

# ECC Constitution v0.3

## Legal version

### Name

The Club, herein after referred to as the Club is named the "European Coaster Club".

The Club organisation shall be vested in The Committee, hereinafter called the Team.

### Objects

The object of the Club is the enjoyment of Roller Coasters and other rides, and the riding of such attractions.

### Finance

Subject to such consents as may be required by law to borrow or raise money for the objects of the Club and to accept gifts on such terms and on such security as shall be deemed necessary.

To raise funds and invite and receive contributions from any person or persons whatsoever by way of subscriptions and otherwise PROVIDED THAT the Club shall not undertake permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said objects.

To invest the monies of the Club not immediately required for the said objects in or upon such investments, securities or property as may be thought fit, subject nevertheless to such condition (if any) as may for the time being be imposed or required by law.

### Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to any individual or business.

Groups and other interested bodies should be encouraged to be affiliated to the Club.

The Membership Subscription shall be determined by the Team, and notification will be in the following edition of First Drop, giving not be less than two months notice of the increase. All renewals that come about after this date will be at the new rate. All new subscriptions will be at the rate in force at the date the application is received by the Club. All subscriptions are to be paid by the individuals due date, which will be determined from the date of joining the Club. The Team will define categories of membership.

### Management

Management of the Club.

The management of the Club shall be vested in the Team, consisting of namely the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, First Drop Editor and other members as listed in First Drop. Not less than one half of the elected members shall form a quorum. In the event of an equality the Chairman shall have the casting vote.

## English Version

*This saves us typing "European Coaster Club" all the time.*

*This is who we are. The Team runs the Club.*

*This is what we do and why we are here.*

*We deal with money in a responsible way.*

*We accept money through subscriptions and through the other things we do (e.g. trips, merchandise), not by selling Hi Fi's to raise money.*

*This means that we can only use your money for proper Club purposes. (And not for Sainsbury's shopping or new cars.)*

*There's no restriction on joining – pay and you're in!*

*We want to be friendly.*

*Subs are paid as per FD, and we have to give you notice of any increase.*

*You should pay on time to remain a member - and we will remind you if you forget. We also have different types memberships, which mean your family members get a crackin' deal as well!!*

*Who is the Team? This is who! Half of the team need to be present in order to agree something significant. If the Team can't agree, the Chairman decides. The team members are listed in the front of First Drop.*

The Election and removal of Team members.

All Team Members shall be elected as and when required by one Team member forwarding a motion, and one other Team member seconding the motion, and is at the discretion of the existing Team members. All new Team members' appointments are to be approved by the chairman.

Existing Team members, at the date the constitution is accepted, will be voted as approved on the adoption of the constitution.

Team members may volunteer to resign to the other Team members.

Team members, may be requested to resign if all other Team members petition a request to do so.

Standing Orders of the Club.

The Team shall frame its policy to interpret the objects of the Club and do its utmost to promote, arrange and manage such events within its powers.

The Team shall have power to co-opt such persons as are qualified to assist in their administration.

Members or persons co-opted for their experience shall not have a voting right on the Team.

The Team may appoint sub-Teams with power to co-opt, to whom such functions may be delegated, as the Team may consider desirable. The majority of such sub-Teams are to be made up of Team members and for any and all actions and such sub-Teams to be reported back to the Team as soon as possible.

The Team may suspend or expel any member of the Club if they deem such action desirable in the interests of the Club. Subject to the right of appeal in writing to the Chairman by the member concerned.

The financial year shall commence on 1st January and run to 31st December.

#### Liability

The Team members take no liability for the members of the Club, as defined in the Clubs rules.

#### Equipment and other possessions of the Club

The Club shall purchase items of equipment or possessions for use of its members. The use of those items will be strictly supervised by the Team. The Team will have the power to take any action deemed necessary as a result of misuse or damage of the above.

#### Amendment

Alteration to this constitution shall receive the assent of two thirds of the Team members either present at a meeting called

*This explains how new team members can join. The Chairman has to know about them too!*

*The Team won't change when this constitution comes into force – not much will change.*

*If Team members want to quit – they can!*

*If Team members really don't like any of the Team, they can ask that this person resign.*

*We will do what we say, not change our mind depending on the weather.*

*If the Team needs help, then they will seek it.*

*We are very grateful to people who help us out, but that doesn't mean you now run the Club!*

*This lets us have things like the Trips Team, Merchandising Team etc*

*If someone doesn't behave, then we can chuck them out. They still have the chance of explaining what happened to the Chairman though.*

*When we say Financial year, this is what we mean.*

*Don't be silly now people – on your own head be it.*

*Club will buy stuff – like BBQ's for Oakwood. But please look after them.*

*Need 66% of the Team to agree to any changes, and there are a few other rules timing too.*

for this purpose, or by Email vote. The Secretary of the Club must receive a resolution (in writing or by Email) for the alteration of the Constitution at least fourteen days before the meeting or Email vote at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen days notice of such a meeting or Email vote must be given by the secretary to the Team and must include notice of the alteration proposed.

