



This is the membership agreement for RCAS – The Roller Coaster Appreciation Society at the University of Reading.

1.0 General Guidelines

- 1.1 As a RUSU society, RCAS will abide by the rules and guidelines illustrated by RUSU. For information on RUSU or society guidelines, please consult someone at RUSU or visit their website via www.rusu.co.uk
- 1.2 This agreement is subject to changes at any time. While RCAS will endeavour to notify members of changes made to this agreement, no promises can be made (whether this be due to technical difficulties, emergencies or otherwise)
- 1.3 To question this agreement or ask for explanations, please consult a committee member or email rcas@reading.ac.uk

2.0 Membership

- 2.1 Membership will always last for at least 365 days, unless your membership has been suspended, as outlined in section 2.4 and 2.5
- 2.2 Members who signup during a Freshers' Fayre may not be entitled to membership status until the first Monday of the academic year, dependent on the signup method.
- 2.3 Anyone is entitled to become a member, including students and non-students, as long as they agree to comply to the details outlined in section 2.4 and 2.5
- 2.4 Members may not abuse their rights within the society. Any member suspected of behaviours which the committee deems inappropriate or irresponsible will be suspended. Such behaviour includes but is not limited to – abuse, assault, fraud, theft, misuse of identity, university expulsion (dependent on grounds) etc.

- 2.5 All members are responsible for paying the RCAS signup fee. Failure to do so at the time specified, will exclude you from membership, as also stated in the RUSU society agreement.

3.0 The Committee

- 3.1 The committee will be re-elected each year, as illustrated in the RUSU constitution. This requires that an AGM (Annual General Meeting) be held once each year. Else, it is necessary to hold an alternative method for elections such as an electronic vote. Details of this can be found in section 4.3
- 3.2 Committee members will abide by the same rules as members, also following sections 2.4 and 2.5
- 3.3 Committee members may be re-elected as many times as necessary, whether this be only once or for as long as members wish to reinstate them. For rules on how to elect a committee member, see section 3.4 and chapter 4
- 3.4 Only members (longer than 28 days) or present committee members may be elected for the committee. Members may elect themselves, another member or a present committee member

4.0 Votes

- 4.1 Only current members or committee members are entitled to vote. One vote is available per member or committee member
- 4.2 Votes will be performed for any reason deemed appropriate, either during an official society meeting, during an AGM, during an event (if due notice has been provided) or using an electronic voting platform
- 4.3 Electronic votes will be explained before they occur and voting will be subject to strict guidelines. Electronic votes will count only once and each member or committee member is entitled to one vote (as with all votes and outlined in sections 4.1 and 4.4). It will not be possible to change the voting outcomes as the process must occur automatically and without human intervention
- 4.4 An ombudsman will be elected within the committee to oversee the voting outcome (ombudsmen will be re-elected within the committee each vote). If suspicions are raised or voting outcomes are deemed inappropriate, it is the duty of an ombudsman to recall a vote or suspend voters who have broken the rules for voting
- 4.5 In the event of a voting tie, it is the discretionary duty of the ombudsman (outlined in section 4.4), to make the deciding vote.

5.0 Events & Meetings

- 5.1 All members will be notified of events via email. Notices will also be posted at www.coastersociety.co.uk

- 5.2 Meetings will occur randomly so it is necessary that members check their email or www.coastersociety.co.uk regularly for details. It might be necessary to check the website on the day of an organised meeting or event, to check that it is still taking place as planned
- 5.3 The committee cannot be held liable for cancellations of meetings or events, provided the reason for a cancellation is appropriate (as decided by the committee and/or members)

6.0 Trips

- 6.1 All trips must be paid for by members. If members are unable to pay for whatever reason, they will be unable to qualify for trips. Dates of payment are at the discretion of the committee
- 6.2 The committee cannot be held responsible for accidents or loss during trips. It is a member's own responsibility to ensure that all safety precautions are followed and that possessions are properly looked after
- 6.3 Trips will be subject to vote
- 6.4 Trips held abroad will require members to organise the correct documents before departure. The committee reminds members that they must have a valid passport and insurance documents before travelling.
- 6.5 If the committee finds that a member is uninsured for trips, they will be excluded
- 6.6 Trips may be cancelled at anytime, for any reason.

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