

# GT40 ENTHUSIASTS CLUB RULES

## 1. TITLE

The name of the Club shall be "GT40 ENTHUSIASTS CLUB", hereafter referred to as "The Club". The Club is administered by GT40 Enthusiasts Club Ltd.

## 2. OBJECTIVES

- a) To promote assistance in the construction of, and enjoyment from the driving and use of GT40 replicas, originals or Ford GTs by their owners, and to provide a forum for the exchange of information about these cars.
- b) To further interest in motoring and motor sport, especially relating to sports cars of the 1960s.
- c) To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with motoring and motor sport.
- d) To promote motor competitions in accordance with the Rules of the MSA
- e) To monitor the local administration of the laws and regulations affecting motoring and motor vehicles, and to report any proposed local action or scheme to the RAC MSA Ltd.
- f) To arrange tours, lectures, discussions and social and other meetings.
- g) To afford members such benefits and privileges as it may be possible to arrange.

## 3. CONSTITUTION

Ladies and gentlemen of not less than 18 years of age shall be eligible for membership. The membership shall consist of:

**Life Members** who do not incur a subscription and are members for life.

**Honorary Members** who do not incur a subscription, but whose membership is renewable every 31 December.

**Ordinary Members** whose annual subscription is renewable every 12 months.

## 4. MANAGEMENT

The authority and responsibility for the transaction of the business of the Club for its management shall be vested in a Committee, who, in addition to the powers and authorities by these rules expressly conferred on them, may exercise all powers and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Club is established or done by the Club in General Meeting.

## 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman of the Club and the Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting and, subject to termination of office by resignation at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment, the Committee shall have the power to co-opt other members as they deem necessary. The retiring officers and other members of the Committee shall be eligible for reelection.

## 6. COMMITTEE

The Committee shall consist of not less than four<sup>4</sup>, and not more than eighteen<sup>18</sup>, members exclusive of the Chairman. One third of the members of the Committee shall form a quorum. The Committee shall have the power to appoint a Sub-Committee of not less than three<sup>3</sup> persons to meet on its behalf in respect of any matter which is specifically referred to such a Sub-Committee.

Nominations of candidates for election to the Committee must be received by the Secretary not less than seven<sup>7</sup> days before the Annual General Meeting with an intimation in writing that the nominee is willing to stand, signed by each member proposing them.

Nominations of candidates for election as Chairman must first be endorsed by a majority of the Committee before being passed on to the Annual General Meeting for the final selection to be made and, if necessary, ratified afterwards by a majority of the new Committee.

## 7. DIRECTORS OF THE CLUB

Nominated Committee members, currently the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary and up to 7 others, will hold one share each on trust for the members and also be a director of the Club.

On ceasing to be a Committee member, the share will be transferred to a new Committee member and the outgoing member will resign his directorship.

## **8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Secretary, either of his own accord or by the direction of the Chairman, shall, unless otherwise agreed by all the Committee, give at least 7 days notice of a meeting. Committee meetings will be held at least once every four 4 months.

## **9. VOTING OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Each member present at a meeting of the Committee shall be entitled to exercise one vote. The Committee shall vote by ballot if any member present so demands.

## **10. DUTIES OF SECRETARY**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend all meetings of the Club and all meetings of the Committee in person, or by deputy, to take minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall be entered in a book and presented for confirmation at the following meetings.

## **11. ABSENCE FROM COMMITTEE**

Any member of the Committee who, without sufficient reason, absents self from 3 consecutive Committee meetings may be called upon to resign his position upon the Committee.

## **12. BANKING**

All moneys of the Club shall be banked by the Treasurer in the name of the Club, and no disbursements shall be made therefrom except in accordance with the form or forms authorised by the Committee. Cheques drawn on the Club account shall be signed by an authorised signatory.

## **13. APPLICATION TO MEMBERSHIP**

The name and address of the applicant shall be stated on each membership application. All applications must be made by an individual in his own correct name and confirm acceptance of these club rules and Privacy Policy as published on the club website.

Membership of the Club shall continue only for the period covered by the current subscription.

## **14. NEW MEMBERS**

An applicant for membership shall not become an Ordinary Member until the funds for their subscription have been cleared.

## **15. SUBSCRIPTION**

The annual subscription is £35 and will be reviewed each year at the AGM.

The Committee have the discretion to increase the subscription by up to £5, if required, to maintain the Club's finances. Any such recommendation by the Committee will be reported to members in the last magazine of the year, together with an explanation when renewal notices are sent out.

## **16. PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subscriptions are due on 1st January in each year for all members who joined the club prior to April 2017. Subscriptions are due on the 12 month anniversary of joining for all members who joined from April 2017.

## **17. NON-PAYMENT**

Any member of the Club who has not paid their subscription within 2 clear months of the date on which it became due shall be notified of the fact in writing by the Membership Secretary, and one month thereafter any member who has still failed to pay their subscription may, unless sufficient reason be shown to the satisfaction of the Committee, be taken off the Register of Members forthwith. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be eligible to take part in any competitions organised by the Club under rules of the RAC MSA.

