

European Coaster Club Benelux Branch **Constitution**

Name

1. The name of the club is the European Coaster Club Benelux Branch and is referred to throughout as the 'Club'.
- 1.a The Club is a branch of the European Coaster Club, which is referred to throughout as the "European Coaster Club".

Objects

2. The object of the Club is to ride and enjoy roller coasters and other rides at amusement parks and fun fairs with people from The Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany (limited to German zip code areas starting with 26, 49, 48, 32, 33, 45, 44, 58, 59, 57, 46, 47, 41, 40, 42, 51, 50, 52, 53, 56, 54, 55, 66 & 67)

Finance

3. The Club may borrow or raise money or accept gifts for the objects of the Club on such terms and on such security as shall be deemed necessary.
4. The Club may raise funds and invite and receive contributions, subscriptions and selling merchandize.
5. The Club may invest the monies of the Club not immediately required for its objects in investments, securities or property.
6. The financial year shall commence on 1st January and run to 31st December.

Management

7. The management of the Club shall be vested in a committee known as 'the staff' and will meet at least once a year.
8. Every member is allowed to present themselves as a prospective member of 'the staff' in case of a vacant position.
9. "The staff" will consist of a minimum of four people in the roles of Benelux Chairman , Main club team representative, secretary and treasurer.
10. "The staff" will be surrounded by a group known as "the team", which will consist of volunteers working to aid the club in various elements of running the Club.
11. Members can be suggested by "the staff" to be considered for the Team and will be entered into the Team if a 75 percent or higher amount of the members vote in favor.
12. Every person who takes up a position in "the staff" or "the team" has to be a registered member of the European Coaster Club.
13. The Team may make regulations for the management of the Club and for the conduct of their business, including:
 - (i) the calling of meetings;
 - (ii) methods of making decisions in order to deal with cases or urgency when a meeting is impractical;
 - (iii) the deposit of money at a bank;
 - (iv) the keeping and authenticating of records.
14. The Staff and Team must:
 - (i) keep accounting records for the Club;
 - (ii) Present all accounting records to the European Coaster Club Treasurer for consolidating in the ECC Annual Accounts within 30 days of the year end being 31st December each year.

(iii) Make all accounting records available to the Accountant appointed to independently examine all the accounting records of the European Coaster Club.

15. A bank account must be held to control the funds of the Club. This account is supervised by at least two members of the Team.

16. The "treasurer" is obliged to properly supervise and control the bank account.

17. The Team must hold at least one ordinary meeting per year. At each meeting the Team will arrange the date, time and place of its next meeting.

18. At meetings, decisions must be made by a majority of the Team members present and voting. Should there be an equal result of voting then the team will have the final vote.

19. Team members must resign if at least three quarters of the remaining Team members request them to do so. He or she will be informed of this decision by the president, including an explanation with sound reasoning.

20. The Team may suspend or expel any member of the Club (except those who hold team or staff member positions of the European Coaster Club or Benelux Branch) 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.

Membership

21. Membership of the ECC Club shall be open to any individual or business, with the exception of those previously disqualified by the Team or Staff from European Coaster Club or ECC Benelux Branch.

22. The costs of the membership shall be determined by the European Coaster Club. The European Coaster Club Benelux Branch is obliged to accept any members of the ECC.

23. The Club may request a financial contribution from the European Coaster Club if the club doesn't have the budget to fulfill their financial obligations as described in the Service Level Agreement.

Liability

24. The Team members take no liability for the members of the Club.

25. The payment of registration fees by, for, or on behalf of participants releases and hold harmless the European Coaster Club and European Coaster Club Benelux Branch and its representatives from any and all liabilities related to those activities.

Equipment and other Possessions of the Club

26. 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 and Staff. The Staff will have the power to take any action deemed necessary as a result of misuse or damage of the above.

Amendment

27. Alteration to this constitution must receive the assent of 75% of a voting quorum. A quorum will consist of all Benelux Team members and the European Coaster Club Chairman. Articles related to the European Coaster Club shall only be changed after mandatory two-way conversations between the European Coaster Club and the European Coaster Club Benelux Branch. The chairman of the Club must receive any resolution for the alteration of the Constitution at least 21 days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought

forward. At least 14 days' notice of such a meeting must be given to the Staff and must include notice of the alteration(s) proposed.

Dissolution

30. The Club may be dissolved if all Staff members resign, and there are no replacement Staff members willing to take on the duties of the Club within sixty days of the resignations. Requests for volunteers must be given through the Forum, Facebook or other social media requests, and/or by notification in *First Drop*. The Team, before disbanding, may express wishes 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 the European Coaster Club.