



2021

Club Rules

Amended November 2021

ASHFORD WHEELERS – General Rules (amended 2021)

1. The club shall be known as the Ashford Wheelers Cycling Club.
2. The Club Colours shall feature Green and White.
3. The object of the club shall be to promote and encourage the cycling for its members by regular club runs, social activities as arranged by the committee and active participation in competitive events.
4. Membership shall be open to both sexes, subject to the approval of the committee. Admission of juniors under the age of 18 years is possible if the club has a trained Child Welfare Officer. Second claim members may be admitted but shall not be eligible to hold any official position in the club nor be eligible for any trophies. Associate members may be admitted for all activities except for any racing events.
5. Any member who, by reason of misbehaviour or misdemeanour, prejudices the interests of the club shall be liable to immediate suspension or expulsion by the committee. The member concerned shall have the opportunity of being heard by the committee. The committee's decision shall be final. Any member found in breach of this rule will forfeit all claims upon property of the club and cease to be a member.
6. The subscriptions payable on 1 January shall be as follows:-

All Members £20
Second Claim £20

There will be no reduced membership for those joining later in the year.

Any member more than three months in arrears with their subscription shall cease to be a member of the club by decision of the Committee.

7. All active members must affiliate to British Cycling if they wish to ride road or track events under British Cycling rules; this is in addition to club subscriptions.

All members are strongly advised to take advantage of the free Legal Aid and Third Party insurance afforded by membership of British Cycling or the Cycling UK (formerly Cyclists Touring Club).

8. The President of the club shall have honorary membership.

9. The business of the club shall be conducted by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. The following officers shall be elected:-

President
Chairman
General Secretary
Treasurer
Webmaster
Time Trial Secretary
Marshalling Secretary
Signs Secretary
Road Race Secretary
Social Secretary
Press/Social Media Secretary

10. The Committee shall consist of the above positions. The Committee shall have power to co-opt other members if so desired. The Committee shall meet as required; a quorum shall consist of 2 officers and 1 member. In the absence of the Chairman, another member of the Committee shall take the Chair. The Chairman shall only have a casting vote.

11. The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than 30 November; 21 days notice to be given by the General Secretary. Ten members shall form a quorum.

12. A Special General Meeting may be called by the General Secretary on the receipt of a requisition signed by five members. Seven days notice shall be given to each member. Only the business of the Notice shall be transacted.

13. The financial year shall end on 31 October. The Treasurer shall prepare and, after acceptance by the Chairman, submit to the AGM, the Financial Statement showing the receipts and expenditure by the Club. The Club's bank account shall be operated by the signature of the Treasurer and one other member.

14. In the event of the Club disbanding, all assets and liabilities shall be taken over by Trustees, consisting of one Officer and one Member (at the time of disbandment) for a period of not less than two years. If at the end of this period the Club has not reformed, then the assets shall be donated to National Cycling Organisations.

15. No Rule shall be made, altered or rescinded except by consent of two-thirds of the membership present at the AGM or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose. All propositions for alterations to the Rules for inclusion in the Agenda of the AGM shall be handed to the General Secretary in writing at least fourteen days beforehand.

16. The AGM shall decide the organisations to which the Club shall affiliate for the following year.

PAYMENT METHODS FOR AWCC.

Electronically straight into AWCC Bank Account, Lloyds Bank, High Street, Ashford, Kent.

Name: Ashford Wheelers Cycling Club

Sort Code 30-90-28

Acc No. 01197356

When paying electronically please send e-mail to Club Treasurer (mick.claydon@ashfordwheelers.org.uk) or to Club Secretary (secretary@ashfordwheelers.org.uk) explaining what the payment is for when using this facility.

If paying by cash please place in a sealed envelope with your name on and hand over to the relevant member of the committee.??

ACQUIRING INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP OF CYCLING UK

One of the organisations that AWCC affiliates with is the Cycling UK. They provide the club with its Organisers Liability insurance.

As the club is affiliated individual members are able to take advantage of individual membership providing you with 3rd party cover at a cost of £33 annually (for 2022).

This is a big saving on the regular fee of £48.