#### Dissolution

The Club may be dissolved if all Team members resign, and there are no replacement Team members willing to take on the duties of the Club within sixty days of the resignations. (Requests for volunteers to be given through Email listing requests, and by an advert in First Drop) The Team, before disbanding, may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of the Club, provided that if any property remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such property shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Club, but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having similar to some or all of the objects of the Club as the Club may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision, then to some other charitable purpose.

#### Laws and regulations

This constitution is prepared in accordance with laws and regulations of England and Wales.

*If all the Team leaves, then if no one else wants to take over, then a coaster related nice charity, person or organisation can have what's left.*

*Erm, we're using England and Wales laws.*

# ECC Rules v0.2

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## English Version

### Subscriptions

1. Subscription entitles the member to receive the Club Magazine - First Drop - for 6 consecutive issues. In order to continue to receive the magazine, re-subscription is required.
2. Subscription entitles the member to receive details, and participate in Club trips and activities, subject to restrictions on the number of places available.
3. Subscription entitles the Member to make use of any Park offers open to members whilst a valid membership card is held.
4. If subscriptions are not renewed within 2 months of the renewal date, then membership will be classed as terminated.
5. If a cheque for subscription is returned or a credit card rejected then the person's membership is suspended. To be re-instituted, a payment must be made in full and funds clear.

*Can get FD for 6 issues before you pay more money.*

*Cool.*

*Even more cool. Make sure you renew to continue to get park offers!!*

*Bother!! Renew now to continue to receive FD and get park offers.*

*Get down to the bank, and sort out some funds - pay your subscription now!*

### Trips

1. Where trips are oversubscribed, a draw will take place of all those who have applied by the application date and members will be informed of the outcome. Members will take preference over non-member applications, with Team members not included in the draw. Any applicants who are unable to attend a trip due to over subscription will have their deposit returned. If a place should become available on an over-subscribed trip, then a waiting list system will be used to fill the space.
2. If an Exclusive Ride Session organised by the ECC is subsequently cancelled, due to whatever reason, the ECC will endeavour to find an alternative Exclusive Ride Session. If this were not possible, for whatever reason, no monies would be refunded to members for Exclusive Ride Sessions paid for.
3. The Club accepts no liability for individuals. Individuals must provide their own travel insurance, for all trips and excursions.
4. In the event that a member is expelled from a Trip, it is up to the individual, at their own expense, to make their own way home.
5. Any member seen to be acting in a way that may harm or cause injury to other members, or the public, will receive one

*We try to get everyone on a trip that wants to go, but if there are just too many people, then we need to be fair about it.*

*It's sad if an ERS is cancelled - but hey, we'll do our best for you to get something else!*

*Dude - sort yourself some insurance.*

*If you're naughty and can't play nicely, then go home!!*

*Play nice now people.*

verbal warning from a team member with, if possible, one witness present. Any further instances may mean automatic eviction from the trip.

6. Members must abide by park rules, especially those relating to safety.

7. The Club will not tolerate bad behaviour, alcohol or drug abuse, any form of harassment or discrimination, wilful property damage or bodily harm. Any instances of these will result in one verbal warning from a team member with, if possible, one witness present. Depending on the severity of the claim, this first instance, or any other instances may mean automatic eviction from a trip, and from the Club.

8. Any member caught breaking any laws in a Park may be disqualified from membership of the club.

9. On occasion, Parks will organise special events for members such as lift hill walks and maintenance tours. These are voluntary, and The Club accepts no liability for the Members. Safety precautions as detailed by the Park Staff must be adhered to at all times.

10. At no time may members take it upon themselves to walk lift hills, or do any other activity outside what is normally expected on the ride or attraction, that may endanger other members, public or Park Staff without the express permission of Park Staff and the club trip organisers.

11. During trips to the park, all ECC members are to abide by the park rules with regard to filming or taking photos on rides. If the parks have a 'no camera' policy, their decision is final, and any members found filming by the park, will have to accept the parks decision. During Exclusive Ride Sessions, the organisers will endeavour wherever possible to gain the parks' or ride operatives' permission to take cameras on the ride. However, if the park says no, then their decision is final, and any members caught flouting the rule will be asked to either stop filming, or refrain from participating in the Exclusive Ride Sessions.

#### Grievances.

1. Any queries regarding the club may be directed to The Chairman. Any queries not dealt with due to the absence of the chairman, may be directed to other team members as detailed on the ECC website. Any member excluded from a trip has the right to appeal only after their return home, or after a trip has ended. In the case of any such disputes, the Chairman's word is final. Under no circumstances would the Club give a refund of travel costs.

*Have fun, but don't be silly now.*

*Too right. Be unpleasant and we'll chuck you out - after a warning in most cases.*

*You can't really enjoy it if your being a Muppet now can you?*

*These are great fun, but safety harnesses are not always provided. The club can't accept responsibility if you fall off.*

*Be reasonable now. You don't see everyone wandering around on the roller coaster lift hill now do you?*

*Please, no photos - unless the park allows it.*

*Chairman!! Sort it out!!*