



STRUCTURE OF BMW CLUB ORGANISATIONS

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1. 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 detail of the existing 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 2 and the other guidelines of the BMW Clubs International Council.

2. Definitions

2.1. BMW Official Clubs

2.1.1. Guideline 4 applies to determine the requirements for an Official BMW Club.

2.1.2. The BMW Club can be regional, city based, an interest groups 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 Club.

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

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

3. 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 in this document.
 - 3.1.2. Its area is maintained and updated by the responsible Club Organisation. Final consent of 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 as Associated Clubs.
 - 3.2.2. To form an Associate Club - the following procedures apply for acceptance:
 - 3.2.2.1 A written application is send to BMW Club and 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 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 who will be part of it when it identifies such a requirement.
 - 3.4.2. This is however done by Exception and with full Council approval.

4. 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. A 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 BCIC.
- 4.8. In the event that a clubs Primary Affiliation ceases, any Secondary Affiliation is automatically revoked.

Addendum: Current BMW Club Organisations

The Club Organisations are defined in the Constitution - Guideline 2 - as following:

- 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 Car Club New Zealand
- BMW Clubs Africa
- BMW Clubs Middle East
- BMW Classic and Type Clubs

Allocated to 2 future umbrellas

Reach 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 Car Club 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)

BMW Clubs Africa

1. Angola
2. Botswana
3. Ghana
4. Kenya
5. Lesotho
6. Mauritius
7. Namibia
8. Nigeria
9. South Africa
10. 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. Korea North
17. Korea South
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. Belgium
2. Bosnia
3. Bulgaria
4. Belarus
5. Estonia
6. France
7. Germany
8. Greece
9. Israel
10. Italy
11. Hrvatsa / Croatia
12. Latvia
13. Lithuania
14. Luxembourg
15. Macedonia
16. Montenegro
17. Moldova
18. Monaco
19. The Netherlands
20. Austria
21. Poland
22. Portugal
23. Romania
24. Georgia
25. Russia
26. Serbia
27. Slovenia
28. Spain
29. Switzerland
30. Czech Republic
31. Ukraine
32. Hungary
33. Cyprus
40. Turkey

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. Argentina: Buenos Aires
2. Bolivia: Sucre¹
3. Brasil: Brasilia
4. Chile: Santiago de Chile
5. Colombia: Bogotá
6. Costa Rica: San José
7. Cuba: La Habana
8. Ecuador: Quito
9. El Salvador: San Salvador
10. Guatemala: Ciudad de Guatemala
11. Haiti: Puerto Príncipe
12. Honduras: Tegucigalpa
13. México: México D F
14. Nicaragua: Managua
16. Panamá: Panamá
17. Paraguay: Asunción
18. Perú: Lima
19. República Dominicana: Santo Domingo
20. Uruguay: Montevideo
21. Venezuela: Caracas
22. Antigua y Barbuda, Saint Johns
23. Bahamas, Nassau
24. Barbados, Bridgetown
25. Cuba, La Habana
26. Dominica, Roseau
27. Granada, Saint George
28. Haiti, Puerto Principe
29. Jamaica, Kingston
30. San Cristobal y Nieves, Basseterre
31. San Vicente y las Granadinas, Kingstown
32. Santa Lucia, Castries
33. Trinidad y Tobago, Puerto España

BMW Clubs Middle East

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