

Approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose on Friday 24th November 1995.

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1. Title

1.1 The name of the Association shall be Malta Drag Racing Association. Hereinafter referred to as the Association or MDRA

1.2. The name and Address of the Association shall not be given, by any member, as his address for any trade, advertising or business purposes or in connection with any legal proceedings.

2, Objects

2.1. To further improve interest in motoring in general and drag racing in particular

2.2. To provide members with information, advice and assistance on matters connected with motoring and biking.

2.3. To organise all types of drag racing competitions and any other type of competitions in furtherance of the interests of its members.

2.4. To help educate its members in all things related to motoring, biking and motor sports by organising seminars, master classes, film shows and the like.

2.5. To organise Social events for its members thus enhancing the spirit of friendship amongst its members.

2.6. To affiliate in National and International bodies for the benefit of its members.

2.7. To organise National Drag Racing Championships. These championships will be governed by regulations issued by the Association from time to time.

3. Membership

3.1. Membership of the MDRA is open to persons who have attained Sixteen (16) years of age and who are interested in participating in Drag Racing and not forming part of any other Motorsports Club. Membership is also open to all those who in one way or another are prepared to give a hand in the organisation and running of the Association.

3.2 Membership shall consist of:

Ordinary members

Honorary Members

3.3 All eligible persons may apply to become members of the Associaton and if accepted will be deemed to be members.

3.4. Those who wish to become members of the Association shall fill an Application/Affiliation form (Appendix A), which will be handed to any Committee Member together with the annual subscription as decided by the Committee from time to time.

3.5. The subscription fee paid will cover membership for a year (January to December). Applications for membership which are accepted after June, will be accompanied with half the subscription fee.

3.6. If an application for membership is refused, the applicant cannot apply for membership before the lapse of one year from the date of refusal. The Executive Committee will notify the prospective member within a month of the submission of his application

3.7. In the case where an application for membership is refused, the Committee may or may not give reasons for such refusal, at its discretion.

3.8. In the case of a lack of unanimity within the Committee regarding the acceptance of an application of membership, the item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. If a vote is taken, a simple majority of the members present at the meeting will suffice to approve or refuse the application for membership.

3.9. Members of the Association are to accept and bind themselves to the rules of the Association as specified in this Statute, a copy of which will be handed over to them on election, as well as any other regulations which the Committee may, from time to time, approve.

3.10. If a member wishes to resign his membership of the Association, he/she will advise, in writing, the Secretary of the Association of his/her intention. The member will remain liable to pay any dues to the MDRA upto and until such date in which his resignation is accepted by the Executive Committee.

3.11. Membership of the Association shall continue for the period covered by the current subscription and members will be subject to re-election annually by the Committee. Members will be deemed re-elected by the Committee on receipt of the Notice of the Annual General Meeting.

3.12. Any member of the Association who has not paid his subscription within three calendar months of the date in which it has become due will no longer be considered a member of the Association. No member whose subscription is in arrears shall be eligible to take part in any competition organised by the MDRA. Neither will he be allowed to take part in any General Meeting of the Association.

3.13. The Committee may elect as Honorary members of the MDRA; any person distinguished for his capacities, who has contributed to the promotion of Drag Racing in particular or Motoring in general, or has in any way contributed to the well-being of the Association.

3.14. It shall be the duty of the Committee, if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interest of the club so requires, to invite by letter any member to withdraw from the Association. In default of such withdrawal, to submit the question of his expulsion to a meeting of the Committee to be held within three weeks after the date of such a letter. Members will be given at least seven days notice that a question of withdrawal or expulsion is to be discussed at a meeting of the Committee. The member concerned shall be given at least seven days notice of such a meeting and shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his conduct, verbally or in writing. If two-thirds of the members present shall vote for his expulsion, he shall thereupon cease to be a member of the Association.

