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Guideline for the structure of BMW Club Organisations officially accepted by the BMW Clubs International Council and the BMW Group.

1.0 Preamble

The structure of the BMW Clubs Organisation necessitates all members to be part of an official Club and, via a Club Organisation, a member of the BMW Clubs International Council.

A Club is required to affiliate – called Primary Affiliation – to a Club Organisation. The definition and details of the existing Club Organisations are provided in this document. This is to ensure that Clubs are properly governed within their own regions.

Clubs are also allowed to be members of more than one Club Organisation, which is called Secondary affiliation. Please refer to the requirements in sections 4.1 to 4.8 of this document.

It is also possible for any Club member to belong to more than one Club simply by joining that Club.

The purpose of this Guideline is then to provide information on the structure of the Official BMW Club Organisations and their Member Clubs. It is essential to read this document in conjunction with the Constitution (Guideline No. 2) and the other guidelines of the BMW Clubs International Council.

2.0 Definitions

2.1 BMW Official Clubs

2.1.1 Guideline No. 4 applies to determine the requirements for an Official BMW Club.

2.1.2 The BMW Club can be regional, city based or an interest group, e. g. M3 Register, R90S Register, etc.

2.1.3 The BMW Club can represent cars or motorcycles, or both.

2.2 Club Organisations

2.2.1 A Club Organisation is an association which typically represent the interests of the individual clubs and members in a region or country, and internationally.

2.2.2 Club Organisations are typically organised in the following manner:

2.2.2.1 Club of Clubs – members belong to Clubs, Clubs belong to an umbrella organisation

2.2.2.2 Club of Members – members belong to an umbrella organisation, with Chapters

2.2.2.3 The BMW Classic and Type Clubs umbrella organisation is an international association which groups together all special-interest BMW Clubs (classic cars, classic motorcycles and special types of BMW) with a truly international scope.

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3.0 Area/Boundaries/Territory of BMW Club Organisations

- 3.1 Existing Club Organisations who are members of the BMW Clubs International Council
 - 3.1.1 Are defined in the addendum of in this document.
 - 3.1.2 The area covered is maintained and updated by the responsible Club Organisation. Consent to any changes is subject to approval by the BMW Clubs International Council.
 - 3.1.3 All new BMW Clubs wishing to form a club in a region or country already covered by a Club Organisation the club have to apply to that Organisation.
- 3.2 In areas where no Official BMW Club Organisation exists
 - 3.2.1 These Clubs are termed Associate Clubs.
 - 3.2.2 To form an Associate Club – the following procedures apply for acceptance:
 - 3.2.2.1 An application is sent in writing to BMW Club & Community Management, which will assist and guide the future Club through the procedure of getting accepted.
 - 3.2.2.2 Once all requirements have been fulfilled, the application will be presented to the Board of the BMW Clubs International Council for a final decision. If this decision is positive, the club will receive a certificate stating its acceptance, signed by a representative of the BMW Group and the Chairman.
- 3.3 These Clubs will be monitored by the BCCM and the Board to ensure proper governance.
- 3.4 New Club Organisations as members of the BMW Clubs International Council
 - 3.4.1 The Council may form a new Club Organisation to be part of the Council when it identifies such a requirement.
 - 3.4.2 This is however done exceptionally and with full Council approval.

4.0 Secondary Affiliation by a Club to another Club Organisation

- 4.1 All clubs must respect the defined area/boundaries of the existing Club Organisations.
- 4.2 BMW Clubs within a Club Organisation can enter into a secondary agreement with another Club Organisation outside of that area, provided they are firstly primarily affiliated within their own Club Organisation and maintain their affiliation.
- 4.3 Primary Affiliation is defined as “being in good standing and fulfilling all the requirements as defined by the primary Club Organisation where they are based”.
- 4.4 Secondary Affiliation is defined as “being in good standing and fulfilling all the requirements as defined by the secondary Club Organisation”.
- 4.5 The secondary Club Organisation must gain approval from the primary Club Organisation before granting secondary membership; and it must be subject to annual review.
- 4.6 Approval of a Secondary Affiliation can only be withheld by the primary Club Organisation if it can demonstrate that the applying club has failed to comply with the requirements of the Primary Affiliation.
- 4.7 In the event the primary Club Organisation refuses approval of the Secondary Affiliation and this decision is disputed by the applying club, the applying club may refer the refusal for dispute resolution as defined by the BCIC.

