

Welcome to Solent Mini Club



Club Rules

Please find the information contained within this club rule book both useful and informative.

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OUR AIM

We aim to be a friendly, family orientated club, we wish to keep the club to a manageable level of 50 - 60 cars at any one time so that all members can get to know each other. We will do our best to help, in any way, to any mini owner who comes to us for help and advice.

We believe that mini ownership should be GREAT FUN and shared with each other.

Benefits of Club Membership

As with all clubs, we are trying to source discounts from local and national companies on services and parts for all fully paid-up members. As a member you are part of a group of like-minded people who have plenty of advice and spare parts to keep your mini on the road. There are regular updates on the [Solent Mini Club](#) website and our [Members Facebook](#) page, to keep you up to date with a list of discounts and events the club attends.

The club offers a range of general merchandise with the club logo printed or sewn on, this includes branded t-shirts, sweatshirts, and fleeces.

Please speak to a committee member to discuss your requirements.

Club Website & Social Outlets

www.solentminiclub.com

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/solentminiclubevents>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/solentmini>

<https://www.instagram.com/solentmc/>

<https://twitter.com/SolentMC>

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCBqTVIPE2N8AqSn2ySUC> Kw

Solent Mini Club

RULES

	<u>The Club</u>
1a	<p>The club shall be known as Solent Mini Club and shall aim to encourage and protect the interests of both Classic and New Minis.</p> <p>The club's headquarters shall be Flat 41, Lumsden Mansions, Shirley, Southampton, SO15 3JB.</p>
1b	<p>The club shall be a member's club and shall be run independently of any personal interests. The club name shall not be used by any person, for any trade purpose or other personal gain without the prior approval of the committee.</p>
1c	<p>The club shall be open to anybody with an interest in Classic and New Minis up to a maximum of 60 cars. Should requests for membership go above this number a waiting list will be put into place.</p>
1d	<p>The club will co-ordinate events that may be of interest to members. Any paid-up member must attend at least 3 events in any one year of their membership, if this is not carried out then the member concerned can have their membership rescinded at the end of their membership year, this request has been put in place in order that if the club is over subscribed, we can then move a person who is on the waiting list to join the club into a club member position.</p>
1e	<p>The membership to Solent Mini Club consists of the following.</p> <p>Single membership. One single person entitled to discounted club ticket benefits.</p>
1f	<p>The club cannot be held responsible for any liabilities for any accident, damage or personal injury incurred whilst out on any club organised event. It is the responsibility of the club member for their own safety and insurance. All vehicles attending club organised events must have valid, MOT, TAX, and INSURANCE.</p>

Members Conduct

2a	Every member shall agree to abide by the rules of the club and any modification made in accordance with such.
2b	Club members agree that the information they have provided on the application form may be stored on a computer for club use only. This information will not be passed to other members or anyone outside the club without the member's permission.
2c	In the interests of safety, all members are expected to abide by the law when driving to, from and during any event attended or organised by the club. When at events, all members are expected to abide to the rules of the organisers. The club will not condone and will not defend, any member found to be in breach of this rule. In certain cases where, for example, safety has been put at risk or, where the club name has been brought into disrepute, the committee can take further action against the individual/s concerned. Any instance where a member is driving to or from an event in an illegal capacity will be reported to the police.
2d	Each member shall be informed that the club rules are available to view on the club's web site, or upon request, they will be given/sent a copy of these rules.
2e	Any member wishing to resign their membership shall give notice of their desire in writing to the Membership Secretary. No refund of subscriptions paid will be made.
2f	Club members are deemed to be representing the club if they are attending an organised club event, if the club is mentioned by name and or are displaying club paraphernalia - Such as car stickers or wearing club merchandise.
2g	In the event of a dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation of the rules of the club, members shall agree to accept the decision of the committee as final and binding.
2h	Members and their guests are expected to be considerate to other members and the public attending any event. Any disputes between club members will be resolved by those members in the first instance unless it is deemed to be detrimental to the club and is impossible for a resolution to be reached. Committee intervention will only take place in extreme circumstances. We are neither trained to be or wish to become mediators.

Breach of Conduct

3a	In the event of a grave breach of club rules by a member or the conduct of a member making it desirable that they should cease to be a member, a committee meeting shall be held. The Committee will be given time to meet and discuss the situation to give an informed and collective response. Following this that member shall be invited to attend a discussion. The committee shall decide as to whether expulsion from the club is necessary. No refund of subscriptions paid will be made.
3b	No member shall be expelled or suspended except by a resolution supported by at least two thirds of the members of the committee present at the meeting.
3c	Committee membership is a voluntary commitment and as such is afforded no privilege or distinction. If any Committee member acts inappropriately during their appointment this should be brought to the attention of the other committee members. If this matter cannot be resolved by the committee and the chair normal membership rules 3a and 3b will be followed.

