



CLUB CONSTITUTION

TITLE

The club shall be known as SURREY CANICROSS CLUB [the 'Club'].

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Club shall be:-

1. To positively promote canicross as a sport and inclusive recreational activity.
2. To give newcomers the opportunity to try canicross in a safe environment with Taster Sessions and Beginners' Workshops.
3. To foster responsible dog care and welfare when participating in canicross and associated activities.
4. To encourage advancement of a person's running ability through the provision of a variety of classes, training sessions and runs throughout the year.
5. To develop a cohesive and supportive community with regular social events for members.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club will be open to any person, regardless of sex, age, disability, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation, religion or other beliefs. However, limitation of membership according to capacity, is allowable on a non-discriminatory basis. It is not necessary for any person to own or run with a dog to become a Club member.

Anyone running in a Club-hosted event must be a Club Member.

The Club year runs from 1 September to 31 August each year.

Anyone wishing to become a Member must complete a membership application form, pay the Membership subscription, comply with the Club Policies and conditions of membership, and either attend a taster session or have sufficient previous canicross experience, as determined by a discussion with a committee member.

The Committee shall have the right to reject any application for membership it deems unsuitable.

The Committee may expel from membership of the Club any member who has not complied with the rules of the Club or who has, in the opinion of the Committee, been guilty of any conduct derogatory to the character or prejudicial to the interests of the Club, providing that before expelling him or her the Committee shall call upon him or her for an explanation of his or her conduct and give him or her a proper opportunity of answering the allegations.

The Secretary shall maintain a list of current members at all times.



ADMINISTRATION

The Committee

Committee members and roles for 2025/26 season:

Chairperson: Karen Gray

Treasurer: Emma Hoppe

Secretary: Brenda Robertson

All powers of management shall be vested in the Committee consisting of the Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer who shall be Officers, together with a maximum of three other members: three shall form a quorum. The Committee shall not exceed six members in total. There shall be no requirement to fill any vacancy if there are fewer than six members.

The Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected annually by the Committee from among their number.

All members volunteering for the Committee must be nominated and seconded by a registered Club member.

The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of the rules or for anything relating to the Club not provided therein and their decision shall be final and binding on the members.

The Committee shall have the power to appoint individuals to perform specific duties on behalf of the Committee and to delegate to those individuals such duties as they consider appropriate.

The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy arising amongst members of the Committee, but any person so co-opted shall retain office only until the next Annual General Meeting and shall then be eligible for re-election.

An Annual General Meeting will be called if/when deemed necessary by the committee, and not necessarily on an annual basis.

Notice convening an AGM shall be sent to members via email or WhatsApp, not less than 48 hours before the meeting and shall specify matters to be dealt with. This may be given to any member by sending it by post or email or Facebook or WhatsApp to him or her at the address registered in the records of the club. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings.

The rules set out in this constitution may be added to, repealed or amended by decision of the committee.

The Club, its Committee or persons acting on their behalf will not be held responsible for claims for anything which may happen to event attendees, their helpers, onlookers, dogs, vehicles or property in connection with, or arising from, any Club event and it shall be a condition of event participation that each Member shall indemnify the Committee against legal action arising from any accident.





DECLARATION

Surrey Canicross hereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

REVISION: 5.0
UPDATED: 10/09/2026
UPDATED BY: Brenda Robertson
POSITION: Club Secretary
KEY CHANGES: Removal of need for AGM. Minor wording updates.

REVISION: 4.0
UPDATED: 04/06/2025
UPDATED BY: Brenda Robertson
POSITION: Club Secretary
KEY CHANGES: Removal of Bylaws to a separate document. Minor wording updates.

REVISION: 3.0
UPDATED: 06/08/2024
UPDATED BY: Zoe Duhig
POSITION: Club Committee
KEY CHANGES: Change of Club Financial Year start from 6 April to 1 September to bring in line with Membership year.

REVISION: 2.0
UPDATED: 31/08/2023
UPDATED BY: Zoe Duhig
POSITION: Club Committee
KEY CHANGES: Removal of Membership type and subscription rates to a separate 'SURREY CANICROSS MEMBERSHIP' document for simpler review. A number of other small clarifications.



Please note that printed copies of this Constitution are not controlled.