

The Aims

To help in the continued effort to keep the fairground and amusement business alive within the United Kingdom, opposing all attempts by various bodies to legislate against it. To promote members to all applicable government bodies and to regulate members in a way that ensures they operate equipment in a safe, courteous and responsible manner.

The Constitution

The society shall be called the Amusement Catering Equipment Society, or ACES.

All paid up members have equal voting rights. At least one meeting of members will be held each year.

In the event of any urgent business an extraordinary meeting will be held.

A committee shall be elected each year, at the AGM, the date of which shall be advertised at least 28 days before such a meeting.

Nominations for committee members are to be made in writing or verbally at the meeting.

All nominations must have a proposer and a seconder..

The committee shall be made up of the following members:-

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Secretary

Membership Secretary

Safety Officer

Treasurer

Newsletter Editor

Area representatives (as appointed)

The committee may enrol co-opted members should the need arise.

Any decision concerning the society, can be made by a minimum of four (4) committee members of which one must be the Chairman or Vice Chairman..

The rules of the society can only be changed at a general meeting of members and must be carried by a vote of the membership present at the meeting.

Changes to rules should be notified and detailed along with the notification of the meeting.

The Rules.

1. Each prospective Member, on completing an application form and sending it to the Membership Secretary, will be sent a copy of the rules within 28 days.
The prospective member may cancel his/her membership if he/she does not agree with the rules. Membership subscriptions will then be refunded.
2. A prospective member must either own or operate equipment, and send photographs of equipment with copies of both Test certificates and Risk Assessment. Insurance forms should also be sent. Unless you are joining with the intention of taking insurance under our arrangements with the broker. Applicants can be proposed by an existing member, stating the applicant's interest in the business, i.e. intending to operate equipment, offering a service to the industry, be it spares, repairs or historian etc.. If these details are not supplied to the membership secretary, then he/she must reserve a decision on the application until the next full membership meeting.
3. Membership renewal fees are to be paid by the 28th February to cover the period 1st January to 31st December of that year. Members may be asked to reapply if they fail to renew in time and will be charged £5 renewal fee on top of the annual subscription.
4. Membership fees are to be set at the AGM for the following year.
Wife/husband or business partner may be included in one membership fee. A maximum of two membership cards will be issued for each membership number. The membership number holder has one vote only, should they be required to vote on a proposal.
5. If a member brings the society into disrepute he/she shall have the right to reply to the allegations made against them, as well as a chance to put things in order should the allegations be upheld. If a second proven complaint is made against them, the member may be expelled from the society and may not be re-admitted.

6. If a member operates equipment in a dangerous condition or manner likely to cause danger to the public or employees, then he/she will be expelled from the society with no right of appeal.
7. All members, except the committee members, shall have the option to ask the membership secretary to withhold any personal details he/she desires. All details, including those withheld will be available to the committee for use in administering the society only.
8. Membership fees will not be refunded if a member is expelled from the society.
9. Existing members shall furnish a copy of their Insurance and ADIPS doc's to the membership secretary when membership is renewed
10. All riding devices should have an OPERATIONS MANUAL. This should include all test certificates and a daily log displaying the checks made prior to opening.. This manual should also contain your Risk Assessment and details of operational procedure. This may contain any other details that you wish to help in the safe operation of your equipment. Operations manual must be available for inspection by any committee member upon request. It must also be made available to inspectors from the HSE should they likewise request this.
11. Holders of catering concessions must comply with current legislation. Which will require members to have health and hygiene certificates for both themselves and the trading unit.(be it a tent or purpose built trailer)
12. All accidents shall be reported to the SAFETY OFFICER or COMMITTEE MEMBER within 72 (seventy two) hours of the accident. A telephone call may be used for an initial notification, but full details of the accident must be confirmed in writing within 7 days.
13. All amusement devices must be in the charge of an operator aged 18 years or over, who is capable of working in a safe manner, with due regard for personal and passenger safety, except where HSE guidelines require or allow otherwise.
14. Signs should be displayed stating any limitations as to who may be

excluded from being carried upon the device.

15. Any person using a generator or compressor must keep it adequately fenced for safety, with no petroleum spirit stored within one metre and a suitable fire extinguisher must also be available close at hand.
16. The controller must ensure that attendants and other employees carry out their duties in a safe manner.
17. Adequate working fire extinguishers must be available and staff should be trained to use them.
18. All members, if applicable, must have employer's liability insurance.
19. All operators should be conversant with and work within HSE 'Fairground & Amusement Parks; Guidance on safe Practice; HSG 175. the ISBN number is ISBN 0 7176 1174 4. Copies of this can be obtained from our chairman or all good book stores. Quote the above number. The guidance is of a loose Leaf type and is so designed to allow updates to be inserted. Updates will Be sent to you as and when they are available.