



## ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND CAR CLUBS

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### ANICC 2022-2023 – RULES

#### 1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN IRELAND CAR CLUBS. (Hereinafter called 'The Association').

#### 2. OBJECT

The Object of the Association is, by consultation, to assist and advise Member Clubs and co-ordinate their efforts in the organisation of all Motor Sport falling under the jurisdiction of Motorsport UK (Motorsport UK Association Limited).

The Association will promote Northern Ireland Championships in all the various motorsport disciplines held within their jurisdiction.

The Association and its member Clubs are committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of all participants. We comply fully with the up to date policy, practice and/or procedures as recommended by Motorsport UK and 2&4 Wheel Motor Sport Limited

#### 3. OFFICERS

Officers of the Association shall be: President, Vice-President(s), Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Auditor. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting each year and shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. An Officer shall be eligible to serve only so long as he remains a fully paid-up member of a member club of the Association. The Secretary shall keep the Minute Book and all other documents of the Association, except those relating to the funds and accounts. The Secretary shall summon and attend Meetings when instructed to do so by the Chairman and/or any two other officers and shall take minutes of all proceedings and resolutions there at. The Treasurer will receive any monies on behalf of the Association. The Treasurer shall have custody of all monies belonging to the Association, collect all subscriptions and fees and keep account of all received and paid out on behalf of the Association. The Treasurer shall lodge all monies received on behalf of the Association, in such Bank as the Council may appoint. The Treasurer shall submit the accounts, books, vouchers, documents and records made up to the 31<sup>st</sup> March each year to the Auditor for inspection and audit and present the audited accounts for approval at the Annual General Meeting. No money shall be withdrawn from the Bank by either cheque or electronic banking unless authorised by two of the following officers: Treasurer, Secretary, Chairman.

#### 4. ANICC COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

The Association Council (the Council) will administer the affairs and finances of the Association and such other matters as may from time to time be referred to it by the members of the Association. To assist the Council, Specialist Committees shall also be elected, as required, at the Annual General Meeting or at a Full Association Meeting. The Association Council shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President(s), Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor as elected for the current year at the Annual General Meeting. A Forest Liaison Officer and Seven further Council Members shall be elected for the current year at the Annual General Meeting. Former ANICC Officers may serve the ANICC Council for two years following retirement. Specialist Committee Chairman and Championship Co-ordinators shall serve on the Council during their year in office. Where there is no Co-ordinator the Specialist Committee may nominate a second representative from that Specialist Committee upon request of Council. A maximum of eight further Council Members shall be elected for the current year at the Annual General Meeting. A maximum of 2 members, excluding Council office bearers, holding perceived first allegiance membership of the same club shall serve on Council and any Specialist Committees. The Council will retire annually, but retiring members will be eligible for re-election. A member shall be eligible to serve on the Council only so long as they remain a fully paid-up member of a member club of the Association.

Members of Council will appoint a person to act as Child Protection Liaison Officer for the ANICC. The person so appointed will hold the position for one year and will be eligible to attend Full and Council Meetings, however the position will not carry voting rights. Specialist Committee responsibility will be in relation to its' own branch of motorsport, ANICC Championships and Northern Ireland Team management and selection. Specialist Committee Minutes shall be presented to the Association secretariat within two weeks of any meeting being held and separate reports to Council Meetings will be made through their respective Chairmen. All proposals and decisions recommended by Specialist Committees must be ratified by the Association Council either at a meeting or through the Association secretariat who will conduct a vote of Council Members.

Specialist Committees will consist of up to nine persons, A maximum of 2 members holding perceived first allegiance membership of the same club shall serve on Specialist Committees as follows:

- ANICC Championship Co-ordinator
  - ANICC Competitors' Representative
  - Up to Seven Members of which three must be organisers.
  - ANICC Forest Liaison Officer (appointed to liaise and negotiate on all forest matters on behalf of ANICC) will attend the Rally Specialist Committee will have no voting rights.
- Each Specialist Committee shall elect a Chairman from those elected to that Committee and the Chairman will convene meetings as necessary.

