

SLK Owners Club UK

Constitution

1. Name

The Club shall be known as the **SLK Owners Club UK** (“the Club”).

2. Purpose

1. The purpose of the Club is to bring together owners of Mercedes-Benz SLK and SLC motor vehicles to share a common interest through organised drives, meetings, and social events.
 2. The Club operates as a not-for-profit volunteer organisation.
 3. Any surplus funds shall be used solely to further the aims of the Club.
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3. Membership

3.1 Eligibility

1. Membership is open to any individual who owns a Mercedes-Benz SLK or SLC.
2. All applications shall be considered by the Committee.
3. The Committee’s decision regarding acceptance of membership is final.
4. The Committee is not required to provide reasons for declining an application.

3.2 Membership Fees

1. Membership fees (if applicable) shall be determined from time to time by the Committee.
2. Fees are non-refundable unless the Committee determines otherwise at its sole discretion.

3.3 Termination of Membership

1. The Committee may at any time, for any or no reason, suspend or terminate a member’s membership.
 2. The Committee’s decision shall be final and binding.
 3. Termination of membership shall not entitle the member to a refund of any fees paid.
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4. Governance and Committee

4.1 Structure

The Club shall be administered by a Committee consisting of:

- Chairman
- Vice-Chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- A minimum of four (4) and a maximum of six (6) additional Committee Members

4.2 Status of Committee Members

1. All Committee members serve in a voluntary unpaid capacity.
2. Committee members shall receive no remuneration or other undisclosed benefit in kind for their services.
3. Committee members shall act reasonably and in good faith as facilitators of events and administrators of the Club. However, no Committee member shall be liable to any member for any failure by any Committee member or the Club to act (a) reasonably, (b) on a timely basis, or (c) in good faith.

4.3 Elections and Appointments

1. Committee elections shall be held as and when required.
2. The method and timing of elections shall be determined by the Committee.
3. The Committee may appoint any member to serve on the Committee.
4. Decisions of the Committee shall be on a simple majority basis. If there is a tie, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

4.4 Committee Authority

1. The Committee shall determine the purposes of the Club and manage the affairs of the Club.
2. The Committee may make decisions necessary for the efficient running of the Club.
3. The Committee may establish sub-groups or delegate responsibilities where appropriate.

5. Club Events and Activities

5.1 Participation

1. Participation in Club events, drives or other gathering (each, an Event”) is entirely voluntary but is subject to confirmation in writing by the Club.
2. The Committee may, at any time, terminate a member’s participation in an Event. Any fee prepaid or incurred by such member shall not be refundable.

3. The Club is not liable for any payments made to, or obligations undertaken by a member towards, third party suppliers in connection with such termination.
4. Each Member participates in or at an Event at his/her own sole risk.

5.2 Driving Standards

1. Each Member must comply with all applicable road traffic laws and regulations.
2. Each Member must drive within his/her own skill level and vehicle capability and condition, while always taking full account of road and environmental conditions.
3. The Club does not condone, encourage or tolerate speeding, dangerous driving, or anti-social behaviour.

5.3 Routes

1. Suggested routes are recommendations only.
 2. Members are free to follow alternative routes at any time.
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6. Liability

1. The Club operates as a voluntary not-for-profit association.
 2. The Club, each Committee member, Club representatives and others acting on behalf of the Club accept no liability for any loss, damage, injury, claim, cost, or other expense howsoever caused arising from a member's (a) participation or termination of participation in an Event; and (b) membership or termination of membership, of the Club.
 3. Each Member is responsible for:
 - His/her own vehicle insurance.
 - The roadworthiness of his/her vehicle.
 - His/her own personal safety.
 - Compliance with all laws.
 4. Nothing in this Constitution shall exclude liability where such exclusion is prohibited by law.
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7. Financial Arrangements

7.1 Club Funds

1. The Treasurer shall oversee the management of Club funds.
2. Funds shall be used solely for the administration and benefit of the Club.

7.2 Event Payments

1. Where payments are collected through the Club's bank account, this is solely for administrative and members' convenience.
 2. Any contract for services remains strictly between the member and the venue or supplier.
 3. The Club accepts no liability for services provided by third parties.
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8. Merchandise

1. The Club may suggest or facilitate access to merchandise.
 2. Any purchase forms a contract solely between the member and the supplier.
 3. The Club accepts no responsibility for:
 - Loss or damage
 - Incorrect sizing
 - Manufacturing defects, quality, suitability or fitness for purpose
 - Delivery delays, loss or other issues
 - Any other dispute in relation to the merchandise
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9. Code of Conduct

9.1 General Behaviour

1. Members must act respectfully and responsibly at all times.
2. Members must not bring the Club into disrepute.

9.2 Compliance with Law

1. Members must comply with all applicable laws.
2. Unlawful, reckless or inconsiderate behaviour during Club activities is undertaken in a personal capacity and not as a representative of the Club.

9.3 Social Media and Representation

1. Members must not post defamatory, offensive, discriminatory, or harmful content relating to the Club.
2. Members must not present or imply that personal views are Club views or positions without the Committee's express prior written approval.

9.4 Disciplinary Process

1. Alleged breaches of this Constitution may be reviewed by the Committee.
 2. The Committee may issue a warning, suspend membership, or terminate membership.
 3. The Committee's decision shall be final and binding.
 4. No refund of membership fees shall be due following disciplinary termination.
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10. Safeguarding

1. The Club primarily exists for adult motor enthusiasts.
 2. Any member who brings a child or vulnerable person to an Event is solely liable and solely responsible for their supervision and safety at all times.
 3. The Club does not provide childcare or other personal services.
 4. The Club accepts no duty of care beyond that of a voluntary social organiser.
 5. Safeguarding concerns should be notified to a Committee member promptly.
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11. Equality and Non-Discrimination

1. The Club is committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment.
 2. Discrimination, harassment, or victimisation on any protected ground will not be tolerated.
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12. Data Protection and Privacy

1. The Club shall collect and retain personal information only as necessary for:
 - Membership administration.
 - Event organisation.
 - Communication with members.
 - Financial management.
 2. Personal data shall be processed in accordance with applicable data protection legislation.
 3. The Club shall not sell or knowingly distribute personal information to third parties except:
 - For legitimate Club purposes; or
 - Where required by law.
 4. Access to personal data shall be limited to Committee members for administrative purposes.
 5. Members may request access to their personal data and request corrections where necessary.
 6. Data shall be retained only as long as reasonably required.
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13. Photography and Media

1. Photographs and video may be taken at Events.
2. By attending an Event, members acknowledge that they may appear in such media.
3. Members who do not wish to appear in photographs should notify the organiser where reasonably practicable.

4. While the Club will use reasonable efforts to ensure compliance with a member's wish not to appear in such media, the Club is not liable if such member does appear in such media.
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14. Amendments

1. This Constitution may be amended by the Committee from time to time.
 2. Members shall be notified of any significant amendments on the Club's website or other communications medium.
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15. Dissolution

1. The Club may be dissolved by decision of the Committee.
 2. Upon dissolution, any remaining funds shall be:
 - o Used to settle outstanding liabilities; and
 - o Any surplus distributed in a manner consistent with the not-for-profit nature of the Club, as determined by the Committee.
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16. Acceptance

By applying for and maintaining membership, members agree to abide by this Constitution and any amendments made to it.