



STOURPORT BOAT CLUB

RULES & BYELAWS

General

1. These rules shall only be altered or amended through agreement by the Management Committee or at an AGM or EGM.
2. Any member wishing to propose alterations or amendments shall do so in writing to the secretary for inclusion in the agenda of the next committee meeting or at least 28 days before an AGM.
3. That the Vice-captain(s) shall act in the absence and with approval of the Captain.
4. That the Committee shall have power to fine any member infringing any of the Rules and to prohibit that person using the boats until such fines be paid.
5. That a copy of the Rules be available to each member via media accessible to all.
6. That should any question arise not provided for in the foregoing Rules, the same should be referred to the Committee whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

Club policies

1. All members shall support the Club in maintaining and upholding the policies adopted by the Club;
 - a. Welfare Policy
 - b. Codes of Conduct
 - c. Equality Statement
2. All members shall be aware of and support Club plans;
 - a. Health & Safety plan
 - b. Data Protection Plan

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Fleet

The fleet shall be deemed any craft belonging to Stourport Boat Club including racing boats, recreational boats, coaching launches and safety launches.

1. No member shall be allowed to book a boat until their subscription is paid.
2. Members may use any boat required for training purposes with the permission of the Captain.
3. Members wishing to engage a boat shall do so in accordance to the procedures set out by the Captain.
4. The fleet shall be under the control of the Captain. No boats to be loaned to other Clubs without the joint permission of the Captain and Committee.
5. No member shall keep a boat out for more than four hours without special permission from the Captain.
6. On returning from an outing, members shall check the equipment for cleanliness, damage before returning to the shed.
7. On returning from a competition, members shall clean, re-rig and return equipment to the shed at the earliest opportunity.
8. Members, on bringing the boats in shall see that they and the oars and sculls are properly housed.
9. Members shall report any damage to equipment and advise the captain of any repairs needed.
10. Members shall not take out any equipment that has been marked as damaged or under repair.

Private Boat Ownership

The Club is able to facilitate the storage of private boats subject to the correct fees, insurance and licensing being up to date.

1. Private boats and boat owners are subject to the same rules as fleet boats and Club members.
2. Storage (racking) will be allocated by the Club Captain on an annual basis. They are not guaranteed and are not in perpetuity. No precedent is set by a boat's current position. Location should be allocated according to; frequency of use, availability for general club use, owners' physical capability.
3. Applications to store private boats should be made to the Club Captain.
4. Appeals regarding Private Boats and Racking shall be heard by the Management Committee.
5. The Club cannot accept any responsibility for damage or theft of private equipment stored at the club, being transported on the club trailer or being used to represent The Club at an event.



Competition

The Club encourages members to compete and to be competitive at all events. The Club, and its members, will abide by the rules of competition set out by The National Governing Body.

1. All crews sent by the Club to compete at any public event shall be approved by the Captain; such Crews will comprise eligible Club members or, in the case of composite crews, eligible members from the composite Club.
2. No member shall be allowed to compete under the name of the Club at any public event unless wearing approved Club attire.
3. Crews will ensure that equipment is in a safe and secure condition in accordance to The National Governing Body Safety guidelines, before traveling to events and again before taking to the water to compete.
4. Members will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, at all times, when representing the Club.
5. Members will ensure that equipment taken to events is returned to the Club and report any damage or repairs required to the captain.

Trailer use

1. The trailer and/or towing vehicle shall be booked by arrangement through the captain/management committee.
2. The minimum age to drive the towing vehicle will be 25 years.
3. Full and current driving licence is required to drive the towing vehicle. A specific licence may be required to tow certain trailers and vehicles.
4. There is a Zero alcohol limit for driver and co-driver
5. The maximum continuous drive time will be 4 hours with a minimum of a 1 hour rest time between driving sessions.
6. Best practice in trailer towing as set out by The National Governing Body shall be observed.
7. Boats and equipment shall be securely tied on with appropriate ties
8. Before moving off, a Trailer check should be performed;
 - a. Lights
 - b. Brakes
 - c. Hand brake
 - d. Jockey Wheel
 - e. Spare Wheel
 - f. Emergency brake cable
 - g. Rear extension warning marker
9. The Co-Driver shall meet the same conditions as the Driver.
10. Club vehicle refuelling should happen before the trip along with a check on Oil level and tyre pressures.