4. Executive Committee

4.1. The authority and responsibility for the management of the MDRA shall be vested in the Executive Committee. The Committee may, in addition to the powers and authorities expressly conferred by these rules, exercise all power and do all acts in furtherance of the objects for which the Association is established except those hereby expressly directed or required to be exercised or done by the Association convened in General Meeting.

4.2. The Committee shall consist of not less than 8 members and not more than 12 members as follows:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

A maximum of 6 Members

4.3. The President, the Secretary and Treasurer are deemed to be the Officials of the Association. In their capacities they are empowered to appear, on behalf of the MDRA on any form of contractual dealings entered into by the Association.

4.4. The Officials of the Association are elected, by secret ballot, by the members of the association at the Annual General Meeting. Subject to termination of office by resignation or otherwise, they shall remain in office until their successors are appointed at the next Annual General Meeting following their appointment.

4.5. Members of the Association who are Officials in any other type of Committee cannot be elected as Officials of the MDRA. Officials who, during their tenure of office with the MDRA, are elected as officials in any other type of Committee will terminate their appointment within the MDRA Committee by resignation.

4.5A NOT MORE THAN TWO PERSONS FROM EACH GARAGE ARE ALLOWED TO BE IN THE COMMITTEE

4.6. Members of the Association who are serving on the Committee of another Motoring Club or Association are not eligible for election. Committee members, who during their term of office are elected members of another Motoring Club or Association shall terminate their office by resignation.

4.7. The Committee shall have the power to co-opt upto a maximum of three members to the committee as deemed necessary. These co-options are exclusive of co-opted members under 4.8. below. The retiring officers and members of the Committee shall be eligible for re-election.

4.8. When a Committee member resigns or is deemed to have resigned his position as specified in paragraph 4.15. below, the Committee will invite the next member in the un-elected members list who contested the election at the last Annual General Meeting to take up the vacated place. If there are no runners-up or if the runners-up decline to sit on the Committee, the Committee shall co-opt members to sit on the Committee if the said resignations cause the number of elected members on the Committee becoming less than eight.

4.9. Nomination of members as candidates for election to the Committee will be received by the Secretary. The nominations will include the name and signature of both members proposing and seconding such nomination. The nominated candidate must also sign the nomination form, signifying his willingness to sit on the Committee if elected. Only those members of the Association who have been members for at least six months can be nominated.

4.10. In the event that nominations for Officials and members of the Committee are uncontested, the nominated candidate is automatically elected to the Committee.

4.11. The Committee shall elect a Vice-President, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer from amongst the elected members, at the first Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

4.12. The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-Committees, of not less than three persons, to meet on its behalf in respect of any matter which is specifically referred to such sub-Committees.

4.13. The Executive Committee is responsible for discipline within the Association. If it is felt necessary, the Committee may nominate a disciplinary Board to hear and decide a particular case or all cases. This power to nominate a Board does not, in any way reduce the power of the Committee to deal with any case of discipline.

4.14. The Executive Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Secretary who may convene a meeting of his own accord, or shall do so by direction of the President. The Committee can be convened also upon the request of half the members of the Committee.

4.15. Any member of the Committee who shall, without sufficient reason, absent himself for three committee meetings, will be understood to have resigned his position upon the Committee.

4.16. If an Official of the Association resigns, his Vice or Assistant will automatically take his place. If the Committee deems it necessary an Extraordinary General Meeting can be convened to fill the vacated post.

4.17. The Committee is empowered to take all decisions necessary in the best interest of the Association, the Sport and the Members. The decisions of the Committee and of any Board set up by the Committee are without appeal, within the context of normal administration procedures. Each member present at a Committee meeting shall be entitled to one vote (see also 5.1. below). The Committee shall vote by ballot if any member present so demands

4.18. The Executive Committee may take all decisions required in every circumstance in connection with the administration of the Association even if these circumstances are not specified in this Statute.

5. Officials

5.1. The President of the Association, or in his absence the Vice-President shall chair all meetings of the Committee. The President shall not vote except in the exercise of a casting vote.

