

CONSTITUTION

Constitution of the BMW Clubs International Council

1.0. Preamble

- 1.1. The BMW Clubs International Council acts as the global organisation for the worldwide associated BMW Clubs.
- 1.2. The BMW Clubs International Council is an international, independent and non-political group of friends representing all types of BMW Clubs from all over the world. It is associated with and closely aligned to the BMW brand philosophy expressed by the traditional BMW values: dynamism, innovation and aesthetics.
- 1.3. It is an institution, which symbolises and documents the BMW Club idea on an international level ensuring friendship and partnership among all people who have established ties with the marque and the company, irrespective of nationality, race and ideology.
- 1.4. It desires to maintain friendly relations with BMW Group, its subsidiaries, importers and dealers to the mutual benefit of all concerned.
- 1.5. It accepts the "Corporate Culture" concept of BMW Group. It therefore aims to:
 - 1.5.1 Encourage the clubs to develop their image so that it supports the precepts of BMW's Corporate Culture.
 - 1.5.2. Succeed in conveying to the clubs the BMW image in all areas of communication so as to render the marque absolutely distinctive. At the same time it seeks to encourage clubs to ensure BMW standards, tradition and lifestyle. The elaboration of club life is the responsibility of the individual clubs/associations, and it is the intention that they will maintain their independence and identity at all times.
- 1.6. It has a club philosophy, which it strives to attain and retain for the following reasons:
 - 1.6.1. To ensure club activities are run in a democratic manner
 - 1.6.2. To conduct club events in an exemplary and responsible manner
 - 1.6.3. To support, encourage and take part in cultural and social activities
 - 1.6.4. To provide a special image to the public including compliance with traffic laws and regulations
 - 1.6.5. To assist fellow club members and BMW drivers and riders in distress

1.6.6. To always seek to improve driving skills and drivers' and riders' responsibility to others

1.6.7. To maintain their vehicles in the best possible condition for the safety of all concerned and aesthetics in order to reflect BMW values.

2.0. Composition

2.1. The Council is composed of

2.1.1. Persons as delegates of the BMW Club umbrella organisations

2.1.2. Persons as delegates of BMW Group

3.0. Council members

Council members are divided into two groups:

3.1. Group A:

Delegates under this section must be members of a club within the umbrella organisation they represent and must not be a paid employee of that club or umbrella organisation.

Group A consists of up to 14 delegates, from each BMW Club umbrella organisation within the sales regions

4 from Europe	(V1 / V3)
5 from North and Latin America	(V4)
5 from Asia, Pacific, Africa	(V5)

Up to 2 delegates from the worldwide International BMW Classic and Type Clubs Section as determined by the BMW Clubs International Council (see as Bylaws at Constitutions).

If possible car and motorcycle clubs should be equally represented.

The regional geographical structure of each mentioned BMW sales region should be taken into account.

3.2. Group B:

One delegate of BMW Group represented by BMW Group Classic and 3 delegates are representing the BMW sales regions (V1/V3, V4, V5).

3.3. The right to vote:

All officially nominated delegates mentioned in Groups A and B are entitled to vote. The composition therefore is as follows:

3.3.1. Group A:

BMW Club delegates from the:

American Section (5)

European Section (4)

Asian, Pacific, African Section (5)

International BMW Classic and Type Clubs Section (2)

3.3.2. Group B:

Delegates are from:

BMW Group Classic (1)

BMW sales regions (3)

4. Membership

4.1. Membership under Group A for the regional sections shall be held by the regional BMW Club organisations and not by an individual.

4.2. Membership under Group A for the International BMW Classic and Type Clubs Section shall be held by the worldwide BMW Classic and Type Clubs Organisation represented by the BMW Clubs International Council.

4.3. Membership under Group B shall be held by a BMW Group Classic individual, who is responsible for club contacts, one further individual of the BMW Group Classic management, and by individuals, representing the management of the BMW sales regions.

4.4. Membership under Group A for BMW Club umbrella organisations requires the permanent and continuous status as an umbrella organisation within a BMW sales region represented in the BMW Clubs International Council.

5. Election of Chairpersons

5.1. The BMW Clubs International Council will elect a Chairperson and three Vice Chairpersons from among its members by simple majority for a period of three years. The Vice Chairperson will each represent one of the three

vehicle types: Cars, Motorcycles and Classic Vehicles. Members of Group B cannot be elected.

5.2. The process of nomination for these positions is set out as follows:

5.2.1. Four months prior to Council meetings, delegates will be asked to provide nominations to the International Club Office for any positions that fall due at the forthcoming Council meeting.

5.2.2. The nomination period closes 6 weeks prior to the forthcoming Council meeting.

5.2.3. The nomination, should be lodged via email to the International Club Office and include the details of the nominee (name, club, short CV), details of the delegates nominating and seconding the nomination and acceptance of the nomination by the nominee.

5.2.4. Once the nomination period has closed, all nominations received by the deadline will be reconciled by the Club Office.

5.2.5. At least four weeks prior to the Council meeting, the Club Office will provide details of all nominations received to participating delegates.

5.2.6. Voting will be conducted at the Council Meeting by secret ballot.

6. Observers

The BMW Clubs International Council can call in observers from BMW Clubs, which received the status “accepted club” to the International Council Meeting of the following year. They are guests on their own account and can participate in defined presentations and discussions. They are not involved in the process of making decisions. They don’t have the right to vote. The BMW Clubs International Office identifies and suggests possible observers to the board members of the BMW Clubs International Council during the year.

7. Council Meetings and Representation

The International Council meets once a year for a working meeting. If necessary the delegates may agree on holding an extra meeting. It is the responsibility of each umbrella organisation to appoint its own representative. In the interest of continuity the same delegate should be appointed for a reasonable time.

