



CONSTITUTION OF THE LOTUS REGISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA

1 NAME

The name of the Club shall be The Lotus Register of South Africa.

2 ADDRESS

The address of the Club to be that of one of the elected members of the Committee.

3 OBJECTIVES

The aim and objectives of the Club are the preservation, restoration, and active use of all cars manufactured by the Lotus Car Company and its subsidiaries, together with acceptable replicas of these cars and with special interest in those cars displaying the personal involvement of Colin Chapman.

4 ELIGIBILITY

Any person who owns, or who is enthusiastically interested in the above-mentioned cars is eligible to apply for membership of the Club.

5 RIGHTS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Club shall not give any member any rights, title, claim, interest or demand in, or to, any monies, property or assets of the Club, but will only confer on such member the right to the use and enjoyment of property, facilities and activities provided by the Club for the benefit of its members.

6 FINANCIAL STATUS

The Club will be a non-profit making organisation and club fees, as determined from time to time by the ruling committee, will be used solely for the administration and promotion of the Club for the benefits of its members.

7 LIABILITY

Each member's financial liability to the Club will be restricted to his or her fees and subscriptions.



8 ADMINISTRATION

A committee with a minimum of seven members, which committee must be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, will administer the Club. The committee will be responsible for the following areas and it is envisaged that the Committee Members will be required for the posts of: -

Chairman, Secretary, Registrar, Treasurer, Social Secretary, Communications and a Racing Committee representative will be elected.

Where necessary additional members to support the above committee members maybe seconded to the committee if considered necessary by the Ruling Committee. Such additional members must be elected at a normal Club Meeting by a cast of vote.

A quorum will be constituted when a minimum of 20% of the total paid up members are in attendance. 51% of the votes counted shall be taken as an acceptance of a motion. Voting shall be either by a show of hands or a secret ballot dependant on the sensitivity of the issue and the chairman shall have a casting vote should there be an equal vote.

Certain of the above posts may be combined but there may not be fewer than five Committee Members.

The Social Secretary must take on the responsibility for promoting and marketing the club to retain existing members and attract new members.

9 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Club will take place during November of each year when the full Committee must stand down. However, all Committee Members may offer their services for re-election. If they have been in the same office position for 3 years consecutively, they may not be considered for re-election onto that post, however they may be elected to an alternative post.

For the posts of Communications, Registrar and Social Secretary this ruling maybe wavered by a cast of vote.

All Members will be notified of the time and venue for the Annual General Meeting at least two weeks in advance. In addition the Annual General Meeting will be held to consider and pass with, or without, amendments, or to reject, any proposed resolution concerning the affairs of the Club. Notice of any proposed resolution must be signed by at least two paid-up members and lodged with the Chairman of the Committee not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the Annual General meeting.

No resolution amending, adding to or altering any clause of this Constitution shall be valid unless consented to by two thirds of the paid up members of the Club present or voting by proxy at the Annual General Meeting.



10 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The committee will meet formally at least once every month, excluding December and the time and venue for the years meetings will be published at the beginning of the calendar year in the TLR events calendar and posted on the website. The quorum for a Committee meeting will be three persons.

At all Committee meetings every elected member shall have one vote save that in the event of a tie the Chairman of the Committee shall have a casting vote.

The committee will meet to discuss issues pertaining to the running of the club, including finances, racing, social events, promotional events and any other issues requiring their attention.

All committee meetings will have an agenda and minutes, which can be inspected by the members upon written request.

11 CLUB MEETINGS

The committee will convene a formal club meeting at least once every month, excluding December and members will be notified of the time, venue and agenda one week prior to the meeting.

Meetings will include feedback on finances, social events and racing and may also include guest speakers with topics of interest to club members

The quorum will be constituted when a minimum of 20% of the total paid up members are in attendance. 51% of the votes counted shall be taken as an acceptance of a motion. Voting shall be either by a show of hands or a secret ballot dependant on the sensitivity of the issue and the chairman shall have a casting vote should there be an equal vote.

12 PAID-UP MEMBERS

Only fully paid-up members can be elected to the Committee and only paid-up members can raise issues for discussion at meetings.

13 DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

All decisions of the Committee shall be final and not subject to any appeal in any court of law and all Committee decisions must have as their basis the maintenance of the Marque image i.e. performance and prestige. The Committee will not be required to make public its reasons for any decisions or actions.



14 SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member who in the opinion of the ruling Committee commits any wilful breach of this Constitution or who performs any acts prejudicial to the interests and reputation of the Club save that such a member should be afforded reasonable opportunity to disprove the alleged breach shall be disciplined at the Committees discretion by suspension or cancellation of membership.