Committee Conduct

4a	The club, as a minimum, shall be governed by a committee consisting of the Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. Other Committee positions may be introduced or removed as required to assist the smooth running of the club.
4b	Whenever possible, at least fourteen days notice of a committee meeting, are to be given to committee members.
4c	In the event of a committee member vacating office, the committee may immediately appoint another in their place.
4d	In the event of a committee member absenting themselves without an accepted excuse from three consecutive Committee meetings, they shall be considered to have resigned from the committee.
4e	Committee minutes will be made available upon request with notice. In the interests of full disclosure, they may also be displayed for members only on the forum. This will only take place when they have been agreed by the attending committee before or at the following committee meeting.

4f	<p>It is, the member's responsibility to contact other members, events coordinator or any of the committee in relation to arrangements for forthcoming events. The Committee undertake to provide information for these events at meetings and on the website and Facebook. If you are unable to access these methods of communication, please ask someone to do this for you.</p>
4g	<p>The Officers and Committee may pay accounts and incur normal liabilities on behalf of the club. The Officers and Committee are hereby indemnified by the club against any claim or demand in respect of any liability properly and bona fide incurred on behalf of the club.</p> <p>The club shall maintain a current account (the account) with a national bank. Withdrawals from the account shall be authorised by the Chairperson, Treasurer or/and one other committee member.</p> <p>The Treasurer shall maintain accounts of the club's funds. The accounts shall be available for inspection by the committee at any time and can be examined (audited) annually after the end of the club's financial year at the AGM by the club's members.</p> <p>The club's financial year shall be from 1st January to 31st December.</p>
4h	<p>If a member wishes a matter to be raised at any committee meeting, the text of such matter shall be sent to the Club Secretary, at least seven clear days before any such meeting, so that it may be included in the agenda. Any such member would be invited to the committee meeting to discuss said issue and may then be asked to leave, so committee members could discuss issue further, and a written reply sent to said member and minuted.</p>
	<p><u>Annual and Emergency General Meeting Protocol</u></p>
5a	<p>Whenever possible, the Annual General Meeting shall be held at a suitable venue (to be agreed) on the second Sunday in November each year, with all members attending signing in. Fourteen days notice to be given of any general meeting. Seven members to form a quorum.</p>
5b	<p>At the AGM the officers for the coming year shall be proposed and seconded by members of the club and elected by a show of hands. If there are two or more candidates for the same position, the election for that post will be held by a written ballot vote on the night, which would then be verified by the secretary and one non committee member.</p>
5c	<p>Only fully paid-up club members shall be entitled to vote in any matter at the AGM.</p>

5d	At the AGM the Treasurer shall present a financial report and have the books open for inspection by members. Only in the event of an unresolved dispute, will the books be independently audited.
5e	The annual subscription for the coming year shall be determined at the AGM and approved by the members present.
5f	The annual subscription shall be payable at the time of joining and will consist of a one-year membership from the month of joining.
5g	At an AGM, Extraordinary or General meeting a majority of more than 60% of vote cast shall decide a resolution, the Chairperson having the casting vote in the event of even voting.
5h	Special general meetings may be called at any time, by direction of the committee or at the written requisition of not less than one fifth of the members.
5i	In unusual circumstances the committee may make amendments to the constitution with approval from attending club members on any club night. No amendment can be made to a rule on which there is a case outstanding involving any member or members.
5j	The committee shall not decide to make any alteration to the club's HQ without the authority of a general club meeting.

Website & Forum Appropriate Use Guidelines

The forum is intended as a resource for families, club members and non-members (i.e. the public) and is available to anyone on the internet to view. To this end

- (1) No defamatory comments/remarks about individuals, their vehicles, companies, should be made. In the case of comments about companies, they can (if they want to) take legal proceedings against the committee (not the member) for any defamatory comments made on the forum.

- (2) Attached to the Website is a discussion forum, where both members and non-members from around the world have joined in support of their favourite little car. The discussion forum is an excellent place to buy and sell spare parts see above,

**** Please Note****

The club is not liable for any transactions completed on the forum; it is solely between member and member.

You can ask for technical advice, keep up to date with the latest event/social news or perhaps suggest relating to how your club is being run, of course the forum isn't just Mini related, ask a question on any subject and with a bit of luck someone will help you! Or you could just post a joke or a silly story.

Information held on Computer

Club members agree that the information they have provided on the membership application form may be stored on a computer for club use only. This information will not be passed to any individual outside the club without prior consent of the members.

Disbandment

The club may at any time be disbanded upon the vote of the members at an EGM (Extra General Meeting). Upon such a decision being made, all properties shall be disposed of in accordance with the wishes of the meeting. All funds remaining after the settlement of the club's due debts shall be given to a charity to be nominated by the meeting.