Health & Safety

1. Any member damaging Club property shall record same in the engagement book and if the damage is proved to have been caused by negligence the same shall be made good at that members expense. The Committee shall in all cases decide.
2. In accordance with The National Governing Body Guidelines, the Club requires all coxswains, umpires, coaches and launch personnel to wear lifejackets or buoyancy aids when afloat.
3. That all rowing members and coxswains must sign a declaration to abide by the requirements of Stourport Boat Club with regards to all Health, Safety and Protection matters; and that they can swim at least 50 metres.
4. Facilities and equipment of the Club shall be used in an appropriate manner and in a way that will not result in injury or damage to other members or the fabric of the Club.
5. All boats will observe the rules of the river and any additional 'local' rule the committee deem fit to impose in order to improve the Health and Safety of members and other river users.

Watermanship

1. All boats returning to the Boat House shall approach the landing stage upstream.
2. On taking to the water, all members must be aware of, and act in accordance to the byelaws of the River.
3. Night rowing is not encouraged. The Captain may take advise from the Club Safety advisor to enable night rowing under exceptional circumstances. The following points should be considered;
 - a. Necessity and usefulness of outing
 - b. Appropriate lights fore and aft
 - c. High visibility reflective outer layer worn by the bow man
 - d. Experience of Cox
 - e. Experience of Crew
 - f. River levels and flow
 - g. Coach & Safety boat



