

BRITISH LONGBOARD UNION CONSTITUTION

The club will be called **BRITISH LONGBOARD UNION** and will be affiliated to Surfing England.

1. **Aims and objectives**

The aims and objectives of the club will be:

* + Run events across the UK that enable longboard surfers to experience a surfing competition event that is focused on the art of longboarding.
	+ Through our highly experienced event organisers and judges provide a platform for individuals to progress and develop their long boarding in a supportive and encouraging competition environment.
	+ Bringing together our diverse longboarding community to increase and broaden participation in longboard surfing to enable participants to experience the benefits to their health, well-being, social inclusion and environmental awareness.
	+ Working with Surfing England, Wales, Scotland to support and develop the talent pathway for competitive surfers.
	+ To support and develop professional standards across judging, event safety and competitor participation.
	+ Where possible each event to offer categories for both our junior surfers, of which there are a growing number of younger surfers taking part, and Over 35’s, Masters and Grand Masters to ensure that the event is accessible to all longboarders regardless of gender and age.
	+ To ensure a duty of care to all members of the club
	+ To provide all its services in a way that is fair to everyone
	+ To ensure that all present and future members receive fair and equal treatment
1. **Membership**

Membership should consist of officers and members of the club.

All members will be subject to the regulations of the constitution and by joining the club will be deemed to accept these regulations and codes of conduct that the club has adopted and the policies and rules of Surfing England.

Members will be enrolled in one of the following categories:

* + full member
	+ junior member
1. **Membership fees**

Membership fees will be set annually and determined at the Annual General Meeting. Fees will be paid by annual subscription. Fees will be £10 per annum for 2025.

1. **Officers of the club**

The officers of the club will be:

* + Chair – Norman Wright
	+ Vice Chair – Minnow Green
	+ Events/Competition Lead – Minnow Green
	+ Head Judge – Norman Wright
	+ Treasurer – Minnow Green
	+ Social Media- Publicity – Simon Mitchell
	+ Website Officer – Simon Mitchell
	+ Safeguarding Officer -Dawn Leighfield
	+ Secretary – Dawn Leighfield
	+ Water Safety / Event Risk Assessment– Graham Taplin
	+ Surfers Rep - Vacancy
	+ Sponsorship / Fund Raising - Vacancy

Officers will be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

1. **Committee**

The Management Committee will be convened by the Secretary/Chair of the club and held no less than 4per year.

The Management Committee will be responsible for adopting new policy, codes of conduct and rules that affect the organisation of the club.

1. **Finance**

All club monies will be banked in an account held in the name of the club. The Club Treasurer will be responsible for the finances of the club.

The financial year of the club will end on: *31.12*

An audited statement of annual accounts will be presented by the Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting.

1. **Annual general meetings**

Notice of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be given by the Club Secretary. Not less than 21 clear days’ notice to be given to all members.

Nominations for officers of the Management Committee will be sent to the Secretary prior to the AGM.

Elections of officers are to take place at the AGM. All members have the right to vote at the AGM.

1. **Discipline and appeals**

All complaints regarding the behaviour should be submitted in writing to the Safeguarding Officer.

The Management Committee will meet to hear complaints within 28 days of a complaint being lodged. The committee has the power to take appropriate disciplinary action including the termination of membership.

The outcome of a disciplinary hearing should be notified in writing to the person who lodged the complaint and the member against whom the complaint was made within 14days of the hearing.

There will be the right of appeal to the Management Committee following disciplinary action being announced. The committee should consider the appeal within 21days of the Secretary receiving the appeal.

1. **Dissolution**

A resolution to dissolve the club can only be passed at an AGM or EGM through a majority vote of the membership.

In the event of dissolution, any assets of the club that remain will become the property of Surfing England.

1. **Amendments to the constitution**

The constitution will only be changed through agreement by majority vote at an AGM.

**Declaration**

British Longboard Unionhereby adopts and accepts this constitution as a current operating guide regulating the actions of members.

SIGNED: DATE:

NAME:

POSITION: Club Chair

SIGNED: DATE:

NAME:

POSITION: Vice Chair