If a Club, which organises a Championship event does not have representation on the respective Specialist Committee, then that Specialist Committee may invite one representative from the relevant Club to attend meetings. The nominated person would have no voting rights.

## **5. VACANCIES**

Any casual vacancy of the Officers or Committee may be filled by resolution at any meeting of the Association.

## **6. MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Association is open to every Motorsport UK registered Club operating within the Motorsport UK territorial area. The Association reserves the right to refuse any application for membership without giving a reason.

## **7. RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP**

Only Member Clubs domiciled, resident and operating principally within the ANICC geographic area of Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man and affiliated to Motorsport UK, will have ANICC voting rights, committee privilege, calendar rights and/or any other specific privilege as set out in the ANICC Rules.

## **8. OBLIGATIONS**

Member Clubs shall be bound to conform to the rules of the Association. Resolutions properly accepted by any duly constituted meeting of the Association shall be binding on all member Clubs, except that any Club shall have the right of appeal to Motorsport UK. A member Club in breach of any of these rules, or deemed guilty of conduct prejudicial to the Association, may be required to resign from membership by a properly adopted resolution to that effect accepted by an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association.

## **9. SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Annual Subscriptions and other fees shall be fixed each year at the ANICC Council Meeting immediately preceding the Annual General Meeting and once ratified at the Annual General Meeting, shall become due for payment on the first day of February in the respective year. Member Clubs that have not paid their subscriptions and fees by March 1st will be ineligible to vote at subsequent meetings until payment has been made.

## **10. MEETINGS**

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in November each year, at a time and place to be decided by Council. At least one additional General Meeting will be held each year and any such Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Council, or on the written application of at least six Member Clubs. The Agenda for each General Meeting shall be circulated to member clubs not less than 14 days prior to that meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be called upon the written application of at least two member clubs stating a Resolution, or Resolutions, to be proposed and seconded at such Meeting, at which only such Resolution, or Resolutions, shall be discussed. All such Resolutions shall be quoted in full in the notice convening the Meeting, which shall be circulated at least 28 days prior to the Meeting. Members of the Council, Members of Motorsport UK Committees and Advisory Groups in the current year and persons invited by the chair and not more than two delegates from each member Club shall attend General Meetings, other than the Annual General Meeting. These two delegates shall be nominated annually, in writing, by the member Clubs to the Honorary Secretary of the Association, by the first day of January in any year, provided that a deputy has been nominated in advance to the Secretary may act at any Meeting for any delegate unable to attend. However, the Council shall have discretion to invite the attendance at any General Meeting of any person, or persons, who in their opinion might assist the Association in the transaction of the business of such Meeting. No proposal to alter or rescind any decision of the Association or the Council, nor a proposal having the same effect as any proposal, which has been previously rejected shall be discussed or carried within six months from the date of such decision or rejected proposal unless fourteen days' prior notice in writing has been given to the Honorary Secretary and the proposal is supported in writing by a majority of the member clubs.

Clubs running ANICC Championship events must attend a minimum of two ANICC Full Meetings each year, one of which may be the Annual General Meeting in November. Failure of a Club to record attendance at two Meetings as specified may result in the removal of Championship status for that Club's events in the following year, at the discretion of the Council under their authority in Rule 14.

## **11. QUORUM**

A Quorum of the Council shall consist of not less than half of the Council Members. A General Meeting Quorum shall consist of not less than two officers, together with delegates of not less than half of the paid-up member clubs.

A Specialist Committee Quorum shall consist of not less than half of the members of the Committee.

## **12. VOTING**

Each member of the Council present at a Council Meeting shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Valid Resolutions shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast. Each fully paid up Member Club (paid the annual subscription) present at a General Meeting shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Valid Resolutions shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast.