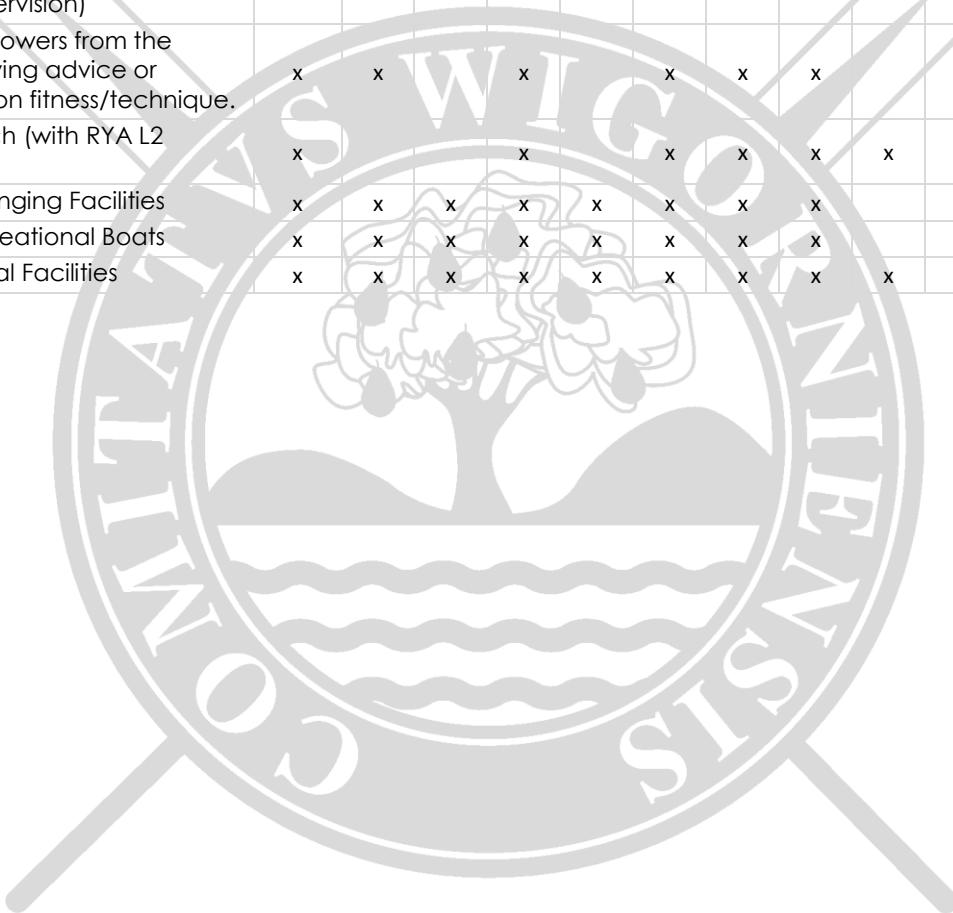
Membership

1. That all subscriptions be payable on or before the 1st of April for coming season. The Club may offer a range of payment plans to which members must adhere in order to maintain membership status.
2. Members whose subscriptions are in arrears shall be debarred from the use of Club property until the arrears be paid.
3. The name and address of anyone desiring to become a member of the Club shall be registered with the Club for consideration by the committee.
4. The committee reserve the right to reject any application for membership giving good reason in writing to the applicant.
5. No rejected candidate shall be again proposed in the same season.
6. That any member wishing to resign from the Club must send in a written notice to that effect to the secretary and on failing to do so shall be liable for their subscription for the current year.
7. That a retired member may re-join but shall be subject to re-admission as provided by rule 3.
8. That no member may introduce a friend more than three times during the course of any season.
9. The Committee have power to expel any member by a consensus agreement at a Committee Meeting, notice of which shall have been given in the convening circular and that the member be given the opportunity of a full hearing at the meeting.
10. Any member having rendered singular service to the Club shall be eligible and may be elected an Honorary Life Member without subscription at the Annual General Meeting.
11. At the discretion of the Committee, any person engaged in activities in the interests of the Club shall be granted restricted membership as decided by the Committee subject to an agreed subscription.
12. That no member, including officers of the Club, shall be allowed to act or purport to act on behalf of the Club in any matter or dealing concerning the Club save as authorized by the Committee. Any such action without such authority shall be deemed by the Committee to be void and of non-effect. Any member acting without such authority shall be liable to account to the Committee and face disciplinary proceedings.



MEMBERSHIP PRIVILAGES	Full	Junior 17-18yrs	Junior 13-16yrs	Student	Introductory	Country	Vice President	G CLUB	Non-Rowing	Cox	Life Member	Coach
Voting at AGM, EGM & SGM	x			x	x	x	x	x			x	x
Rowing / sculling.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	
Coxing.	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Use of weights and ergos.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	x	
Use of weights and ergos. (under supervision)			x									
Coaching rowers from the bank, ie giving advice or instruction on fitness/technique.	x	x		x		x	x	x		x	x	x
Using launch (with RYA L2 Certificate)	x			x		x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Use of Changing Facilities	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x
Use of Recreational Boats	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x			x	
Use of Social Facilities	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

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Social

1. Concerning the sale of alcohol to minors; - the sale of alcohol to any member or guest under the age of 18, or appearing to be under the age of 18, in accordance with current licensing laws, is prohibited.
2. Use of the Club function Room is granted to an individual or organization subject to the submission of a guest list to the Management Committee and it's subsequent approval. Guests of the function will be allowed to purchase alcoholic drinks in accordance with current local licensing laws. The said guests would have no voting rights at any meetings, nor would they be eligible for election to the Management Committee of Stourport Boat Club.
3. Dogs (and other animals) will be allowed into the Club at the discretion of the bar management. No animals will be permitted into areas where food is being prepared, stored or handled. Animals are expected to be well behaved and 'self-policed' by their owners – this may include keeping dogs tethered when indoors. Owners of unruly, unfriendly or unhygienic animals may be asked not to bring their animals to the club. Guide Dogs and Assistance Dogs will retain the right of access as set out in the Equity Act 2010.
4. Members should wear appropriate clothing when in the club house. Muddy kit, including wellingtons, should be removed before accessing the upstairs rooms of the club house, including the gym.

Declaration

STOURPORT BOAT CLUB hereby adopt and accept these rules & byelaws governing the actions of its members.

Name		Position	Club Chair
Sign		Date	

Name		Position	Club Secretary
Sign		Date	