15 BINDING EFFECT OF CONSTITUTION

Payment by, or on behalf of a member, of the Subscription and Entrance Fee shall be Acknowledgement of Agreement to be bound by this Constitution and any amendments made hereafter. No person may plead not having received a copy of the Constitution, which will be ordinarily forwarded to each member, on payment of the Entrance Fee, either by email, fax or in hard copy by the Registrar.

A copy of the constitution will be made available to any and all member requesting one and it will be published on the Website.

16 OBJECTIONS OF MEMBERS

Any paid-up member who is dissatisfied with the way the Club is being run can raise objections at any normal Club Meeting.

Should general feelings support his objections, the Ruling Committee, or any of its individual members, may be required by vote, as defined under club meetings, to stand down.

At any time a new election may be held to appoint a successor to the Committee or member voted to stand down.

17 VEHICLE ELIGIBILITY

The Committee will have the sole discretion as to which vehicles are eligible to compete in any Club events and the club will maintain a Register of member's eligible vehicles.

The responsibility will lie with the individual member to ensure that his vehicle is correctly registered with the TLR and that full and accurate documentation is posted with the Registrar.

18 RULES

The normal running of the Club will be according to the Rules, which are printed elsewhere, which are subject to review and alteration from time to time by the members of the club.



19 ACCOUNTS

The Committee member responsible for the Treasurer post shall keep true accounts of any money received and expended by the Club, as well as any assets, credits and liabilities of the Club and such accounts must be formally presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

If at any time the Club is wound up or dissolved and there is after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever left over, it shall not be distributed amongst members but shall be dealt with as determined by the members present at an Extraordinary General Meeting which will be called under the same conditions as the Annual General Meeting, taking point 23.3 into consideration.

20 AFFILIATION

The Committee may, at its sole discretion, decide to affiliate the Club with any local or overseas motoring organisation with similar aims and objectives.

21 VIOLATION OF RULES

The Club disassociates itself from any individual who violates any traffic or other law during any club outing.

22 PROXY VOTES

At all meetings every paid-up member shall have one vote save that in the event of a tie the Chairman of the Committee shall have a casting vote. Any member who is fully paid-up may cede his voting power by proxy to any other fully paid-up member but such transfer of vote must be confirmed in writing.

23 RECEIVER OF REVENUE REQUIREMENTS 1990

The following clauses are added in accordance with the requirements of the Receiver of Revenue:

- 1) The club is formed for the cultivation and participation in sport as a pastime.
- 2) No meals, liquor or accommodation must be supplied.
- 3) By dissolution, assets must be transferred to another sporting association.
- 4) Statement of income and expenditure and balance sheet must be furnished at the end of financial year.
- 5) Constitution to be signed.



24 THE LOTUS REGISTER CONSTITUTION SIGNED

The Lotus Register Constitution approved at the Members meeting held at

_____ on _____

Signed by the TLR Chairman

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Signed by the TLR Secretary

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____



RULES OF THE LOTUS REGISTER OF SOUTH AFRICA

1 CLUB FEES

- 1.1 Any person applying for membership for the first time shall be liable for an entry fee of R100.00, which will be expended for the SAMCA Affiliation, fee, Membership Card etc.
- 1.2 The Annual Subscription to the Club shall be:
 - o R250.00 for local members i.e. those members residing in Gauteng
 - o R150 for Country members i.e. those residing outside of Gauteng.
- 1.3 The subscription is due on 1st January each year. Any member who has not paid by 31st March will be removed from the membership register and should they wish to join again will be liable for full club fees as defined in 1.1 and 1.2.
- 1.4 Members joining after the 1st July each year will be liable for the joining fee as defined in 1.1 of the rules of the Lotus Register of South Africa and a reduced annual subscription for the joining year of R100.00. Thereafter they will be subject to the normal annual subscription fee as defined in 1.2 above.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 All cars manufactured by the Lotus Car Company and its Predecessors and successors including Lotus Engineering, Lotus components, Lotus Cars etc.
- 2.2 All cars produced by those Internationally Licensed Replica Builders for example. Caterham Cars, or other commercial international and local replica builders such as Westfield Sports Cars, Birkin Cars etc.
- 2.3 Replicas built by individuals, which comply with the following requirements:
 - a. Chassis of original type construction.
 - b. Body to original form and silhouette and manufactured from original materials i.e. Aluminium, fibreglass. The 20 foot rule must apply i.e. any replica should look like an original from 20 foot away.
 - c. General appearance and presentation of the replica to be in line with the stated objectives of the Club as laid down in the constitution.

