



VIRTUAL RACING MALTA



CLUB STATUTE

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1. Name and Constitution

- a) The official name of the club shall be “VIRTUAL RACING MALTA” or for short “VRM”, hereunder referred to as the Club.
- b) The Club exists to provide competitive and fair racing for the sport of virtual racing to all the Maltese and Gozitan community. Membership is open to all persons interested in virtual racing, subject to approval by the Committee.
- c) The Club is totally independent from other clubs, including clubs of the same sports. The club is non-profit making and has no political or commercial connections.

2. The Committee and Officers of the Club

- a) The general administration and the policy of the Club shall be entrusted to its Committee composed of not more than five members.
- b) The officers of the Club shall be as follows, in order of seniority:
 - President;
 - Secretary;
 - Club Officers;
- c) The Committee posts, made up of the ‘President’, ‘Secretary’ and ‘Club Officers’ are not to be contested until there is a vote of “no confidence” by any other member of committee or any club member. In the case of a “no confidence” vote, the remaining Committee members make the necessary investigations and later a decision is taken whether the official must resign or not.

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- d) Should a Committee member resign, the President reserves the right to appoint a person to the vacant position. The president may also issue a call for application to fill the vacant position. Applicants will be vetted by the club's committee to assess the applicant's competence to fill the vacant post. Applicants who are not deemed fit to serve in the post will have their application turned down. The final decision will then be arrived to by an election among club members.
- e) Any member may submit comments to the Committee regarding any application, and the Committee shall consider such comments before the relevant election.
- f) The main club roles and duties are to be divided between the members of the Committee. Roles and duties include the following, among others:
- Management of Club Finances;
 - Information Processing (Website);
 - Communication (Media Relations);
 - Advertising / Sponsorship;
 - Merchandise (Sales);
 - Club Administration;
 - Championship Events;
 - Club Meetings;
 - Discipline;
 - Other Matters;
- g) Club Officers responsible for 'Championship Events', must present their 'Plans and Details' to the committee during the pre-season meeting for final discussion and approval.
- h) Meetings of the Committee shall be chaired by the President or in his absence by the Secretary or any Club Officer.
- i) Decisions requiring a vote to be taken shall be based on a simple majority vote.
- j) Any Committee member failing to attend one (1) Committee meeting, without a valid reason, shall forfeit his membership in the Committee.
- k) The Committee must decide at the beginning of every season which competitions are to be held on club basis and their format.
- l) Other members of the Club may be invited by the Committee to, attend Committee meetings; but will not be voting participants.



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- m) The Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committees to fulfill any duties the Committee may deem fit. No member may be co-opted into a sub-committee without the approval of the Committee. Sub committees may be formed either through an election or appointed directly by the officer responsible after having received approval from the club president.
- n) The Committee will be responsible for the organization of all competitions for which prizes will be awarded according to the finances permitted.

3. Club Membership

- a) Club membership is open to all Maltese and Gozitan citizens.
- b) Any member desiring to join the Club shall apply on the club's official email: info@virtualracingmalta.com.
- c) The Committee shall reserve the right to accept or reject any application.
- d) A member can be non-active (not participating in any racing event).
- e) There shall be the following categories of membership:
 - Free Membership - open to all persons who would like to be part of the club but not active in racing.
 - Active Membership – open to all persons who are active in the racing events organized by the club.
- f) A database registry of all members, together with their personal details, shall be kept by the Club. New members must submit the following personal information to the club:
 - Name and Surname;
 - Post Code;
 - Date of Birth;
 - Home Telephone;
 - Mobile Number;
 - Photo;
- g) All members are to abide by the Club rules. The Committee has the right to terminate membership to any member who does not abide by the rules and regulations of the club.



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- h) A member may have his membership terminated by the Club Committee as a disciplinary measure. Furthermore, a Club member may be suspended by the Committee for conducting himself in a manner which in the opinion of the Committee can be injurious to the Club.
- i) Club members are allowed to participate in foreign championships organized by other clubs, unless this hinders in any way our club. Priority must always be given to our club.
- j) Members are strictly not allowed to join any other local virtual racing clubs.
- k) Member's seniority is judged by date of registration with club.
- l) Participation Fees cover a full racing calendar year, or part thereof if paid during the course of a racing calendar year that has already commenced.
- m) Members failing to pay the participation fee will not be allowed to participate in any competition.

