# Company number 05920055

### PRIVATE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE

# SPECIAL RESOLUTION

of

AUDAX UNITED KINGDOM LONG DISTANCE CYCLISTS' ASSOCIATION (the "Company")

Passed on 22 May 2014

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company duly convened and held at The Priory Meeting Rooms, Birmingham on 22 May 2014 the regulations set forth in the printed document attached were approved and adopted by special resolution of the members as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Articles of Association

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### The Companies Act 1985 to 1989

### A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital

### Articles of Association of Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists' Association

### 1. Interpretation

In these Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, the following words and expressions have the following meanings

the Act the Companies Act 1985 as amended by the

Companies Act 1989 including any statutory modification, amendment or re-enactment

thereof,

Articles the articles of association of the Company in

their present form or as amended from time

to time,

**Auditors** the auditors from time to time of the Company,

Audax United Kingdom Rules the rules, regulations and guidelines for

officials and Members of the Company published by the Company and as amended

from time to time!,

Company Audax United Kingdom Long Distance Cyclists'

Association,

Board the board of Directors of the Company

established in accordance with Articles 5 and 9, or the Directors present at a duly convened meeting of the Directors at which a quorum

is present,

Chairman of the Company appointed in

accordance with Article 5,

**Director** means the duly appointed directors of the

Company from time to time, which unless otherwise stated shall include the Chairman, and the provisions relating to directors in Table A of the Act shall not apply to the

Company,

Due Date 1 January of each year,

Amended by a resolution of the members dated 6 January 2007

General Meeting

a duly convened Annual or Extraordinary

General Meeting of the Company,

**General Secretary** 

a secretary of the Company within the meaning of section 283 of the Act and appointed in accordance with Article 5,

Life Members

any Member over 65 years of age on 1 January who has been a Member of the Company or its predecessor body for a consecutive period of ten years ending on the date his Subscription Fee

next falls due,2

Members

individual members and Life members of the Company together from tim to time,

Register of Members

the Company's register of members maintained in accordance with section 352

of the Act,

Rules and Regulations

the rules and regulations of the Company (including, without limitation, the Articles of Association, Memorandum of Association and Audax United Kingdom Rules) in their present form and as amended from time to

time, and

**Subscription Fee** 

the fee as determined by the Board payable by a person to affiliate and be a Member of

the Company

- 1 2 In these Articles, unless otherwise specified
  - 1 2 1 the contents and headings are inserted for ease of reference only and do not affect their interpretation,
  - 1 2 2 a reference to an article is to an article in the Articles,
  - save as provided for by law, a reference to writing includes any mode of reproducing words in a legible form and reduced to paper or electronic format or communication including, for the avoidance of doubt, correspondence via e-mail,
  - 1 2 4 the singular includes the plural and vice-versa and the masculine includes the feminine.
  - 1 2 5 words importing persons shall include corporations,
  - 1 2 6 a reference to a statutory provision includes any statutory modification, amendment or re-enactment thereof, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Amended by a resolution of the membership dated 27th November 2010

i 2.7 the Interpretation Act 1978 shall apply

# 2. Application of Rules and Regulations

All Rules and Regulations of the Company, including any guidelines or bye-laws, shall apply equally to all Members and, in particular, shall apply equally to both sexes

#### 3. Membership

- 3.1 The number of Members is unlimited
- The provisions of section 352 of the Act (register of members) shall be observed by the Company and, subject to article 3 3, every Member of the Company shall either consent to becoming a member by submitting a membership application form or otherwise signing a written consent to become a Member or signing the Register of Members on becoming a Member <sup>3</sup>
- All Members of the unincorporated body known as Audax United Kingdom immediately prior to the adoption of the Articles shall become Members of the Company at the date of the adoption of the Articles and the Board shall at its sole discretion admit other persons in accordance with the provisions hereinafter contained to be Members of the Company, and their names shall be entered in the Register of Members accordingly
- 3 4 Membership shall be open to any person of goodwill regardless of club or other affiliation
- Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, no person shall be admitted as a Member unless approved by the Board and the Board may, in its absolute discretion, decline to admit any person as a Member and need give no reason for its decision Persons refused membership may appeal to the Chairman whose decision on the matter shall be final
- Applications for membership of the Company shall be made in writing to the Chairman or to such person as shall be nominated by the Board from time to time on such terms as the Board shall determine
- Persons wishing to become Members must apply on the prescribed form (which shall include the undertaking called for under clause 7 of the memorandum of association of the Company) and pay the Subscription Fee
- 3.8 Eligibility for Life Membership shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations
- To qualify to attend a General Meeting or vote in respect of any business of the Company, a person must be a Member of the Company and have paid his Subscription Fee in respect of the period in which the General Meeting is held or the vote occurs
- The Board shall have the power to make, vary and repeal the Audax United Kingdom Rules<sup>4</sup> concerning subscriptions for membership provided that any such change shall not be effective until approved by the majority of the Members in a General Meeting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Amended by a resolution of the members dated 6 January 2007

