

Rapido and Silver Owners Club Rules

Approved at the EGM on 12 April 2025

NAME

1. The name of the Club shall be the "RAPIDO and SILVER OWNERS CLUB"

OBJECTIVES

2. To provide its members, and their families and friends, the majority of whom shall own any RAPIDO product, or any other pop-top caravan or folding caravan, (not trailer tents) hereafter referred to as a "compliant unit" with the opportunity of exchanging information, and to give practical assistance where possible in connection with all models.
3. To provide social activities primarily, but not exclusively, by way of rallies for enthusiasts.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The requirement to become a member is the ownership of a compliant unit at the time of joining the Club, or to be invited to join by a current member of the Club. Such members shall be approved by the Committee prior to joining the Club. They shall have full voting rights, the right to stand for Committee office and shall pay annual subscription fees at the same rate as members joining the Club with compliant units.
5. Membership will not be affected if at any time a member, for whatever reason changes their 'compliant unit' to a make other than a compliant unit. Members however will be encouraged to retain ownership of a compliant unit.

ENROLMENT

6. Since 29th October 2024, new joiners and annual renewals will be required to complete the online form covering member data and consent update. The process also provides the latest club rules for acceptance.
7. A membership can cover up to 2 adults. Each adult has their own voting right.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

8. An annual subscription shall be such sum as the Club Committee shall from time to time determine. Annual subscriptions shall be due and payable in full on 1st December, except that the enrolment and subscription paid from October shall automatically be applied to include the following year.
9. Any annual subscription unpaid on the last day of January will result in lapsed membership.

DISCIPLINE

10. Any member behaving in a manner which, in the opinion of the majority of the Committee, brings or is likely to bring, the Club into disrepute, he/she shall be required to resign their membership immediately. The said member does have the right of appeal to the Committee. Any such appeal will be made in person.
11. Dogs are welcome on rallies and the owners are obliged to abide by the caravan site rules. In the absence or unclear site rules, the club asks that the number of dogs are limited to how many dogs a member can control safely at any time. If any member is unable to suitably control their dog(s) they will be required to remove their dog(s). Any such decision and action required will be a majority decision of the club members.

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The club also politely asks that no member approaches another member's dog without agreement from the owner, since the owner can advise what is suitable and in the best interests of both the dog and the member. Members are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure they have adequate 3rd party liability insurance for their dog(s) and be sensitive to the fact that not all members are comfortable with dog(s).

MANAGEMENT

12. The management of the Club shall be vested in an elected Committee at an Annual General Meeting and shall consist of roles felt required for the scope of the club at that time. For the club year 2024 – 2025 this will consist of Club co-ordinator, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Social Secretary.
13. The Committee may from time to time co-opt any member having special qualifications.
14. All the Committee as prescribed shall be eligible for re-election annually at the Annual General Meeting.
15. Any member of the Committee not wishing to continue or renew his/her term of office shall notify their fellow committee members, at least two months prior to the AGM.
16. A form calling for nominations shall be sent out to all members not less than two months prior to the AGM.
17. Nominations for officers of the Committee shall be received by the existing Committee not less than 21 days prior to the AGM.
18. Nominations on the day of the AGM are not permissible, except in extreme circumstances, and then only if agreed by a majority of the Committee and members.

MEETINGS – GENERAL

19. A General Meeting of Club members will be held each calendar year for the purpose of electing the Committee, approving the accounts, and to transact such business as may be necessary, of which notice will have been given.
20. Any member wishing to introduce any special business at a General Meeting shall give a minimum of 21 days' notice thereof in writing to the Club co-ordinator stating the nature of such special business, and forwarding with the notice a copy of any motion he/she desires to propose, and the Club co-ordinator shall enter any such business as a separate item on the Agenda.
21. Any member at an Annual Meeting wishing to raise a topic not on the Agenda may do so for discussion only, under Any Other Business, but no voting shall be allowed at this time. An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) shall be convened after a minimum period of 30 days to deal with this matter, should this be the wish of the majority in attendance.
22. All members may attend a General Meeting either in person or by video call arranged by the meeting organiser (and are encouraged to do so).
23. For the purpose of voting, partners shall vote separately.
24. Voting shall be by a show of hands, or if decided by the Chairman of the meeting, by ballot. In the event of a tie the ballot shall be re-run, if this fails to break the tie, the Chairman of the meeting shall exercise a casting vote, but may not cast this vote in his/her election.
25. There shall be no postal voting or voting by proxy.
26. The Club co-ordinator shall keep minutes of proceedings, particularly noting the Proposer and Seconder of all motions. The minutes of a General Meeting shall be published as soon as possible after the conclusion of the meeting.

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MEETINGS – COMMITTEE

27. Meetings of the Committee shall be held at the discretion of the Club co-ordinator or at the request of at least 50% of the Committee members.
28. The Club co-ordinator shall keep minutes of the proceedings, which shall be circulated to all Committee members as soon as practical after the meeting.
29. A quorum at a meeting of the Committee shall comprise 75% of committee members.

ACCOUNTS

30. The Treasurer shall receive all subscriptions and any other monies due to the Club via the preferred method of electronic bank transfer direct to the bank account in the name of the Club.
31. On-line electronic bank transfer is the preferred method of making payments, alternatively payments can be made via the Club's debit card and by cheque signed by one of the authorised signatories as a last option, in accordance with the arrangements the Club has with its bankers.
32. The Treasurer shall prepare a verified statement of expenditure detailing all expenditure and receipts in each accounting year ending at the 31st August. The verified statement of expenditure shall be presented to the next Annual General Meeting. The verified statement of expenditure must include the statement "This statement of expenditure has been produced by the treasurer and verified by the Responsible Officer"

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

33. The Committee will ensure that anyone responsible for using personal data held by the club in electronic or paper format that the information is:
 - Used fairly, lawfully and transparently
 - Used for specified, explicit purposes
 - Used in a way that is adequate, relevant and limited to only what is necessary
 - Accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date
 - Kept for no longer than is necessary
 - Handled in a way that ensures appropriate security, including protection against unlawful or unauthorised, processing, access, loss, destruction or damage
34. The Committee will also ensure that measures are in place to provide stringer legal protection for more sensitive information, such as the following (if any such information needs to be recorded):
 - Race
 - Ethnic background
 - Political opinions
 - Religious beliefs
 - Trade union membership
 - Genetics
 - Biometrics (where used for identification)
 - Health
 - Sex life or orientation

ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENT OF RULES

35. These rules supersede all previous issues of the RAPIDO AND SILVER OWNERS CLUB rules, agreed by the Committee and endorsed by the membership at the EGM

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of the Club, this 12th day of April 2025. New rules or any special business that is passed by the majority at the AGM having given the required 21 days notice, should come into force immediately.

36. These Rules may only be amended at an Extraordinary General Meeting convened for the purpose or at the AGM, by a majority vote of two thirds of those members present at such meeting.

DISSOLUTION OF THE CLUB.

37. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, the assets of the Club shall be distributed in accordance with a Resolution passed at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting. The Treasurer or another person appointed by the Committee for the purpose shall prepare proposals based upon the principle that the greater benefit shall be given to those subscribing and life members based on the number of rallies that they have attended over the preceding six years.

RULES PROPOSED BY:

David Herridge - Club co-ordinator
Peter Laws - Club Treasurer
Joanne Robinson – Club Membership Secretary
Pete Neale – Club Social Secretary

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