

LANARKSHIRE AND LOTHIAN SOARING CLUB CONSTITUTION  
(As amended 1993, 1996, 1998 and 2026)

1. NAME

The name of the organisation will be the Lanarkshire and Lothian Soaring Club, hereinafter referred to as the Club.

2. OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

2.1 To promote and foster, develop and organise the sports of hang gliding and paragliding, including all classes as identified by the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association (BHPA), and encourage compliance with the standards of safety laid down by the BHPA, Scottish Hang Gliding, and Paragliding Federation (SHPF) and the Club.

2.2 To provide a coaching service to Club members.

2.3 To encourage the training and qualification of instructors and coaches, and other training as deemed appropriate.

2.4 To liaise with National bodies.

2.5 To borrow or raise money for the purposes of the Club on such terms and on such security as may be considered suitable.

2.6 To invest the Monies of the Club not immediately required for its purposes as may be thought fit.

2.7 To purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any heritable or moveable property and any rights or privileges which the Club may think necessary or convenient for the promotion of its objects and to construct, maintain and alter any buildings or erections necessary or convenient for the work of the Club.

2.8 To sell, let burden, dispose of, or turn to account all or any of the property or assets of the Club as may be thought expedient with a view to the promotion of its objects.

2.9 To engage in such other activities as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the aforesaid objects.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership shall be open to individuals participating or interested in promoting and developing hang gliding and paragliding, who are in membership of BHPA.

3.2 Applications for membership shall be submitted to the Secretary or Treasurer on a form provided for that purpose.

3.3 A copy of the Constitution, a sites guide and other useful information will be available for all members on the club website, [www.lscclub.co.uk](http://www.lscclub.co.uk).

3.4 Acceptance of membership binds the applicant to observe the Constitution and to abide by the BHPA's rules and code of conduct as published on their website [www.bhpa.co.uk](http://www.bhpa.co.uk).

3.5 Each member shall be bound to further, to the best of their ability, the objects, interests and influence of the Club and shall undertake not to bring or join in any action, claim or other proceedings against the Club, its officers or members on account of their bona fide actions and carried out in the course of fulfilling the Club's Objects.

4. SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS

4.1 Should the conduct of an individual be in the opinion of the Committee, injurious to the character and interests of the Club, the Committee, having taken all reasonable steps to ascertain the facts, shall be empowered to suspend all rights and privileges of the individual, who must be notified in writing of the Committee's decision.

4.2 An individual member having such action taken against them shall have the right of appeal to a General Meeting of the Club provided that a written notice of appeal is received by the Secretary within 21 days of their receipt of the Committee's decision. Notice of the General Meeting must be given 21 days before the appeal.

4.3 Any individual whose subscription has not be paid by 1st March of the current financial year shall have all rights and privileges suspended until such subscription shall have been paid or shall be considered to have resigned their membership.

## 5. FINANCE

5.1 Subscriptions shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall be due on 1st Jan each year.

5.2 The financial year of the Club shall run from 1st January to 31st December, and the accounts of the Club shall be balanced each year and presented for approval at the Annual General Meeting.

5.3 The Committee shall cause proper books of account and a Register of Members to be kept.

## 6. COMMITTEE

6.1 The Office Bearers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

6.2 The Office Bearers shall be: Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Safety Officer, Chief Coach, Sites Officer and any other role as decided by the Committee.

6.3 The management and control of property, funds and affairs of the Club shall be vested in the Committee which shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting

6.4 The Committee shall consist of:- The office bearers and a maximum of eight individual members.

6.5 All members of the Committee shall have full voting rights at all Committee Meetings and in the event of there being an equal number of votes cast for and against a motion, the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his deliberative vote.

## 7. POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

7.1 The Committee shall normally meet at three monthly intervals and preferably at least four times a year.

7.2 The necessary quorum for the transaction of regular business shall be half of the current members of the Committee. All matters shall be decided by a simple majority.

7.3 The Committee shall be empowered to:

7.3.1 Expend any of the funds of the Club in furtherance of the Objects or the Club or incidental thereto.

7.3.2 Appoint and dismiss any full or part-time official. The duties of such employees will be those as indicated in their Contracts of Employment.