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Amended by a resolution of the members dated 6 January 2007

3 11 Every Member of the Company shall be held to have agreed to be bound by the Articles and shall be bound further to the best of his ability by the Rules and Regulations, objects and interests of the Company

## 4. Resignation and removal of Members

- A Member may resign at any time by giving not less than seven days' notice in writing to the Chairman but resignation from the Company by a Member shall not affect any liability of such Member arising prior to the date of such resignation
- A Member shall cease to be a Member of the Company upon the expiration of seven days after service on him by the Board of a notice requiring him to withdraw from the Company pursuant to a resolution of the Board, having been decided by a two thirds majority of those Directors present and eligible to vote, passed at such meeting convened and held and of which he shall have been given reasonable advance notice and at which he shall have been given reasonable opportunity of attending and being heard
- A member shall be deemed to have resigned from membership if he fails to pay his Subscription Fee within 30 days of the Due Date

#### 5. Chairman and Directors

- The Company shall have a Chairman and a minimum of a further two Directors who shall be directors within the meaning of the Act and whose appointment shall be made in accordance with Articles 5 2 and 9
- On incorporation, the Directors of the Company, who shall comprise the Board, shall be those persons then holding the positions set out below of
  - 5 2 1 Honorary Chairman,
  - 5 2 2 Honorary Secretary,
  - 5 2 3 Honorary Treasurer,
  - 5 2 4 Validation Secretary,
  - 5 2 5 Events Secretary,
  - 5 2 6 Brevet Card Production Secretary,
  - 5 2 7 Permanents Secretary,
  - 5 2 8 Publications Manager,
  - 5 2 9 Membership Secretary,
  - 5 2 10 LRM/ACP Correspondent and International Events Secretary,
  - 5 2 11 Press/Publicity Secretary,
  - 5 2 12 Recorder, and
  - 5 2 13 Systems Manager

and thereafter, the Chairman and Directors shall be appointed by the Company in General Meeting

The term of office for Directors shall be one year and shall commence upon the closure of the General Meeting at which a Director is so elected

- Provided that such delegation is advertised to, and such appointment is reported to, the Members, the Chairman and the Directors may from time to time appoint delegates to the Board to act in a technical, administrative or educational capacity but those delegates shall not be directors within the meaning of the Act. For the avoidance of doubt, such persons shall be entitled to attend and speak but not to vote at Board meetings and the appointment of such persons shall not require the General Secretary to inform Companies House of such appointment pursuant to the provisions of the Act.
- The Board may, in its absolute discretion, elect a Patron<sup>5</sup>, a Président d'Honneur and up to 6 Vice Presidents Such individuals will act in an honorary capacity and will not be Directors of the Company

### 6. General Meetings

- The Company shall hold a General Meeting as its Annual General Meeting in each calendar year at such date (which shall normally be between November and February), time and place as may be determined by the Board and shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling such meeting
- 6 2 All General Meetings, other than the Annual General Meeting, shall be called an Extraordinary General Meeting
- The General Secretary shall, on an order of the majority of the Board in the case of an emergency or on receipt of a written request of not less than 50 Members having at the date of deposit of the written request a right to vote at a General Meeting or, if greater, not less than five percent of the total number of Members, convene an Extraordinary General Meeting, such order or request, indicating the nature of the business to be transacted, to be laid before the Chairman who shall authorise the holding of an Extraordinary General Meeting within 28 days of the receipt of such order or request

### 7. Notice of General Meetings

- There shall be given not less than 14 clear days notice of a General Meeting (exclusive in every case both of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given) shall be given in the manner hereinafter described to Members and to such other persons as may be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion
- 7 2 The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of such notice by, any Member shall not invalidate any resolution passed or proceedings held at any such meeting
- Figure 7.3 Every notice calling a General Meeting shall specify the place and the day and the hour of the meeting. If other than routine business is to be transacted (namely special business), the notice shall specify the nature of such business and, if any resolution is to be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution or as a Special Resolution, the notice shall contain a statement to that effect

