
- iii) Claims shall be supported with a copy of the official result sheet or other appropriate document.
- iv) Claims for Clarion records should be submitted to the Racing Secretary as soon as possible. For the avoidance of doubt this should be taken to mean not later than the end of the year in which the record was broken. In exceptional cases, including those where a new class of record is to be established, the National Committee will consider at their discretion, retrospective claims for records on the proviso that all of the previous conditions have been met.

All record breakers shall be presented with a certificate at the following Annual (Easter) Meet.

Note \* Association Event may include National Clarion events run as Type B events as defined in CTT Regulations. For such events to qualify, both the course and timekeeper(s) must be CTT approved and an official start & result sheet produced.

#### 9.6

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

#### 9.7

The title 'Clarion Novice Champion' shall be awarded to the member who, in the opinion of the National Committee, has achieved the most meritorious results in their first competitive year at cycle racing. The winner shall receive a medal.

#### 9.8

The Title Clarion Champion shall be awarded to the men's and women's winners 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, with separate points for men and women in the same events:  
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. Points given for the track championships are based on Omnium results only.

The men's winner shall receive The John Leese Memorial Shield and a medal. The lady's winner shall receive The Kath Leese Shield and a medal. Medals shall also be awarded to the 2nd and 3rd placed riders (men and women) and first veteran.

The junior (aged 16-18) competition (girls and boys separately) will be based on best three counting events. Points and medals\* will be awarded in the same way as for the men's and women's competitions.

#### 9.9

The title of National Clarion Team Champions shall be awarded to a section team of three riders whose combined score of points as computed in rule 9.8. is greater than that of any other section team. The Felton Trophy and medals shall be awarded to members of the winning team.

#### 9.10

In any 'Clarion Member Only' race or championship, all riders (even 2nd claim members) must compete in their current Clarion section colours.

In order to identify themselves clearly amongst officials and other competitors, 2nd claim members (subject to rule 4.6), must also compete in their registered Clarion section colours and not any other colours or design.

#### 9.11

National Clarion championships such as the track championships, circuit/road championships shall be normally confined to members of the National Clarion Cycling Club.

#### 9.12

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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> on handicap and 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 time trials. 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.

#### 10.11

The title 'Team Time Trial Champions' shall be awarded to the Clarion team of three or four riders (depending on organiser's preference) recording the fastest time in the event selected by committee. Each team must be from a single section to qualify for the championships and the winning team shall each receive a medal and share the TTT Trophy for one year. Medals shall also be provided to the fastest team of three ladies and/or three Juniors should more than one team enter.

## 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.

#### 11.8

The Club shall recognise Youth Awards in line with British Cycling designated youth categories (A to E). Medals shall be awarded to the highest placed Clarion competitor in each category, both boys and girls, in a designated youth championship event. Youth championship events may be held in conjunction with the Easter meet or another nominated event as conditions permit.

### **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 National Clarion Cycling Club shall be red and yellow.

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