

# **RULES OF THE MZ RIDERS CLUB** (effective July 2015)

1. The name of the Club is **MZ RIDERS CLUB**, hereafter referred to as MZRC.
2. **OBJECTS AND FUNCTIONS** : The objects and functions of MZRC shall be to promote the interests of the owners and riders of motorcycles manufactured by MZ, Simson and derivatives, and to organise activities to this end.
3. **AFFILIATIONS** : MZRC shall be affiliated to the Motorcycle Action Group (MAG), the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) and the National Association for Bikers with a Disability (NABD). These affiliations are subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting which may also authorise additional affiliations.
4. **MEMBERSHIP**: Membership of MZRC shall be open to owners and riders of machines manufactured by MZ, Simson and derivatives, and to persons having an interest in the machines of these manufacturers. Membership is valid upon payment of subscriptions for periods of one, two or three years from the date of payment. Any MZRC member judged by the National Committee to have taken part in any activity grossly prejudicial to the interests of MZRC shall cease to be a member forthwith, and shall forfeit any subscription paid to MZRC prior to such termination of membership. Termination of membership shall be subject to appeal to the National Committee. New members will be provided with a copy of the Rules on enrolment, and any member can request a copy at any time. The Rules will be available on the club website. Membership lists will be given to Area Representatives on request, although members have the right to exclude their details from such lists.
5. **NATIONAL OFFICERS** : The National Officers of MZRC shall be the Membership Co-ordinator, Treasurer, Regalia Officer, Editor, Chairperson, Technical Officer, Classics Officer, General Secretary, Rally & Events Co-ordinator and Webmaster. From time to time MZRC may appoint extra National Committee posts or reduce them where seen as appropriate at the General Meetings. National Officers shall not be liable for subscriptions.
6. **REGIONAL OFFICERS** : The Regional Officers of MZRC shall be known as Section Representatives, one for each properly constituted Section. Section Representatives shall be eligible for re-appointment by properly convened annual meetings of the appropriate Sections. Section Representatives shall submit regular Section Reports to the Editor. Section Representatives shall not be liable for subscriptions.
7. **NATIONAL COMMITTEE** : The National Committee shall consist of all the National Officers.
8. **CASUAL VACANCIES** : In the event of a casual vacancy arising amongst the National Officers, the National Committee shall appoint a successor who shall serve until the end of the period for which his/her predecessor was appointed.
9. **SUB-COMMITTEES** : The National Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees in connection with any of its functions. The minutes of any subcommittee shall be submitted to the National Committee as soon as is practicable after each meeting of the sub-committee for approval or reference.
10. **CO-OPTION**: The National Committee may co-opt for a particular meeting any person or persons with special knowledge to assist them in their functions. Such co-opted members will be advisory only and shall not be entitled to vote at meetings of the National Committee.
11. **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP** : Honorary Membership may be bestowed upon any person or persons, whom the National Committee feel are worthy. Nominations for Honorary Membership may be submitted by any full member or bona-fide Section. Honorary Membership is subject to Rule 4 with regard to disciplinary action.
12. **NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS** : The National Committee does not need to hold regular meetings due to the geographical spread of the locations. General business and MZRC matters may be dealt with in writing, by telephone calls or e-mail in order to save the expense of travelling. However, if mutually agreed, the National Committee may call meetings as and when appropriate.
13. **MINUTES** : Minutes of every General Meeting shall be sent to National Officers for approval as soon as is practicable. Copies shall be made available to members upon request.
14. **FINANCES** : Subscription shall become payable and due one, two or three years (as appropriate under Rule 4) after validation. Membership shall cease if subscriptions are not paid within two calendar months after the date due. Subscription fees shall be decided at the Annual

General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting. The Treasurer shall account to members for all monies received and disbursed on behalf of MZRC, and shall submit audited balance sheets to the Annual General Meeting for approval. The auditor shall be a competent person who is not a member of the National Committee. The MZRC Financial year is to run from 1<sup>st</sup> Mar to 28/29<sup>th</sup> Feb.. National Officers shall be paid reasonable expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties as Officers of MZRC. Such payments are at the discretion of the Treasurer and are subject to appeal to the National Committee. All National Officers in receipt of such expenses shall submit monthly accounts to the Treasurer. Regional Officers may claim small individual items of expenditure from the Treasurer, but such claims must be agreed in writing with the Treasurer before any such expense is incurred by the Regional Officer. All unusual or large items of expenditure must be agreed with the National Committee or by an Annual General Meeting.

**15. BANKING** : Any combination of two of Treasurer, Classics Officer, Membership Co-ordinator, Regalia Officer and Webmaster shall be authorised to sign cheques on behalf of MZRC. Monthly statements shall be sent by the bankers to the Treasurer. MZRC's bankers shall be instructed that in the event that MZRC's current account has been dormant for not less than five years, to contact MZRC's National Officers for instructions as to the disposal of MZRC funds. If the National Officers cannot be traced then after a further twelve months MZRC's bankers shall be empowered to submit all monies, less any reasonable and proper expenses, to a charitable cause or causes to be decided.

**16. QUORA** : A quorum of the National Committee shall be three. A quorum of a General Meeting shall be 5% of MZRC members. In the absence of a quorum, the Chairperson shall vacate the Chair and any business then under consideration shall be the first business of the next Meeting.

**17. VOTING** : Voting at General Meetings shall be by show of hands, or as otherwise determined by the Meeting. Only current members are entitled to vote. Voting at National Committee meetings shall be by a show of hands, or as otherwise determined by the Meeting. The Chairperson of any Meeting shall hold the casting vote.

**18. GENERAL MEETINGS** : The Annual General Meeting shall be held yearly before or on the last weekend in September, or on such date as is reasonably practicable. Any Section wishing to organise the subsequent year's AGM shall submit a proposal in writing to the Chairperson, via their Section Representative, with details of the amenities available on the proposed site (which must include adequate toilet and shower facilities) at least two (2) months prior to the AGM. This shall be included in MZ Rider prior to the AGM, giving the membership advance notice of the venue(s) on which they will be voting. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by resolution of the National Committee. Upon making such resolution, notice of the Meeting shall be given to all MZRC members within seven days by or on behalf of the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall also call an Extraordinary General Meeting if required to by not less than 5% of MZRC members.

**19. NEW SECTIONS** : No Section shall be recognised by MZRC without approval of the National Committee. No Section shall be approved until the National Committee is satisfied that a Section Representative has been appointed by a local meeting of at least six full MZRC members. The National Committee shall take into account any likely effect upon neighbouring Sections. No application for recognition by a prospective Section shall be rejected by the National Committee without reasonable cause.

**20. AMENDMENTS TO RULES** . : The Rules of MZRC may not be amended except by resolution at an Annual General Meeting. No amendment may be made unless such resolution is approved by not less than two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

**21. IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES** : The Officers and members of MZRC have, by signing the enrolment form, agreed to abide by the Rules so far as is reasonably practicable. These Rules have been prepared by the National Committee in response to a request by MZRC's bankers. It is the responsibility of the General Secretary to update the Rules whenever an amendment is authorised at an AGM or to make corrections or clarification of procedures.

**22. Events**, All events, Rallies & Camps must be notified to the Rally & Events Co-ordinator, who will arrange for the details to be published in the Club. magazine & website as appropriate.

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