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Amended by a resolution of the members dated 6 January 2007

- 74 The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the purpose of
  - 7 4 1 considering the annual reports of the Board,
  - 7 4 2 considering the income and expenditure account and balance sheet of the Company,
  - 7 4 3 electing the Chairman and Directors in place of the retiring Chairman and Directors (such elected person to normally retain office for the period up to the date of the following Annual General Meeting in accordance with Article 5 3).
  - 7 4 4 approving changes to the Rules and Regulations including changes concerning subscriptions for membership made by the Board in accordance with Article 3 10.
  - 7 4 5 where necessary, appointing Auditors and fixing their remuneration, and
  - 7 4 6 transacting such other business permitted by the Rules and Regulations as may be brought before it
- All business transacted at an Extraordinary General Meeting and all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting with the exception of consideration of the annual reports of the Board, consideration of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet of the Company and the appointment of Auditors and the fixing of their remuneration shall be deemed special business
- 76 A member may give written notice to the general secretary of any motion or resolution, including nominations for Directors, patrons and vice presidents which may properly be moved and is intended to be moved by that member at an Annual General Meeting The member must do this no later than 1 August preceding the date of the next Annual General Meeting The motion or resolution must be signed by the member as proposer and a seconder The motion or resolution may be accompanied by a statement of no more than 100 words in respect of the motion or resolution. The company shall then circulate to members notice of any proposed motion or resolution, together with supporting statements. The notice shall include an invitation to members to submit amendments to the proposed business in the same manner by 1 September preceding the date of the next Annual General Meeting, giving at least 21 days for submission of amendments Any amendment may be accompanied by a statement of no more than 100 words in respect of the amendment. The company shall then circulate to members the proposed business and proposed amendments, together with supporting statements, with the notice of the annual general meeting. Circulation of these notices may be by post, electronic mail, on the Audax UK website, or in the Audax UK magazine as appropriate 6

### 8. Proceedings at General Meetings

No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business and, save as hereinafter provided, eight Members shall be a quorum

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Amended by resolution of the membership on 22<sup>nd</sup> Mat 2014

- 8 2 If within half an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned and shall be reconvened for the same day in two weeks at the same time and place or at such other place as the chairman of the meeting shall appoint, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Members present shall be a quorum
- The Chairman, or in his absence the General Secretary, shall preside as the chairman at a General Meeting but, if at any meeting the aforesaid shall not be present within 15 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or shall decline to preside, the Members present shall choose some member of the Board or, if no such member be present or if all the members of the Board present decline, they shall choose a Member who is present to preside
- The chairman of the General Meeting may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present (and shall, if so directed by the meeting), adjourn a meeting from time to time and from place to place, but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than business which might have been transacted at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. Whenever a meeting is adjourned for 30 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in the same manner as of the original meeting.
- At all General Meetings a resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on by a show of hands by those Members present in person and entitled to vote and who do so together with postal votes cast as described in Article 8 7 and subsequent Articles, each Member having one vote other than the chairman of that meeting who shall not be entitled to vote while acting in such capacity. The chairman of the meeting will declare the resolution carried or not carried unanimously or by a particular majority in accordance with the votes cast and an entry to that effect recorded in the Minute Book of the Company
  - 8 5 1 in the case of changes to the Memorandum or Articles of Association, by a three quarters majority,
  - 8 5 2 in the case of changes to the Audax United Kingdom Rules, by a simple majority,
  - 8 5 3 In the case of extraordinary and special resolutions, by a three quarters majority, and
  - 8 5 4 in any other matters, by a simple majority <sup>7</sup>
- In the case of an equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall, with the exception of Article 14.4 where the business concerns the election of the Chairman and the chairman of the meeting is one of the nominees for that office, be entitled to a casting vote
- Members who are entitled to vote may cast their vote by means of a postal vote using a form provided by the Company for that purpose. The voting forms may be submitted by post or electronically via the Company website or extension thereof. The procedure for submitting postal votes along with a copy of each resolution will be published by Notice to Members following the procedure described in Article 19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Articles 8 5-8 9 Amended by resolution of the membership on Resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting

