



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.

There shall be no discrimination in the TLR on the basis of race, colour, religious creed, age, nationality, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, gender, gender expression or sexual orientation when considering applications for membership.

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 shall 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 shall be a non-profit making organisation and club fees, as determined from time to time by the ruling committee, shall 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 shall be restricted to his or her fees and subscriptions.



8. Administration

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

- Chairman
- Registrar
- Treasurer
- Social events and breakfast runs
- Communications
- Classic Lotus
- Long distance runs and a
- Racing committee representative.

Where necessary, additional members to support the above committee members maybe co-opted 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.

At any Club Meeting where a matter is to be voted upon, a quorum shall be established when a minimum of 20% of total members are present in person or by proxy. 51% of the votes cast shall be taken as acceptance of a motion except where a requirement for a greater number of votes in favour is stipulated elsewhere in this constitution or the rules.

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 committee member in the post of social events and breakfast runs shall take on the responsibility for promoting and marketing the club to retain existing members and attract new members.

The official administration of Club affairs shall be conducted in the English language.

9. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall 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 five years consecutively, they may not be considered for re-election into that post, however they may be elected to an alternative post.

For the posts of Communications, Registrar, Classic Lotus, Long Distance Runs and Social events and breakfast runs, this ruling may be waived by a cast of vote.

All members shall be notified of the time and venue for the Annual General Meeting at least eight weeks in advance. In addition, the Annual General Meeting shall 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:

a) must be signed by at least two members and lodged with the Chairman of the Committee not less than six weeks prior to the date fixed for the AGM, and



b) circulated by the Chairman to the membership not less than four weeks prior to the AGM together with the written motivation, if any, presented in support of adoption of that resolution.

The quorum for an AGM shall be as stipulated for all Club Meetings save that in the event a quorum is not established, the next Club Meeting for which notice is properly given shall become the AGM and for which the actual members present in person or by proxy shall be sufficient for establishment of a quorum. Any documents validly circulated in respect of the original AGM shall be deemed to have been validly circulated for the purposes of the re-scheduled AGM.

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 shall meet formally at least once every month, excluding December and the time and date for the year's meetings shall be published at the beginning of the calendar year in The Lotus Register events calendar and posted on the website. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall 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 shall 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 shall have an agenda and minutes, which can be inspected by the members upon written request.

11. Club meetings

The committee shall convene a formal club meeting at least once every month, excluding December and members shall be notified of the date, time and venue, via whichever form of media is most appropriate, at least a day prior to the meeting.

Meetings shall include feedback on finances (where relevant), social events and racing and may also include guest speakers with topics of interest to club members

The quorum shall 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. Members

Membership categories:

- a) Ordinary members whose membership fees are current and paid-up,
- b) Country members whose membership fees are current and paid-up and who live in areas which preclude them from easily attending regular club activities in Gauteng Province, and



c) Honorary Life members. This category is for a limited number of members who have rendered particular service to The Lotus Register or to Lotus over an extended period of time (minimum 20 years unbroken membership). Nomination for this category of membership and the awarding of Honorary Life membership is at the discretion of the Committee. This category of members do not pay membership fees.

Only Ordinary or Honorary Life members may be elected to the Committee. Only fully paid-up members may 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 shall not be required to make public its reasons for any decisions or actions.

14. Suspensions and expulsions 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 shall 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 shall be made available to any and all member requesting one and it shall be published on the Website.

16. Objections by Members

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

Should general feelings support his/her 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 shall have the sole discretion as to which vehicles are eligible to compete in any Club events and the club shall maintain a Register of member's eligible vehicles.

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

18. Rules

The normal running of the Club shall be according to the Rules, which are printed below (see page 7), 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 shall 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 Laws

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, other than the provision made at noggins for pre noggin snacks.



- 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 Annual General Meeting held at Piston Ring Club, Modderfontein on 21 November 2021.

Signed by: The Lotus Register Chairman
Greg Turner

The Lotus Register Treasurer
Carel Schaap

Signature _____

Signature _____



Rules of The Lotus Register of South Africa

1. Fees

1.1 Any person applying for membership for the first time shall be liable for an entry fee of R150.00. This may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the Committee.

1.2 The Annual Subscription to the Club shall be:

- R400.00 for local members i.e. those members residing in Gauteng
- R200.00 for Country members i.e. those residing outside of Gauteng.

This may be changed from time to time at the discretion of the Committee, and the Committee may decide to provide for a discount for early payment by members.

1.3 The subscription is due on 1st January each year. Any member who has not paid by 31st March shall be removed from the membership register and should they wish to join again, shall be liable for full club fees as defined in 1.1 and 1.2.

1.4 Members joining after the 1st July each year shall 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. Thereafter they shall 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 maintain 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 shall be sent a registration form on which he/she shall 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. The Lotus Register magazines

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

7. Interpretation of Rules

The ruling Committee has the power to issue interpretations of these Rules 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.

8. The Lotus Register competitions

The Lotus Register runs two competitions, namely:

- a. The Lotus Register Man/Woman of the year, and
- b. The Lotus Challenge track racing competition.

These competitions are open to all members in the club.