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- 4.8 In the event that a club's Primary Affiliation ceases, any Secondary Affiliation is automatically revoked.

Addendum: Current BMW Club Organisations

The Club Organisations are defined in the Constitution (Guideline No. 2) as follows:

- BMW Clubs Europe
- BMW Clubs European Federation
- BMW Car Club America
- BMW Motorcycle Owners of America
- BMW Riders Association International
- BMW Clubs Canada
- BMW Clubs Latin American Federation
- BMW Clubs Asia
- BMW Clubs Australia
- BMW Clubs Japan
- BMW Clubs New Zealand
- BMW Clubs Africa
- BMW Clubs Middle East
- BMW Classic and Type Clubs

Allocation for two future umbrella Organisations

Area of coverage of the Club Organisations

BMW Car Club of America, BMW Motorcycle Owners of America and BMW Riders Association International

1. United States of America
2. American Samoa
3. Guam
4. Northern Mariana Islands
5. Puerto Rico
6. United States Virgin Islands

BMW Clubs New Zealand

1. New Zealand
2. Fiji
3. Samoa
4. Tonga
5. Cook Islands

BMW Classic and Type Clubs

1. International (for Clubs as defined in clause 2.2.2.3)

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BMW Clubs Africa

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Ghana
4. Ivory Coast
5. Kenya
6. Lesotho
7. Mauritius
8. Namibia
9. Nigeria
10. South Africa
11. Swaziland

BMW Clubs Asia

1. Afghanistan
2. Armenia
3. Azerbaijan
4. Bangladesh
5. Bhutan
6. Brunei
7. Burma
8. Cambodia
9. China
10. East Timor
11. Hong Kong
12. India
13. Indonesia
14. Iran
15. Kazakhstan
16. North Korea
17. South Korea
18. Kyrgyzstan
19. Laos
20. Macau
21. Malaysia
22. Maldives
23. Mongolia
24. Nepal
25. Pakistan
26. Philippines
27. Singapore
28. Sri Lanka
29. Taiwan
30. Tajikistan
31. Thailand
32. Turkmenistan
33. Uzbekistan
34. Vietnam

BMW Clubs Australia

1. Australia

BMW Clubs Canada

1. Canada

BMW Clubs Europa

1. Austria
2. Belarus
3. Belgium
4. Bosnia
5. Bulgaria
6. Cyprus
7. Czech Republic
8. Estonia
9. France
10. Georgia
11. Germany
12. Greece
13. Hrvatska/Croatia
14. Hungary
15. Israel
16. Italy
17. Kosovo
18. Latvia
19. Liechtenstein
20. Lithuania
21. Luxembourg
22. Macedonia
23. Moldova
24. Monaco
25. Montenegro
26. The Netherlands
27. Poland
28. Portugal
29. Romania
30. Russia
31. Serbia
32. Slovenia
33. Spain
34. Switzerland
35. Czech Republic
36. Ukraine

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BMW Clubs European Federation

1. Denmark
2. Finland
3. Iceland
4. Ireland
5. Norway
6. Sweden
7. United Kingdom

BMW Clubs Japan

1. Japan

BMW Clubs Latin American Federation

1. Antigua y Barbuda
2. Argentina
3. Bahamas
4. Barbados
5. Bolivia
6. Brasil
7. Chile
8. Colombia
9. Costa Rica
10. Cuba
11. Dominica
12. Ecuador
13. El Salvador
14. Granada
15. Guatemala
16. Haiti
17. Honduras
18. Jamaica
19. México
20. Nicaragua
21. Panamá
22. Paraguay
23. Perú
24. República Dominicana
25. San Cristobal y Nieves
26. San Vicente y las Granadinas
27. Santa Lucia
28. Trinidad y Tobago
29. Uruguay
30. Venezuela

BMW Clubs Middle East

1. United Arab Emirates
2. Bahrain
3. Iraq
4. Jordan
5. Kuwait
6. Lebanon
7. Oman
8. Qatar
9. Saudi Arabia
10. Syria
11. Yemen