- A Returning Officer will be appointed by the Board to oversee voting at the General Meeting. The Returning Officer may not be a proposer or seconder of any resolution of the General Meeting. The Returning Officer will maintain a register of Members voting by means of a postal vote to facilitate the registration of Members who will cast their vote in person at the General Meeting, but will hold the postal voting forms in personal confidence until such time as the votes are due to be cast for each resolution at the General Meeting. The Returning Officer may collate the voting forms personally, with the assistance of other Members and/or appoint a third party to provide that service. The Returning Officer will extend the obligations of confidentiality and independence described above to all those so engaged.
- Ballots to elect Directors as described in Article 14.4 may be cast by postal vote as described in Article 8.7 and thereon

#### 9. The Board of Directors

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- Subject to Article 5, the Directors to be appointed or re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting in the calendar year 2007 and subsequently shall comprise
  - a) the Chairman,
  - b) the General Secretary, and
  - c) The Board which, unless otherwise determined by a General Meeting, shall comprise no fewer than 5 Directors including the Chairman, Finance Director, and General Secretary 8
- 9 2 The number of Directors shall be no more than 14 unless otherwise determined at a General Meeting.9
- 9 3 There shall be no upper age limit and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Company shall not be subject to section 293 of the Act
- Any Member appointed under Article 9.1 shall retain his office only until the conclusion of the next Annual General Meeting at which Directors are due to retire in accordance with Article 5.3 and then be eligible for re-nomination or re-election

#### 10. Duties and powers of the Board

The business of the Company shall be managed by the Board, who may exercise all such powers of the Company and do on behalf of the Company all acts as may be exercised and done by the Company, and as are not by statute or by the Company's Rules and Regulations required to be exercised or done by the Company in General Meeting, subject nonetheless to any regulations of the Company's Rules and Regulations, to the provisions of the statutes for the time being in force and affecting the Company and to such regulations, being consistent with the aforesaid regulations or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Company in a General Meeting, but no regulation made by the Company in a General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Board which would have been valid if such regulation had not been made

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Amended by resolution of the membership on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2013

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Amended by resolution of the membership on 16th November 2013

- For the avoidance of doubt, the Board may not amend the Audax United Kingdom Rules except with the approval of a simple majority of the Members present and entitled to vote at a General Meeting in accordance with article 8 5 2 10
- The Board may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their body provided that, if it shall at any time be reduced in number to less than three Directors, it shall be lawful for those Directors to act as the Board for the purpose of filling vacancies in their body or of summoning a General Meeting but not for any other purpose
- The Company may remove any Director from office (notwithstanding any provision of these Articles or of any agreement between the Company and such Director) Any such removal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Act. The Company shall appoint another person (including an existing Director) in place of a Director so removed from office and the replacement Director so appointed shall hold office from the date on which he is appointed until the next Annual General Meeting and then is eligible for re-nomination or re-election.

### 11. Committees and sub-committees

- 11 1 The Board shall from time to time establish and appoint such regional, specialist and other committees and sub-committees as it may think fit for the better and more effective conduct of the affairs of the Company but no such committee or sub-committee shall have any powers and its function shall be confined solely to reporting to the Board or committee concerned on the matters entrusted to it by the Board Such committees and sub-committees may consist of such persons (whether or not Board Members) as the Board may appoint
- All acts and proceedings of such committees shall be reported at regular intervals to the Board in writing

### 12. General Secretary

Notwithstanding Article 9, if there be no General Secretary or no General Secretary available or capable of acting, the Chairman may from time to time by resolution appoint an assistant or deputy secretary who may act in place of the General Secretary

### 13. Disqualification of Directors

An individual shall immediately vacate the office of Director if he

- (a) becomes insolvent or makes any arrangement or composition with his creditors generally,
- (b) is or may be suffering from mental disorder and either -
  - (i) he is admitted to hospital in pursuance of an application for admission for treatment under the Mental Health Act, 1983 or, in Scotland, an application for admission under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act, 1984, or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Amended by a resolution of the members dated 6 January 2007

- (ii) an order is made by a court having jurisdiction (whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere) in matters concerning mental disorder for his detention or for the appointment of a receiver, curator bonis or other person to exercise powers with respect to his property or affairs,
- (c) resigns his office as a Director by notice in writing to the Company,
- (d) is removed from office by resolution duly passed pursuant to section 303 of the Act,
- (e) becomes prohibited by law from being a Director or ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Act, or
- (f) shall for more than six consecutive months have been absent without permission of the Directors from meetings of the Directors held during that period and the Directors resolve that his office be vacated, or
- (g) ceases to be eligible in accordance with the Company's Rules and Regulations

