

CONSTITUTION

Loughborough Students' Athletic Union

amendments approved by Union Council June 2011

1. TITLE

The Club shall be called "Loughborough Students' Equestrian and Polo Club".

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To promote and to co-ordinate active interest amongst the members in the art of equitation, both in its practical and social aspects. This shall be done by organising instruction and practice, organising team competitions against other Universities and also within the Club. To arrange social and educational activities.

3. AFFILIATION

The Club shall form part of Loughborough Students' Athletic Union and as such, shall adhere to all guidelines and policies as approved by its members at Loughborough Students' Athletic Union General Meetings.

The Club shall also be affiliated to the British Horse Society, the Hurlingham Polo Association and the Schools and Universities Polo association.

4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club shall be open to all students of those institutions in membership of Loughborough Students' Union (namely Loughborough University, Loughborough College and the RNIB Vocational College). At the discretion of the Club, members of staff at the above institutions and alumni may join the Club.

Associate Membership

The Club may apply to the Athletic Union to have a maximum of FIVE associate members per academic year. These non - student individuals would be expected to be high-class performers, who could contribute to the club in the following ways:

- (a) As a short term measure for the Club to enter a new league/competition which, with the current level of student players could not be sustained.
- (b) As part of a Regional or National Academy
- (c) To enhance the Club's activities

Maximum numbers

The Club's Committee must be aware of maximum membership level as indicated in its annual development plan and not permit over-subscription.

The subscription fee shall be determined annually by Loughborough Students' Athletic Union and must be paid to the Club Treasurer before any participation in club activities.

5. CLUB COMMITTEE

The Club's Committee is responsible for the day to day running of the Club and posts must include Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; Committee positions must be held by current students. There must be at least three Committee Meetings per term.

6. DUTIES OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chairman Shall oversee the running of the Club, preside at all meetings and ensure that they are properly conducted. In his/her absence, a member of the Club's Committee shall take the chair.

Secretary Shall give notice of all Committee and General Meetings and take the minutes of each. Shall be responsible for the dissemination of information to members and any correspondence thereto. In conjunction with the Treasurer, shall be responsible for the upkeep of membership records.

Treasurer Shall be responsible for the upkeep of the Club's accounts in accordance with Loughborough Students' Athletic Union policies. Shall also be the Club's signatory for any cheques issued from the Club's private account (these cheques also to be countersigned by either the Athletic Union President or Athletic Union Sports Administrator).

Vice Chairman Shall aid the Chairman where possible and shall co-ordinate rides for the society members at the various riding schools.

Equestrian Captain Shall be responsible for organising teams entered into BUSA competitions and shall also arrange the intra-club competition, as well as organizing team training.

Social Secretary Shall organise social events for the Club and shall produce and distribute a newsletter to all members of the Club when asked to by the Committee. Shall also ensure that all meetings of the Society are announced by public notices.

Polo Captain Shall be responsible for organising the SUPA Summer and Winter Nationals, and all other competitions.

Polo Vice Captain Shall be responsible for organising all training and aid the Kit Secretary in the order of all polo related equipment. They shall also be responsible for all Club equipment that may be purchased.

Recreational Secretary Shall be responsible for organising all non team training and promote inter-club relationships.

Kit Secretary Shall be responsible for organizing all the club's kit, for both team and recreational members.

Ordinary Members x 3

7. MEETINGS

General Meetings

A General Meeting shall be called by the Committee or by written request, signed by not less than one quarter of the membership. Two weeks' notice of such meetings must be given by the Secretary to the membership and at least one such meeting should take place each term.

Annual General Meeting/Election of Club Committee

The election of Officers of the Club Committee shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, which shall take place the week either side of the first day of March each year.

8. QUORACY

Quoracy at General Meetings and the Annual General Meeting shall be no less than 40% of the membership.

Should such meetings be inquorate, then a further General Meeting shall be held within 15 days and will be automatically quorate.

9. VOTING

All Club members shall have speaking rights at all meetings, BUT only current, registered student members of those institutions affiliated to Loughborough Students' Union are entitled to vote.

10. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Amendments to the constitution must be passed by two thirds of those present at a General Meeting or by 51% of the membership.

All amendments must be ratified by Loughborough Students' Athletic Union Executive Committee, who will then forward the same on to the Procedures Committee of Loughborough Students' Union for approval.

11. DISSOLUTION

In the event that the club is no longer able to carry out its activities, and thus folds, all assets will revert back to Loughborough Students' Athletic Union.