8 a. The Lotus Register Man/ Woman of the Year

The points system that is run has the emphasis on participation in club activities. Points shall 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 and 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.	Value of points	
2.1	Attendance at any non-competitive event, e.g. breakfast run, Noggin	10
2.2	Attendance at Chapman run (or any long distances social event).	20
2.3	Magazine input - Article self-written	10
2.4	Magazine input - Article Copy / Photos	5
2.5	Event organiser (irrespective of the type of car used to attend the event).	15
2.6	Event assistant (irrespective of the type of car used to attend the event).	5
2.7	Entering a competitive event.	5
2.8	Spectator at competitive event or where TLR is represented	5
2.9	Introducing a new member (only if member's name and signature is on registration form)	10
2.10	Organising additional events to the calendar (Must be published in previous Newsletter / update to be eligible for points).	5
2.11	Attendance at additional events.	2
2.12	Payment of subscriptions before the 1st March of the year that subs is due.	10
2.13	Representing The Lotus Register at an event organised by another club.	10

The Man/Woman of the Year competition shall be controlled by the club Registrar and shall be based on the attendance registers compiled at each TLR or contributing event.

8 b. The Lotus Register Lotus Challenge Competition

The rules governing The Lotus Challenge are covered in the racing rules as lodged with the MSA and published on The Lotus Register website.

1. The Racing Committee representative, elected by the Members, shall administer this competition.

2. Within two weeks of election, The Racing Committee representative shall notify the Chairman of the Club of the names of one or more members he nominates to assist him in the administration of the competition and in the preparation, enforcement and implementation of the rules of the competition as submitted to Motorsport South Africa and may from time-to-time appoint further temporary (no longer than a 2 week period, where after they are to be nominated and voted for as above) members to the Racing Committee. The nomination must include a justification of why the particular member/s have been proposed.

3. Upon receipt of the names of the nominee(s), the Chairman of the Club shall circulate same to those paid-up and honorary life members who have raced in the competition within the previous 24 months, together with a return e-mail address to which those racing members may within seven days lodge objection in respect of the person(s) nominated. In the event that greater than 66% of the racing members raise objections in respect of the persons nominated, the Racing Committee representative shall withdraw his nomination(s) and within a further 14 days make nomination afresh and present same to the Chairman of the Club in order to repeat the process.

3.1. Voting rights

3.1.1. The Race Committee may from time to time do surveys amongst racers or require voting on specific matters or rules relating to the series.



- 3.1.2. Voting rights will be limited to TLR members who have raced in the current or the previous season
- 3.1.3. Racers eligible to vote in terms of 3.1.2 must be paid up members of The Lotus Register and racers levy (Refer 2.11) must have been paid in full.
4. The Racing Committee representative together with his / her nominee(s) shall be known collectively as the Racing Committee.
5. During the processes described in 3 above, nothing shall serve to limit the authority of the Racing Committee representative, together with his nominee(s), to perform the duties of the Racing Committee.
6. The Racing Committee's guiding principles shall be that:
- they are custodians of the competition and its rules; and
 - any action taken shall be intended to be in the best interests of the competition as a whole and in promotion of a fair and sustainable form of motorsport; and
 - they pro-actively promote all classes in the Lotus Challenge Competition equally.
7. Racing Committee members shall stand down from the Racing Committee simultaneously with termination of the Racing Committee representative's term of service.
8. The Racing Committee representative may from time-to-time delegate any of his / her duties to any other member of the Racing Committee for periods of no longer than two weeks in any three month period.
9. Competitors in each of the Classes as defined in the rules of the competition may elect one of their number to act as Class Representative to assist and/or advise the Racing Committee in respect of matters pertaining to that Class.
10. In the event no Class Representative is elected, the Racing Committee may appoint any competitor competing within that Class to the position of Class Representative.
11. Class Representatives shall serve for one race season but shall not be precluded from standing for re-election or reappointment by the Racing Committee.
12. The Racing Committee may appoint a Technical Consultant (TC) to assist and advise upon vehicle eligibility and which person:
- may not be a competitor; and
 - may not have any direct or indirect affiliation with any competitor; and
 - must be suitably qualified with a racing background and have knowledge of racing practice, rules and protocols; and
 - must become fully conversant with the Lotus Challenge Competitions' rules as they exist.
 - the race committee must make the TC known and visible to all competitors in the competition.
13. The Racing Committee may levy each competitor a fee to cover the reasonable costs of the activities of the Technical Consultant. Any driver racing and any one heat of a Lotus Challenge race becomes liable for payment of said levy.
14. Any two racing or any two main committee members may together, at any time, propose in writing to the Chairman of the Club a motion of no confidence in the Racing Committee and which motion shall, following 30 days' notice given to the racing members, be voted upon by e-mail ballot and which shall require a vote in favour of greater than 66% of the eligible racing members to pass. Should a



motion of no confidence succeed, the Racing Committee and Racing Committee representative shall stand down.

The Lotus Register Rules signed

The Lotus Register Rules approved at the Annual General Meeting held at Piston Ring Club, Modderfontein on 21 November 2021.

Signed by: The Lotus Register Chairman
Greg Turner

The Lotus Register Racing Representative
Fred Alberts

Signature _____

Signature _____