8. Duties

8.1 Duties of the Chairpersons

8.1.1. The Chair presides over Council Meetings, represents the International Council and its ideas in the public of all nations, draws up strategies and policies in close collaboration with BMW Group and supports the flow of communication among the Council members.

8.1.2. For special tasks the Chair may call in working groups. The Chair is the major liaison for BMW Group. The Chair calls in the International Council Meeting and instructs its members about their tasks.

8.2 Duties of the Vice Chairpersons

In case of the Chairperson's absence the Vice Chairpersons work and make decisions on the Chair's behalf. They will be assigned project related work by discretion of the Chairperson.

8.3 Duties of the Council

8.3.1. The BMW Clubs International Council will create and follow a basic philosophy. To this end, the Council can formulate its own guidelines. It will use its best endeavours to ensure that clubs/associations throughout the world adopt this philosophy and it shall observe the results.

8.3.2. The BMW Clubs International Council will observe all club activities and where suitable shall encourage similar events throughout the world. These may be supported by BMW Group and its subsidiaries or importers.

8.3.3. The International Council can be called in to arbitrate between clubs and Associations in accordance with its own guidelines "Mechanism for Dispute Resolutions". After the hearing the BMW Clubs International Council will make a recommendation.

8.3.4. The Council's recommendations are effected by a simple majority of those voting members present.

8.4 Duties of the BMW Clubs International Office (see also guideline no.3):

8.4.1. Initiator and mediator of mutually benefited cooperation between the clubs and the units, subsidiaries and the affiliated dealerships of the BMW Group.

8.4.2. Generation and provision of communication media, -processes and -tools coordinated and customized for the various target groups.

8.4.3. Steering and managing administration and regulatory organisation (authority) for the club issues worldwide.

8.4.4. Development of future-orientated structures for the efficient management of the BMW Club organisations worldwide.

8.5 BMW Group Delegation

The BMW Group Delegation to the clubs:

8.5.1. Acts as a liaison for BMW Group and represents BMW towards the clubs

8.5.2. Works in close co-operation with the Chairperson of the BMW Clubs International Council

8.5.3. Acts as the intermediary for BMW Group subsidiaries/importers and for BMW Group in the final approval of new clubs and their logos

8.5.4. Keeps in contact and liaison with BMW subsidiaries and importers in respect of club matters including their responsibilities towards them.

8.5.5. Encourage the representatives of the BMW sales regions to exert their influence on the BMW sales subsidiaries and importers in their region to cooperate with the national BMW Clubs and their delegates and support their activities.

8.6 Duties of Delegates

8.6.1. It is the responsibility of each delegate to the International Council to act in good faith to convey the recommendations of the International Council in his/her club in an expeditious and forthright manner.

8.6.2. The responsibilities include but are not limited to:

8.6.2.1. Maintaining constructive and harmonious relationships with their national distributor;

8.6.2.2. Communicating to their constituents and creating awareness of the IC and its members, and conveying recommendations and outcomes of Council meetings to their club in an expeditious and forthright manner;

8.6.2.3. Actively participating in the activities of the IC before, during, and after the annual meeting;

8.6.2.4. Working collaboratively with other official clubs and organizations in the worldwide community;

- 8.6.2.5. Promoting or distributing to clubs and club members, the IC newsletters, BMW Classic live, other informational material, and promotional materials;
- 8.6.2.6. Promptly reporting on an annual basis to the IC Office umbrella or club activities, including membership size; and
- 8.6.2.7. Nominating eligible candidates for IC awards.

9. Finance

BMW Group allocates a basic fund each year to guarantee that the BMW Clubs International Council and the BMW Clubs International Office are able to fulfil their basic tasks. Further subsidies for special projects will be negotiated in each individual case.

The subsidiaries should support the International Council Meetings taking place in their market.

10. Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution must be made by a two-thirds majority of voting members present.

11. Dissolution

The BMW Clubs International Council can be dissolved only by a two-thirds majority of voting members present.

Bylaws: Council membership under the “International BMW Classic and Type Clubs Section”

1.0. Election:

1.1. Up to 2 delegates will be elected by the BMW Clubs International Council with a simple majority for a 3-year period from the numbers of candidates proposed through BMW Group.

1.2. Proposal of delegates:

1.2.1. BMW Clubs International Office will choose from the nominations by the accepted classic or type clubs qualified nominees for the Council vote.

1.2.2. BMW Clubs International Office will inform and enclose the Council Chairperson in the nomination procedure.

1.2.3. The following personal criteria for delegates nominated under the International BMW Classic and Type Clubs Section should be considered by the nominating BMW Clubs and BMW Clubs International Office.

1.2.3.1. Long time membership and active service within an accepted BMW Classic or Type Club

1.2.3.2. Representation of the BMW brand history and BMW Type Clubs idea by the delegate in the BMW Clubs International Council

1.2.3.3. Knowledge and contact to the important worldwide BMW Classic or Type Clubs

1.2.3.4. Significant knowledge of the BMW history reflecting cars, motorcycles and type structure

1.2.3.5. Absence of any business related economical interests (for example: restoration, parts supplier or professional event organisation)

2.0. Criteria for club membership in this section:

2.1. Truly international club scope and goals

2.2. Importance of vehicle, type and historic BMW brand value

2.3. International membership structure

2.4. International BMW Classic or Type Clubs may have chapters in other countries.

2.5. These chapters may be clubs with or without a legal identity. They must sign a letter of affiliation with the relevant Classic or Type Club.

- 2.6. Not a “runaway club” (existing or new clubs)
- 2.7. Approval of criteria by the board of BMW Clubs International Council with input from appropriate umbrella organisations.