5.2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to attend in person or by deputy all meetings of the Association and Committee. Minutes of the proceedings shall be kept by the Secretary and presented for confirmation at the following meeting.

5.3. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the proper keeping of the books of accounts of the Association, which books are open to scrutiny by the Committee. All disbursements over Lm25 shall be made by cheque. A cheque shall be signed by the Treasurer together with either the President or Secretary of the Association. The amount of cash in hand may not exceed Lm100.

5.3a THE TREASURER HAVE TO READ A STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS EVERY MEMBERS MEETING , AFTER EVERY EVENT

6. Annual General Meeting

6.1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in the month of January in each year on a date and at a time to be fixed by the Committee:

The Annual General Meeting shall:

- (a) Receive from the Committee a full Statement of Accounts showing the receipts and expenditure for the year ending December.
- (b) Receive from the Committee a full report of the activities of the Association during the said year.

- (c) Elect the Officials of the Association and the other members of the Committee for the following year.
- (d) Amend/change the Statute as per amendments duly submitted to the Meeting as hereinafter provided.
- (e) Decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.
- (f) Appoint/confirm the Association's Auditors and Solicitors.

6.2. At least two weeks notice of the Annual General Meeting must be given. Non-receipt of such notice by any member shall not invalidate the proceedings. The notice for the AGM will indicate the date, time and place of the Meeting together with the Agenda for the said Meeting.

6.3. Nominations for election of the Officials and members of the Committee will be received at least three weeks prior to the date of the General Meeting. The names of those contesting the elections will be circulated to the Members together with the Notice of the AGM.

6.4. Amendments to the Statute have to be received by the Association by not later than three weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting. The proposed amendments/alterations must be circulated to the Members together with the notice of the General Meeting.

6.5. In the case of resolutions to be discussed during the Annual General Meeting. These have to be notified in writing to the Committee, not later than three weeks prior to the date of the AGM. The resolution shall be circulated to the members together with the Notice of the General Meeting. Should the proposer of any motion or resolution fail to move it during the AGM, then any member present shall be entitled to do so.

6.6. * No one can take part in General Meetings unless he has been duly elected as a member of the Association and has paid his subscription for at least six months according to these Rules.

6.7. Members who are suspended from activities organised by the Association shall have no right to attend and vote at any General Meeting.

6.8. Every person with the right to be present may exercise one vote. The Chairman shall not vote except in the exercise of the casting vote.

6.9. The Quorum for General Meetings shall be 50% of paid up members plus one. If there is no quorum at the appointed time of the meeting, this shall start half an hour later with the members present.

6.10. Amendments to the Statute require a two-thirds majority of the members present to be carried. Any other resolutions and proposal need only a simple majority to be adopted.

7. Extraordinary General Meetings

7.1. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by the Committee or upon the request in writing to the Secretary of not less than 30 members of the Association.

7.2. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be convened to discuss a particular matter. No other matter will be discussed. The subject of the EGM will be notified to all members at least three weeks prior to the Meeting.

7.3. In the case that an Extraordinary General Meeting is requested by members of the Association. The Committee is bound to convene the Meeting not later than four weeks from the formal receipt of the request. If this is not done the said members may convene the Meeting themselves. The quorum for such meeting convened by members of the Association shall be 80 members.

7.4. Voting rights for Extraordinary General Meetings shall be governed by the same rules as in Section 6 above.

8. Dissolution

8.1. The Association may be dissolved by an Extraordinary General Meeting convened by the direction of the Committee or on the requisition of the majority of the Members.

8.2. If the resolution of the dissolution is carried, the Committee shall liquidate forthwith the affairs of the Association. If there be any surplus assets on realisation, these shall be disposed of at the discretion of the Committee.

9. Interpretation of the Rules

9.1 In all cases of disputes over the interpretation of these Rules the Committee's decision is final and binding.