

Rules & Byelaws of Stourport Boat Club



1. That the name of the Club be 'Stourport Boat Club', and the colours Light Blue and Dark Blue, that the Club is established and conducted for the promotion and furtherance of Amateur Rowing and is not conducted or established for profit.
2. That the officers of the Club consist of a President, Honorary Solicitor, Captain, Vice-captain(s), Treasurer and Secretary to be chosen annually.
3. That a special General Meeting be held in the autumn each year for the election of the Captain.
4. That the government and management of the Club be vested in a Committee of twelve (six of whom shall retire annually but are eligible for re-election) and all the officers shall be ex-officio members. Five to form a quorum. The Committee to appoint its own Chairman annually.
5. That in the event of a Committee Member resigning, the Committee shall have the power to appoint a person in the vacancy who shall be entitled to act for the remainder of the predecessors term of office.
6. That the subscription for each category of member shall be agreed at the Annual General Meeting. The ARA levy shall be included in all subscriptions.
7. That the Vice-presidents be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and that they have the right of full membership on payment of a subscription agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
8. That persons wishing to join the Stourport Boat Club for social purposes only and with no immediate intention of rowing may do so at a subscription agreed at the Annual General Meeting.
9. That any person registered as a social member shall have no voice in the management of the Club. A social member may transfer to full or junior membership on payment of difference in subscription rate. A full or junior member may transfer to a social membership providing notice of transfer has been sent to the Secretary before the 1st June.
10. That all subscriptions be payable on or before the 1st of April or within 14 days of election.
- 10.b. That only fully paid up members have voting rights at Annual General Meeting's or Extra-ordinary General Meeting's, and that voting rights are accorded to members as follows: - 'Full Member, Vice President, and Honorary Life Members' will have one vote each; and that 'Family Membership' will carry two votes, (provided both members are over the age of 18.) All other members have no vote. No votes by proxy will be accepted, unless cleared by the committee in advance.
11. That a person who has not attained the age of 18 years may be elected as a junior member, but such members shall not have any voice in the management of the Club and must undertake competitive rowing if requested by the Captain. Junior members will automatically become ordinary members on 1st April after they attain the age of 18 years, and the full subscription will then be due.
12. That the names of those members whose subscriptions are in arrears on 1st May shall be posted in the Boat House, and they shall be debarred from the use of Club property until the arrears be paid. Any member whose subscription shall remain unpaid on the 31st December in any year shall there upon cease to be a member of the Club.
13. That the name, address, occupation of anyone desiring to become a member of the Club shall be sent to the secretary, with the name of their Proposer and Seconder, particulars of which shall be placed on the notice board in the Boat House. After such notice has been posted for seven days the Committee has power to elect, taking into consideration any objections lodged. No rejection candidate shall be again proposed the same season.
14. 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.
15. That a retired member may rejoin but shall be subject to re-election as provided by rule 14.
16. That 14 days notice shall be given by circular before a General or Special Meeting of the Club.
17. That the Annual General Meeting shall be held for the purpose of receiving report and statement of accounts for the past year, electing officers and members of the Committee. Proposals for officers of the Club and members of the Committee shall be notified to the secretary in writing together with a proposer and seconder not less than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.
18. That the secretary shall summon an Extraordinary General Meeting on the signed requisition of twelve members or of four members of the Committee, stating the object for which the meeting is to be held. The business of such meetings to be confined to that object.
19. That no alteration of, or addition to, the Rules of the Club shall be made except at a General Meeting.
20. That any member wishing to propose any alterations of, or additions to, the Rules shall give notice thereof in writing to the secretary three weeks before a General Meeting. Such proposed alterations or additions to be stated in the circular convening the meeting when the same shall be decided by a majority of not less than two-thirds of those voting.
21. That the Committee shall meet not less than eight times in any year and shall have the power to appoint sub-committees at their discretion, to deal with individual matters as they may arise.
22. That the racing boats 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.
23. That no member shall be allowed to use any racing boat without the permission of the Captain.
24. That all crews sent by the Club to compete at any public Regatta be chosen by the Captain; such Crews, when formed, to be subject to the approval of the Committee.
25. That no member shall be allowed to compete under the name of the Club at any Regatta unless wearing official Club attire.
26. That the Vice-captain(s) shall act in the absence and with approval of the Captain.



27. That no member shall, on any pretence whatsoever, keep one of the Club boats out for more than four hours without special permission from the Captain.
 28. That members, on bringing the boats in shall see that they and the oars and sculls are properly housed.
 29. That any member injuring 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.
 30. That no member may introduce a friend more than three times during the course of any season.
 31. That the Committee have power to expel any member by a majority of two-thirds present 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.
 32. That the Committee shall have power to make, alter or repeal Byelaws to be posted up in the Boathouse.
 33. 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.
 34. That any member having rendered single service to the Club shall be eligible and may be elected an Honorary Life Member without subscription at the Annual General Meeting.
 35. That a copy of the Rules be supplied to each member and also that the Rules and Byelaws of the Club be posted in the Boat House.
 36. That the income and property of the Club shall be applied solely to its stated object and no member of the Club shall receive payment for his services as a member. In the event of the dissolution of the Club any income or property remaining shall not be distributed among the members but devoted to a society or club with similar aims or to a philanthropic or charitable purpose.
 37. 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.
 38. That the Committee for the time being shall be authorized to register the Club and make such necessary arrangements as Byelaw or custom ordained, to use the Club premises for the sale to members of any refreshments.
 39. In accordance with the Amateur Rowing Association Water Safety Code, Stourport Boat Club requires all coxswains, umpires, coaches and launch personnel to wear lifejackets or buoyancy aids when afloat.
 40. 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.
 41. That 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.
 42. Any guest admitted in accordance with a pre-arranged Club activity shall be entitled to be supplied with and purchase intoxicating liquor at the Club premises.
 43. 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 proceedings in accordance with Rule 31.
 44. 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.
 45. Use of the Club function Room is granted to an individual or organization subject to the submission and approval of a guest list by the Management Committee. Guests of the function will be allowed to purchase alcoholic drinks in accordance with current local licensing laws. (See also the agreement documentation.)
(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.)
 - 46 The Stourport Boat Club will allow the operation of an associate Club to run within the auspices of the Club subject to the approval of the management Committee and upon payment of an agreed subscription. (e.g. the Galleon Folk Club.) The said associate Club will be responsible for the maintenance of membership records and payments with respect to these. (The said associate members would have no voting rights at any 'Club' meetings, nor would they be eligible for election to the Management Committee of Stourport Boat Club.)
- * As adopted at the Annual General Meeting of Stourport Boat Club, October 2001.

*** Byelaws**

1. That any pleasure boats required for training purposes may be booked by the Captain.
2. That no member shall be allowed to book a boat until his subscription is paid.
3. That any member wishing to engage a boat shall do so in accordance to the procedures set out by the Captain, and unless he takes it out within a quarter of an hour from the time for which he has engaged it the engagement shall be void.
4. That any member taking out a boat previously engaged by another member shall be liable for the hire of a boat during the period for which the boat was booked.
5. That all boats returning to the Boat House shall approach the raft up-stream.
6. That social members may use pleasure craft only when accompanied by a full or junior member.
7. On taking to the water, all members must be aware of, and act in accordance to the byelaws of the River.
8. Dogs are not allowed in the upstairs sections of the Clubhouse.
9. Members wearing dirty training kit are not allowed in the Members Bar.