## **18. RESIGNATION**

Any member wishing to resign their membership shall cease to pay their subscription. Any member ceasing to be a member of the Club, voluntarily or otherwise, shall thereafter cease to have any claim upon the property of the Club or to enjoy any privileges of membership, but he or she shall remain liable for the payment of any debts due to the Club from him or her.

## **19. USE OF CLUB NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name and address of the Club shall not be given by a member as his address for trade, advertising or business purposes.

## **20. LIFE MEMBERS**

Subscribers of not less than 12 times the annual subscription for the time being may be elected Life Members by the Committee, and shall be exempt from the payment of annual subscriptions.

## **21. HONORARY MEMBERS**

The Committee may elect as Honorary Members any member of the Royal Family and any persons distinguished for their political, scientific, literary, industrial or administrative capacities, or who have been distinguished in promoting the cause of motoring in general or of the Club in particular. Retiring Committee members will automatically receive Honorary Membership of the Club for a period equal to that which they served continuously on the Committee as long as that period is a minimum of 12 months.

## **22. EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

If at any time they are of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, it shall be the duty of the Committee by letter to invite any member to withdraw from the Club within a time specified in such letter. In default of such withdrawal, the question of their expulsion shall be submitted to a meeting of the Committee to be held within 6 weeks after the date of such letter. Members of the Committee shall be given at least 7 days notice that a question of withdrawal or expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting of the Committee. The member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be given at least 7 days notice of such a meeting, and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of their conduct verbally or in writing. Two thirds of the members present shall vote on their expulsion, whereupon they shall cease to be a member of the Club.

## **23. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held annually each year upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee. Fifteen members shall form a quorum.

The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive from the Committee a full statement of account showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending the previous 31st December.
- b) Receive from the Committee a report of the activities of the Club during the said year.
- c) Elect the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club.
- d) Elect the Committee.
- e) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.

## **24. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

A Special General Meeting may be convened by direction of the Committee, or on a requisition to the Secretary stating the business for which the Special General Meeting is required and signed by not less than 12 members. If the meeting so requisitioned is not convened within 21 days, the said 12 members may convene such a meeting. Fifteen members shall form a quorum.

## **25. AGENDA**

When members wish a matter to be discussed at a General Meeting, the text of such matter, signed by at least two members, shall be sent to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of such a meeting so that it may be included in the agenda.

A copy of the agenda shall be sent to each member at least 5 days prior to the meeting, but the fact that any member has not received a copy of the Agenda shall not invalidate the proceedings.

No business which is not included in the agenda shall be discussed at the meeting unless a majority of members present is in favour thereof. Should the proposer of any motion fail to move a resolution in respect of the relevant item on the agenda, then any other member shall be entitled to do so.

## **26. VOTING**

Every person with a right to be present at a meeting may exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote. At all General Meetings, except as provided in Rule 29, a

majority of votes decides a resolution. At any General Meeting any 12 members may demand a poll, and thereupon the meeting shall be adjourned to a time and place to be named by the Chairman, and a postal vote shall be taken of all members of the Club. The decision of the members, as shown by such postal vote, shall be reported to the adjourned meeting and shall be deemed to be the decision of such meeting. The Rules relating to collective voting and proxies shall apply as in Rule 9 hereof.

### **27. RIGHT TO BE PRESENT**

Ordinary Members of the Club. No-one can may take part in General Meetings unless they are at least an Ordinary Member of the Club and only if they have paid their subscriptions according to these Rules.

### **28. OBSERVANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF RULES**

Every member binds himself to abide by the rules of the Club, and by any modifications thereof made in conformity with such rules, in addition to accepting as final and binding the decision of the Committee in all cases of dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of these rules.

### **29. ALTERATION OF RULES**

Any alterations may be made in these rules by a General Meeting, provided that:

- a) details of the proposed alteration or alterations are included in the notice of the General Meeting and
- b) the resolution proposing such alteration is carried out by two thirds of those present and
- c) voting at such General Meeting or by two-thirds of those voting should a poll be demanded as provided for in Rule 26.

### **30. COPIES OF RULES**

Every member shall be furnished with a copy of the Club Rules on joining.

### **31. DISSOLUTION**

The Club may be dissolved by a Special General Meeting convened by direction of the Committee, or on the requisition of the majority of the members.

If the resolution of dissolution be duly passed, the Committee shall forthwith liquidate the affairs of the Club, and if there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Membership.

### **32. EVENTS**

All motor competitions organised by the club shall be held under the rules and requirements of the MSA.

Any member convicted of an offence arising out of being in charge of a motor vehicle in any club event, under MSA rules, shall be liable to expulsion from the club.

### **33. STATIC SHOW EVENT PARTICIPATION**

Members displaying their GT40 or Ford GT on a club organised stand for more than one day will be eligible to claim a contribution towards accommodation expenses, against a valid receipt. The committee will define which static show events in any year, up to a maximum of 4, will be eligible for this incentive and the expense budget available for each event. The budget for each event will be split evenly, on a per night basis, amongst those members submitting a valid claim up to a maximum of £50 per member per night. The maximum budget for any one event will not exceed £1000.