### 14 Retirement and nomination or election of Chairman and Directors

- 14.1 At the Annual General Meeting to be held in the calendar years beginning after 31 December 2006 the Chairman and the Directors for the time being shall retire from office and shall be eligible for re-nomination or re-election in accordance with Article 5
- Any Member shall be eligible for nomination as Chairman or Director provided he is a current Member at the date of the Annual General Meeting at which election is proposed
- Nominations with details of the Members proposing and seconding the nomination and the consent of the nominated person to serve together with a statement of that person's relevant abilities or experience shall be sent in writing to the General Secretary to be received by 1 October preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting at which election is proposed
- Where there is a vacancy for a Director or other elected post and no nomination has been received by 1 October in accordance with Article 143, a nomination for that vacancy may be submitted by any Member present in person at the relevant Annual General Meeting
- If more than one candidate is nominated for office, a ballot shall be held at the Annual General Meeting for the election of such Chairman or Director Balloting lists shall show the candidates' names in alphabetical order, with the names of their nominators Candidates who receive the largest numbers of votes in respect of each relevant office shall be elected and in the case of equality of votes, the tied candidates shall be submitted to a further ballot and if this does not resolve the matter then the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote Where the chairman of the meeting does not have a casting vote in accordance with Article 8 6, the General Secretary shall have a second or casting vote

- The Board shall make regulations to ensure that not less than the minimum number of Directors prescribed by or pursuant to Article 5.1 shall be nominated for elections and may make further regulations for the holding of ballots as it shall think fit
- 14.6 The nomination or election of Directors shall take effect on the retirement of the outgoing Directors pursuant to Article 5.3
- 14.7 The Company may from time to time in a General Meeting increase or reduce the number of Directors and, subject to the foregoing, may make the appointments necessary for effecting any increase

### 15. Proceedings of the Board

- Unless the Board determines otherwise, the Board shall meet not less than four times in any calendar year
- The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Board If at any meeting the Chairman is not present within 10 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting or is not willing to preside, the Directors present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting
- The Chairman or not less than four Directors may, and on the request of the Chairman or not less than four Directors, the General Secretary shall, at any time summon a meeting of the Board by notice served upon all the Directors, save that a Director who is absent from the United Kingdom shall not be entitled to notice of a meeting 14 calendar days' notice of such meeting shall be served to each Director together with an agenda
- The Board may meet together for the despatch of business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings as they think fit Six Directors shall be a quorum Questions arising in any meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes. The Chairman shall not be entitled to vote other than in a case of an equality of votes when he shall have a casting vote.
- A meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present shall be competent to exercise all authorities, powers and discretions by or under the Rules and Regulations of the Company for the time being vested in the Board generally
- All acts bona fide done by any meeting of the Board or any committee of the Board or by any person acting with the authority of the Board shall, notwithstanding it being afterwards discovered that there was some defect in the appointment or continuance in office of any such person acting as aforesaid or that they or any of them were disqualified, be as valid as if every such person had been duly appointed or had duly continued in office and was qualified to be a member of the Board
- The Board shall cause proper minutes to be made of all appointments of officers made by the Board and of the proceedings of all meetings of the Company and of the Board and of committees of the Board and all business transactions at such meetings, and any such minutes of any meeting, if purporting to be signed by the chairman of such meeting or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting, shall be sufficient evidence without any further approval of the facts therein stated

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A resolution in writing signed by all the members for the time being of the Board or of any regional or specialist committee of the Board shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board or of such committee duly convened and constituted

### 16. Appointments and interests of Board members

- Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Board may not enter into an agreement or arrangement with any member of the Board for his employment by the Company
- 162 No Director or intending Director shall be disqualified by his office from contracting with the Company either as vendor, purchaser, lessor, customer or otherwise nor shall any such contract or any transaction or arrangement (whether or not constituting a contract) entered into with or by or on behalf of the Company with any company or partnership of or in which any Director shall be a member or otherwise interested be avoided nor shall any Director so contracting or being such member or so interested be liable to account to the Company for any profit realised by any such contract, transaction or arrangement by reason only of such Director holding that office or of the fiduciary relationship thereby established, provided that the fact of his being interested therein and the nature of his interest be disclosed by him at the meeting of the Board at which the contract, transaction or arrangement is first taken into consideration, if his interest then exists, or in any other case at the first meeting of the Board after the acquisition of his interest and such Director may not vote nor have his vote counted in respect of any such contract, transaction or arrangement nor shall be counted in the quorum present at the meeting. If the Director is a sole Director or if more than one half of all Directors are interested in the contract, transaction or arrangement, the contract, transaction or arrangement may only be entered into by the Company with the approval of the Members in General Meeting, and before the contract, transaction or arrangement is entered into the Director or Directors must disclose his or their interest to the meeting