7.3.3 Appoint and disband Sub-committees with specific terms of reference in accordance with the Objects of the Club.

7.3.4 Ratify and rescind all recommendations and decisions of Sub-committees.

7.3.5 Co-opt persons to and remove such co-opted persons from the Committee or Sub-committees. The voting rights of co-opted members shall be determined by the Committee.

7.3.6 Fill any vacancy occurring in any office or in its membership.

7.3.7 Act as the authority for the interpretation of the BHPA rules and code of conduct and of Regulations made thereunder and any matter affecting the Club and not provided therein. The decisions of the Committee shall be final and binding on all members.

## 8. MEETINGS

8.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held usually, but not necessarily, in the months of February or March on a date to be fixed by the Committee for the purpose of:-

8.1.1 Approving the minutes of the previous year's Annual General Meeting.

8.1.2 Receiving the Annual Report

8.1.3 Receiving the Financial Report and approving the Accounts

8.1.4 Making changes (if any) to the Constitution

8.1.5 Electing Office Bearers of the Club

8.1.6 Electing up to eight individual members to the Committee

8.1.7 Transacting any other competent business. Business not on the agenda shall be transacted only by the consent of two-thirds of the members present and entitled to vote.

8.2 Any resolution which proposes altering the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary by 1st January of that year, and one month prior to an AGM.

8.3 Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be communicated to each member in current membership 28 days prior to the meeting, usually by messaging app and/or email. The Notice shall indicate the date, time and place of the meeting, and enumerate the items of business in the order in which they are to be transacted.

8.4 A general meeting of the Club may be convened at any time on the authority of the Committee or within 28 days of a written request signed by 10 percent of members in current membership. The purpose of the General Meeting shall be specified in the form of resolutions and full details of these resolutions together with the date, time and place of the meeting, shall be sent by email to all members in current membership not less than 14 days before the meeting.

8.5 At all Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings.

8.5.1 Each member shall be eligible to attend, be heard and entitled to one vote.

8.5.2 The quorum shall be 25% of the total membership at the time of the meeting.

8.5.3 If a quorum is not present, the meeting cannot be held and must be reconvened as soon as possible and preferably within 28 days. 14 days notice giving the time and place of the meeting must be given to all members.

8.5.4 In the event of there not being a quorum at the reconvened meeting the Committee shall be empowered to take any appropriate actions and decisions in accordance with the Constitution.

8.5.5 The Chairman of the Club, or in his absence the Treasurer or Secretary shall preside as Chairman of every General Meeting, but if there is no such Chairman, or if at any meeting they shall not be present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, or shall be unwilling to preside, the members present and entitled to vote shall choose some member of the Committee, whom failing, some other member of the Club who shall be present to preside. No business shall be discussed or transacted at any General Meeting whilst the chair is vacant except the election of a Chairman.

8.5.6 All resolutions, except those changing the Constitution or any part thereof, shall be decided by a simple majority of individuals present and voting at the meeting. In the event of an equal division of votes cast, the person taking the chair at the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to any deliberative vote he may possess.

8.5.7 Resolutions changing the Constitution shall be decided by two-thirds majority of members present and voting at the meeting.

8.5.8 Proxy votes shall not be recognised at any meeting.

## 9. PROPERTY AND DEEDS

The Committee may appoint any person or persons or the holder or holders from time to time of any office as trustee or trustees to hold any property for and on behalf of the Club and may remove any trustees and appoint new or additional trustees. Such trustees shall have the full privileges and immunities competent to gratuitous trustees in Scotland including power to resign office together with such additional powers as the Committee may, from time to time confer on them, but subject such additional powers to such restrictions as the Committee shall impose. Any document to which the Club is a party is held to be validly executed on behalf of the Club if it is subscribed on behalf of the Club by any three persons who are members of the Committee.

## 10. DISSOLUTION

If when a dissolution of the Club has been resolved, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among members but shall be given or transferred to such other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Club as may be determined by the members at or before the date of dissolution. Subject to such determination, such property shall be given or transferred to such charitable institutions having as their objects the promotion of amateur sports as may be determined by a judge of the Court of Session having jurisdiction in regard to charitable fluids and, in so far as effect cannot be given to such provisions, then to some charitable object.

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