3 SAMCA

It is the intention of the Committee that the Club be affiliated with SAMCA, the South African Marque Car Association, and that in this way the Lotus Register be eligible for inclusion in SAMCA events and the SAMCA Insurance Scheme etc.



4 MEMBERSHIP LISTS

The Committee shall produce, not later than March each year a full membership list detailing all paid up members and their registered vehicles.

5 MEMBERSHIP LISTS AND REGISTRATION AND CAR DETAILS

Each paid-up member will be sent a Registration form on which he will be required to record specific details of his car. It is implicit in the Club objectives that any member buying or selling a motor car should bring this change to the notice of the Registrar and wherever possible a member selling a car should encourage the new owner to join the Club.

6 TLR CLUB MAGAZINES

It is the objective of the Committee to produce a minimum of eleven TLR CLUB MAGAZINES each year in which the activities of the Club will be reflected as well as, technical information and other items which should be of interest to the membership.

7 REGULATIONS

The ruling Committee has the power to issue interpretations of these Regulations from time to time and these interpretations shall be binding upon members. In addition, the Committee may at normal meetings where at least a minimum of 20% of the total paid up members are attending and 50% plus 1 members, who are full paid up members, cast votes make changes to these Regulations at that time.



TLR COMPETITIONS

The Register runs three competitions namely; TLR Man/Woman of the year, TLR Driver of the year and the LOTUS CHALLENGE competitions. These competitions are open to all ladies and gents in the club,

A) THE LOTUS REGISTER MAN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR

The points system that is run has the emphasis on participation in club activities. Points will be allocated as shown below; the events that count towards the awards are all highlighted on the calendar of events with a black dot.

1. ALLOCATION OF POINTS

- 1.1 In the social events, husbands & wives/girlfriends score separately.
- 1.2 Attendance or competing in a Non Lotus earns half score.
- 1.3 In all cases where the driver is not the entrant, and the entrant is not competing, the entrant scores all points.

2. VALUES OF POINTS

- 2.1 Attendance at any non-competitive event, e.g. breakfast run.
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- 2.2 Attendance at Chapman run (or any long distances social event).
20
- 2.3 Publication of a newsletter article
 - a) Self-written.
8
 - b) Extracted from another publication.
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- 2.4 Event organiser (irrespective of the type of car used to attend the event).
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- 2.5 Event assistant (irrespective of the type of car used to attend the event).
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- 2.6 Entering a competitive event.
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- 2.7 Introducing a new member (only if members name and signature is on registration form)
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- 2.8 Attendance at noggins.
2
- 2.9 Organising additional events to the calendar (Must be published in previous newsletter/update to be eligible for points).
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- 2.10 Attendance at additional events.
2
- 2.11 Payment of subscriptions before the 1st March of the year that subs is due.
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- 2.12 Representing The Lotus Register at an event organised by another club
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This competition will be controlled by the club Registrar and will be based on the attendance registers compiled at each TLR or contributing event.



B) TLR DRIVERS OF THE YEAR (man and woman)

The points system is the same as for Man/Woman of the year, with the emphasis on participation in Club events.

Points will be allocated as shown below, and the events that count towards the awards are all highlighted on the calendar of events with a black ellipse. It has become necessary to set a limit for the awarding of those trophies and to make it competitive we need at least 3 ladies and 3 gents competing in 4 events to warrant the awarding of each of these trophies.

1	ALLOCATION OF POINTS	Points
1.1	For competing	5
1.2	Highest placed TLR member in each class	10
1.3	2 nd Highest placed TLR member in each class	9
1.4	3 rd Highest placed TLR member in each class etc	8
1.5	If there are more than 10 entrants in any class, the remainder will receive 1 point plus 5 for competing.	

Although every effort is made to ensure that points are awarded fairly to everyone that deserves them, it is however, not possible to be absolutely sure who has earned points, so please advise the scorekeeper of the event and make it possible for him to allocate them as such. If you do not claim them and the Scorer do not allocate them, don't blame him.

If there are points to be had at an event, there will be a register for you to fill in, print your name to be sure of your points

This competition will be controlled by the club Social Secretary committee member and will be based on the attendance registers compiled at each TLR or contributing event

C) TLR LOTUS CHALLENGE DRIVERS OF THE YEAR

The rules governing the LOTUS CHALLENGE drivers of the year are covered in the racing rules as lodged with the MSA and published on the TLR website.

The elected Racing Committee representative will control this competition.



THE LOTUS REGISTER RULES SIGNED

The Lotus Register Rules approves at the Members Meeting held at

_____ on _____

Signed by the TLR Chairman

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

Signed by the TLR Secretary

Name _____ Signature _____

Date _____