### 17. Accounts

- 17 1 The Board shall cause proper books of account to be kept in accordance with sections 221 and 222 of the Act
- The Company in a General Meeting may from time to time make reasonable conditions and regulations as to the time and manner of the inspection by the Members of the accounts and books of the Company or any of them and, subject to such conditions and regulations, the accounts and books of the Company shall be open to inspection of Members at all reasonable times
- At the Annual General Meeting in every year the Board shall, in accordance with section 241 of the Act, lay before the Company a proper income and expenditure account for the period since the last preceding account made up to a date not more than 12 months before such meeting, together with a proper balance sheet made up as at the same date. Every balance sheet shall be accompanied by proper reports of the Board and, where required, the Auditors and copies of such accounts, balance sheets and reports (all of which shall be framed in accordance with any statutory requirements for the time being in force) and of any other documents required by law to be annexed or attached thereto or to accompany the same shall, not less than 14 clear days before the date of the meeting (subject nonetheless to the provisions of section 240 of the

Act), be sent to all persons entitled to receive notices of General Meetings in a manner in which notices are hereinafter directed to be served

#### 18. Audit

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Auditors shall be appointed where required to comply with the Act and, where such Auditors are appointed, they shall, at least once in every year, examine the accounts of the Company and ascertain the correctness of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet

#### 19. Notices

Any notice required to be given under these Articles, other than those under section 4 2, or otherwise pertaining to the behaviour of named member(s), will be deemed to have been given when placed in writing on the notices section of the AUK website. The Board will email a copy of each notice to members using the email address supplied by each member that is on the membership register at the time of emailing, other than those who have opted to receive notices by hard copy. The Board will post a hard copy of each notice to any member who has not provided an email address, and to any member who has opted to receive notices by hard copy. Copies of notices will be sent by no later than the deadline by which a notice must be served under these Articles. A member may request in writing to the General Secretary to a) opt out of receiving emailed copies, or b) to receive a previously emailed document in hard copy form. The company will comply with the request within 21 days of receipt of the request. Notices under section 4.2 or otherwise pertaining to the behaviour of named member(s) may be delivered to the member(s) concerned in writing in person, by email or by post.

### 20. Amendments to Articles

These Articles may only be amended by special resolution passed at a duly convened General Meeting of the Company

### 21. Rules, regulations, standing orders and bye-laws

Subject to Articles 10 2 and 20, the Board shall have the power to make, vary and revoke rules, regulations, mechanisms and standing orders for the better administration of the Company and the furtherance of its objects including (but without limitation)

- (a) technical regulations,
- (b) rules to combat doping in cycle sport to ensure compliance with national and international rules relating to doping control,
- (b) appeals procedure,
- (c) rules for the promotion and organisation of championships,
- (d) mechanisms for co-ordinating the arrangement of and the date of fixtures of cycling events organised under Audax United Kingdom rules and guidelines, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Amended by resolution of the membership on 16th November 2013

(e) mechanisms for co-ordinating commercial activities of the Company

### 22. Indemnity

- Subject to section 310 of the Act, the Chairman and every Director or other officer of the Company shall be entitled to be indemnified out of the assets of the Company against all losses or liability which he may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of his office or otherwise in relation thereto, including any liability incurred by him in defending any proceedings whether civil or criminal in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted or in connection with any application under section 727 of the Act in which relief is granted to him by the Court and no Director or other officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to be incurred by the Company in the execution of the duties of his office or in relation thereto
- The Board shall have power to purchase and maintain for the Chairman and any Director or other officer of the Company insurance against any such liability as is referred to in section 310(1) of the Act

### 23. Dissolution

Clause 9 of the Memorandum of Association of the Company relating to the windingup and dissolution of the Company shall have effect as if the provisions thereof were repeated in these Articles