



NATIONAL CLARION CYCLING CLUB

CONSTITUTION & RULES (Version 30.0 ~ 2025)

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 60th 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 31st 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 31st December each year, save that subscriptions paid by new members on or after 1st September 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.

4.6

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, with the agreement of a majority of the full committee at the time. Donations above this level shall be referred to the annual conference for approval.

6. **CONFERENCE & ANNUAL MEET** (see standing orders – NCCC standing orders vers 3.0)

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 to 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 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. 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 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. 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.

End.