Some of the benefits are as follows:

- £10m Third party insurance cover
- Protects you on and off-road, including Sportives and Time trialling
- CTC Incident line
- Legal team ready to support you in the event of an accident

If you wish to apply please go to the CTC website at www.cyclinguk.org

In order to complete your application you will need to enter the code 9114443 (this is the club's membership number) in the box as a promotion code at the bottom of the website join page.

COMPETITION RULES

17. All Time Trials shall be ridden under CTT or TLI regulations; all Track and Road Races shall be ridden under British Cycling rules.

18. All riders in Club Time Trials shall wear protective headgear of a type approved for British Cycling events. All competitors must have an operating rear light or will be not allowed to race.

19. All new first claim members are advised to visit the CTT website and to read the beginners guide to Time Trialling. This can be found at www.cyclingtimetrials.org.uk/beginners

20. The entry fee for Club events shall be 50p plus the amount levied by the CTT. Visiting riders requesting Private Time Trials shall pay £1 plus the levy.

21. The results of external events ridden by members shall be notified to the Webmaster or Time Trial Secretary if to be included in club database or competing for trophies.

22. Awards for breaking Club records shall be:-

Individual records – Medal

Team records – Certificate

23. Juvenile and Junior records shall be recognised. For the purpose of all Club Records a Juvenile shall be under the age of 16 years and a Junior shall be under 18 years on the day of the record.

24. A record shall be kept of the best individual times and also of the best team times for each distance.

25. The timekeeper for club events will be appointed by the Time Trial Secretary or their deputy.

26. The Time Trial Secretary or their appointee shall be nominated by the committee to handicap all members for each season's handicap events.

27. With the exception of the Club Hill Climb, no events promoted after 31 October each year shall be eligible for club trophies or any of the club BAR competitions.

CLUB TROPHIES AND AWARDS

All club trophies and awards are perpetual, to be held for one year only; bronze medals are awarded with each trophy.

Please see below for a list of the club trophies you can compete for during the season. The trophies are listed in three sections, season long competitions, nominated events & any event trophies.

Your eligibility to win a trophy is subject to your age. This is calculated at the 1st of January each year.

Juveniles : 12 - 15 years old.

Juniors : 16 – 17 years old.

Seniors : 18+ years old

Veterans : 40+ years old.

Ashford Wheelers also awards trophies to Juveniles, Juniors & Lady riders where applicable.

Season Long Competitions

The Club Lady Best All-Rounder shall be decided on the fastest average speed over any two 10 mile and any two 25 mile time trials.

The Juvenile 10 mile handicap (the Swiss Trophy) shall be awarded annually on the results of the last evening 10 mile event in July. This is a handicap award for Juvenile riders only.

The club shall award annually a perpetual trophy (the Wally Jameson Trophy) for the fastest 10 mile ride by a Juvenile.

A Trophy shall be awarded to the best Road Racing performance in the year, a silver medal for second place and a bronze medal for third place according to the following formula:-

Each member's five best positions to be taken; these are to be added together and the member with the lowest points total awarded the Trophy. In the event of a tie, or of no member having completed the necessary number of rides, the Trophy shall be awarded at the discretion of the committee. For the purposes of the competition, only Road and Circuit races open to Senior and/or Junior riders, held under British Cycling rules and eligible for category grading points shall be considered.

The Geoffrey Knowles Rose Bowl

This trophy is won by the rider who has accrued the most number of points during the club evening 10 TT season. It is calculated using each rider's 10 best performances of the season. Points are given each week with the fastest rider getting 10 points, the 2nd 9 points and so on.

The Mayes Cup

This is a handicap competition and is won by the rider who has accrued the most number of points during the club evening 10 TT season. It is calculated using each rider's 10 best performances on a handicapped system. Please refer to the individual document on this competition to see how this is calculated.

Nominated Event Trophies

The Leon Bellamy Medal (Low Gear event)

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time in our club evening 10. However, the rider must ride the event with a gear not bigger than 66 inches. This event is typically

ridden on a fixed wheel bike. Alternatively, if you wish to enter you can tape up your gear levers after determining which sprockets/chainring you can use. Please notify the timekeeper in advance so they can verify this.

The Hayward Cup – 25 miles Scratch

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time in the above event. Please note that this event is an Open event and must be entered at least 2 weeks in advance. You are also required to wear either club colours or a plain jersey.

The Glover Cup - 25 miles Handicap

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time on handicap. The handicap is calculated in advance by a member of the Ashford Wheelers committee.