Each Specialist Committee Member present at a Specialist Committee Meeting shall have one vote and the Chairman shall have a casting vote. Valid Resolutions shall be carried by a simple majority of votes cast.

## **13. VETO**

Each member club represented at a Meeting shall have the right of veto in regard to any Resolutions before the Meeting. Any nominated delegate, or his deputy, may exercise this right of veto by informing the Chairman before a vote is taken that he wishes to refer the Resolution to his Club Council or Committee for guidance. No vote shall then be taken and the Resolution shall be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting and put to a vote thereat, no further veto from any member club being then valid in respect of that Resolution.

## **14. ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR**

For the purposes of these rules the 'Agreed Calendar' is deemed to be 'the calendar which is accepted at the September meeting'. Each member club may only apply to run a maximum of five competitive events in a calendar year, excluding the following:

- Motorsport UK Championships – International and National only
- International Events
- Race Meetings
- Mid-week Events (Monday - Thursday)
- Production Car Trials and/or Sporting Trials and/or Cross Country
- Championship Autotests
- Championship Navigation Rallies
- 12 Car Rallies

Within this rule each Club may only apply to run a maximum of five events which require mandatory Licensed Rescue Services.

The Secretary will draw up the Association Dates List in accordance with the Priority System as follows:

1. International Events in approved Championships.
2. Motorsport UK Championship Events.
3. Northern Ireland Championship Events (excluding Beginners and Clubmans).
4. Other International Events, National Events, Irish Championship Events.
5. Northern Ireland Beginners and Clubman Championship Events.
6. Race Meetings.
7. Interclub Events.
8. First Choice Clubman Events.
9. Other Clubman Events.

Priority System criteria 1 to 5 constitute major dates.

A Club not running a scheduled calendar event in a particular year will have NO priority for that event in the following year. After acceptance of the agreed calendar any Club requesting a change of date, type or status of event must adhere to the following procedure: Agreement must be sought from all affected Clubs and a copy is to be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary together with the actual request. A cheque for the appropriate fee of £75 must also be enclosed. Any Motorsport UK enforced date change will entitle the Club to priority for the new date. Affected Clubs moving to facilitate this change will not lose event status.

## **15. NORTHERN IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS**

It is the responsibility of the respective Specialist Committees to select and propose to the Council, for approval and ratification, a list of those events, which shall comprise the relevant ANICC Championships. Once these events have been selected and the dates are agreed there shall be no additions to the list and the dates so allocated shall become Championship dates by right, in the respective discipline, under the control of the respective Specialist Committee. With the exception of events utilising one single venue, after acceptance of the agreed ANICC calendar a Championship Event, which moves to another date, will immediately cease to form a part of that year's Championship. In exceptional circumstances an event utilising one single venue, which has been declared with the initial date application and subsequently presents documentary evidence confirming the unavailability of that single venue may, with the approval of their respective Specialist Committee, apply for a change of date retaining full Championship status. Applications under this rule will only be valid if presented to the Honorary Secretary before the date of the first ANICC Council Meeting in each year and be accompanied by supporting documentation from their respective Specialist Committee and any affected Club. In the event of a Club being unable to organise an allocated Championship event on its agreed date then the respective Specialist Committee will have the power to allocate the running of a replacement Championship event to another eligible Club on that Championship date. Before a Championship date is transferred from one Club to another, the organisers of the replacement event must ensure that the change is acceptable to all Clubs and Championships, which have events scheduled to be run on the same weekend. The Council will have the final decision on the composition of Championship lists. A Club that originally held the date of a transferred Championship event must obtain approval through the normal ANICC process relating to a date change application if it wishes to promote any new event on that date.

## **16. RULES**

The Rules of the Association may only be altered or deleted at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting.

## **17. DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved only at an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any funds at dissolution (after all debts have been paid) shall be donated to such Charity or Charities as the Meeting may decide.