4. Annual General Meetings

- a) The club recognizes two important general meetings:
 - The Pre-Season Meeting;
 - The Prize Giving Ceremony;
- b) The Pre-Season meeting is held in September, while the Prize Giving Ceremony is held in June or July.
- c) During the Pre-Season Meeting the following issues are discussed among others:
 - Participation Fees;
 - Sponsorships;
 - Technical Issues;
 - New Regulations;
 - Events;
 - Disciplinary Board and Procedures;

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- d) During the Prize-Giving Ceremony the following issues are held, among other items:
- A/V Presentation covering the racing season.
 - Distribution of Trophies.
 - Raffle.
- e) Both the Pre-season Meeting and the Prize-Giving Ceremony must be announced at least one week before.
- f) All prize winners must be present at the annual Prize Giving Ceremony.
- g) Decisions at any General Meeting shall be taken on the basis of a simple majority vote, with the exception of decisions regarding Amendments to the Statute which will require a two thirds majority of the members and entitled to vote.
- h) The Committee may call an extraordinary General Meeting any time it deems fit, with a minimum notice period of at least one week.

5. Discipline

- a) The Committee, at its own discretion, may investigate actions by any member occurring during racing activities or on any other actions which are considered to be contrary to the accepted standards of behavior. The Committee may penalize the member concerned by suspending him or her from participation in any number of club activities as may be deemed appropriate.
- b) It shall be the duty of the Committee, if at any time it shall be of the opinion that the interests of the Club so require, to invite by letter any member to resign from the club within a time specified in such letter, giving the reasons. In default of such resignation the Committee shall invite the Member in question to make representations, verbally or in writing, as to why he or she should not be expelled, following which the proposal to expel such a Member shall be put to a vote of a Committee meeting to be held at the earliest opportunity.
- c) Decisions taken in regard to matters under items (a) and (b) by the Committee in this respect shall be final and not subject to appeal.



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- d) Drivers wishing to protest at the irregular conduct of any driver on track may send an e-mail to the discipline officer within forty eight (48) hours of the races' completion. Protests must be accompanied by as many details as possible, including screenshots if possible, indicating clearly the reason behind the protest. Appeals may also be sent to the discipline officer within forty eight (48) hours of the verdict. Every appeal must be accompanied by all details or proof associated with the case.
- e) Drivers, who are disputed against and found guilty, will receive a penalty which will depend upon the discipline officer's decision.
- f) Purposeful blocking, crashing, corner cutting or any other failure to relinquish the right-of-way under these circumstances will be considered an act of poor sportsmanship and will be penalized dependant on the severity of infraction, as deemed appropriate by the Discipline officer.

6. Club Rules for all Championships

- a) The type of competition to be held is to be decided by the committee itself, after reviewing feedback from club members.
- b) The club committee has the final say of which "racing mods" and racing tracks to be used for the following season.
- c) New rules and regulations are discussed and confirmed in the pre-season meeting. No changes shall be imposed without the consensus of the Committee.
- d) The official racing calendar must be issued at least 2 weeks before the championship starts. No calendar dates are to be changed before or after the calendar has been issued.
- e) The participation of a member in any championship is to be discontinued in any of the following circumstances:
 - As a disciplinary measure against the member deemed necessary and appropriate by the committee.
 - If the member himself formally declares his intention to withdraw from the championship.
 - If the member has made the maximum of allowed absenteeism.
- f) No membership fees would be refunded in case of a voluntary or involuntary termination of the championship or club membership.



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7. Amendments to the Statute.

This Statute may be amended at an Annual Meeting, carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting.

8. Interpretation of the Statute

The Committee shall be the sole authority for the interpretation of this Statute and any Bye-Laws made hereunder. The decision of the Committee shall be final and binding on all Members.

The president reserves the right to take any deemed to be in the best interest of the club without notifying committee or club members.

*Amended at Annual Pre-Season Meeting
held on September 12th 2010*



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