The Glover Cup - 30 miles Scratch

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time in the above event. Please note that this event is an Open event and must be entered at least 2 weeks in advance. You are also required to wear either club colours or a plain jersey.

The Silver Medal – 30 miles Handicap

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time on handicap. The handicap is calculated in advance by a member of the Ashford Wheelers committee.

The Austen Cup – 50 miles) Scratch

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time in the above event. Please note that this event is an Open event and must be entered at least 2 weeks in advance. You are also required to wear either club colours or a plain jersey.

The Hudson Cup - 50 miles Handicap

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time on handicap. The handicap is calculated in advance by a member of the Ashford Wheelers committee.

The Santer Cup – Hollingbourne - 0.8 miles

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time in the above event. Please note that this event is an Open event and must be entered at least 2 weeks in advance. You are also required to wear either club colours or a plain jersey.

Any Event Trophies

The Pincrole Cup

Awarded to the rider with the fastest combined average speed over 25,50 & 100 miles on any course.

The Groves Challenge Trophy

Awarded to the rider with the fastest combined average speed over 10 & 25 miles on any Q course. It is calculated using the fastest 2 performances over each distance.

The Rose Callaghan Memorial Trophy (Handicap Calculated)

Awarded to the rider with the fastest combined average speed over 10 & 25 miles on any Q course. The riders best times at the two distances, from the previous 3 seasons, shall be set against the standard times of 20:00 (10 miles) & 50:00 (25 miles) to determine the rider's season handicap. The rider with the fastest combined average speed on NET time over the 2 distances shall be deemed the winner.

The Cyclewise Cup (Veterans Only)

Awarded to the rider making the best time on the VTTA age standards over any 25,50 and 100 mile TT's. The riders fastest times over each distance are used to calculate this.

The Brian Pucknell Memorial Trophy (Veterans Only)

Awarded to the rider with the best aggregate time in accordance with the VTTA age standards. This is calculated by using the fastest 5 rides in our club evening 10's and comparing it to the 'standard time' for your age. The rider with the best aggregate time is deemed the winner.

The Harry Holt Cup

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time in ANY 25 mile event during the season.

The Swan Shield

This is awarded to the rider with the fastest time in ANY 100 mile event during the season.

The '12 Hour' Trophy

This is awarded to the rider with the longest distance in ANY 12 hour event during the season.

The Mayes Cup - Ashford Wheelers Evening 10 Handicap Competition

A time of 22 minutes 00 seconds is to be used as the 'Standard Time' to determine each rider's handicap.

For each individual rider, their first recorded time of the season is to be used to determine their starting handicap.

No points are awarded in the handicap competition for each rider's first ride.

Points will be awarded in accordance with the 'Standard Competition', with the fastest rider getting 10 points, the 2nd fastest 9 points and so on, down to 1 point for 10th position.

The handicap is adjusted each time a rider betters the standard time of 22 minutes.

The competition is won by the rider who has the greatest number of points at the end of the season. This is calculated using each rider's 10 best point scoring performances. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by looking at the number of 1st place handicap finishes for each rider, followed by 2nd places and so on.

The 20 mile evening time trial does not form part of this competition and results for this will be ignored.

Example (Based on 2 riders) :

Lee Buckman

Week 1 Time : 25:46

Calculated Handicap : 3:46

Week 2 Time : 25:57

Calculated Handicapped Time : $25:57 - 3:46 = 22:11$

Current Handicap : 3:46 – No change after week 2 as 22:00 not bettered

Alan Morris

Week 1 Time : 27:40

Calculated Handicap : 5:40

Week 2 Time : 26:46

Calculated Handicapped Time : $26:46 - 5:40 = 21:06$

Current Handicap : 4:46 – Improvement of 54 seconds, therefore, handicap comes down by 54 seconds.

In the above example for week 2, Alan would get 10 points and Lee would get 9 points in this competition.

Other awards

Michael Turner Cup - The club shall award a trophy (the Michael Turner Cup) to the club member who, in the view of the club membership has given the most meritorious service to the club during the year. This shall be decided by a majority vote.

Centenary Trophy - The club shall award a trophy (the Centenary Trophy) to be decided by the committee, at its discretion, to the member whose overall racing performance during the competition year has been deemed by it to be particularly worthy or deserving