



US SPYDER RYDERS
Central New Jersey Chapter

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MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the US Spyder Ryders-Central New Jersey motorcycle riding club is to promote Can-Am Spyders/Rykers Spyder Riding while focusing on having fun and at the same time attempting to do the most good for our community and local charities. We accomplish this objective with positive interaction within our community while providing a safe and controlled environment for our members during all our functions. We pride ourselves in the involvement of many community and charitable events. We will have local rydes, long distance rydes, socials, and fundraiser activities.

BYLAWS

MEMBERSHIP

To become a Chapter Member an individual must be a Spyder/Ryker Owner or Passenger and accept the Bylaws of the club. Members are required to partake in at least (4) four group riding events per year to be classified as being in good standings. A chapter sponsored event includes chapter rydes, social events and or chapter community service events. A Chapter Member may also sponsor up to two associate members per calendar year. If the club supported community service event is a riding event that event will qualify as one of the four required riding events.

Professional and courteous behavior is expected from all members. This includes dealing with fellow members of the club or any affiliate of the club (i.e.: sponsoring dealership, charity organizations, other clubs, etc.). Any member not acting in a professional or courteous manner will be subject to review by the Board for possible disciplinary action or membership termination.

Reinstatement of Membership

Members that have allowed their membership to lapse for greater than 30-days or that have been seen in the past as a member not in good standing will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before membership is reinstated. Should the Board elect not to reinstate the member's membership the submitted dues with the membership renewal will be returned to the party that submitted them. (i.e. either the member or the dealership submitting on behalf of the member)

Associate Membership

Associate Membership may be attained by a non-Spyder owner via sponsorship of a Chapter member that is in good standings. Associate Members are sanctioned to the same Bylaws as all members. Should the sponsoring member become a member no longer in good standing the associate member's sponsorship can either be transferred to another member in good standings or may reside with the club for the balance of the current year assuming the associate member is in good standings. The associate member will need to secure additional sponsorship for the next calendar year should they wish to continue their membership with the club.

DUES

US Spyder Ryders -Central New Jersey Chapter is a dues paying riding club. Membership dues are paid in December of the prior year and provide membership to the club for twelve months. (January thru December). Dues of \$25.00 for ryders, \$15.00 for passengers and \$25.00 for associates. Anyone joining in the month of September through December will be marked paid and considered paid for the following year.

Dues are set annually by the Board. If an annual rate is deemed unsustainable, the Board may vote during the current year to lower that year's rate at any time. The Board may only look to increase dues during the annual review for the upcoming year. This review will take place during the 3rd quarter of the year and will be communicated to the membership. Dues paid are used to fund operating costs of the club, to make charitable contributions, and for any other expense the majority of the Board deems appropriate.

Members that have not paid their annual dues by February 15th of the current year will be noted as 'inactive' and will not have voting rights during the annual meeting; unless said member communicates to a Board Member that they intend on paying/submitted forms during our next gathering



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WAIVER/INSURANCE

A member agrees to carry insurance coverage to protect themselves, their passengers, and their vehicle, as well as anyone involved in an accident with them. A member also agrees to hold the club and all Board members harmless from any accidents or injuries which occur to the member during club activities.

MEETINGS

The general membership will meet each January to elect officers/board members during the Annual Club Meeting. The Board of Directors will meet at least quarterly to discuss and vote on any operating issues of the club which require their attention. These quarterly board meetings may be either in person or virtual. Should the Board deem they may also call quarterly or special meetings of the membership; these types of meetings should be used to update the general membership on the operation of the club and to also discuss any issues that would require membership input and or vote. Such an event will need to be posted on the club website a minimum of five days prior to the scheduled meeting. All meetings will be conducted using the manner of Robert's Rules of Order (current release).

Voting Rights

All voting will be done by all members in good standing that are present at the membership meetings, unless otherwise determined by the Board to allow for proxy votes. All voting will be approved by a simple majority that is present whether voted on by the Board or the membership depending on the meeting type. In the event of a tie vote, the President will cast the deciding vote.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

While riding and fellowship are a big aspect of the club, we will all commit to supporting our community and charitable causes that the membership or Board deem as club sponsored activities.

MEDIA SITES

All club media sites (including but not limited to Facebook and Club websites) will be used solely to promote the operations and events of this club. Any comments on these sites deemed inappropriate by the Webmaster and President will be removed and notification of the removal will be sent to each Board of Directors along with the member(s) involved. Continued abuse will result in the Webmaster and President suspending member privileges on all media sites along with a review by the Board of Directors for possible further disciplinary action and or termination of membership. The Webmaster & President shall have Administrative authority of all media facebook pages & websites.

All additional officers will have Moderator privileges. Appointed Staff volunteers may have certain media privileges as determined by the Board of Directors. Media pages and authority privileges will be transferred to the new Board of Directors during the transitional period of each January. We do not allow selling of any kind or political discussions on any of our social media platforms.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Should a member be placed on disciplinary action by the Board, said member will not be allowed to participate in club supported events for a said duration which will be decided by the Board depending on the offense. If a member is placed on multiple disciplinary actions over a rolling two-year period said member's membership will be terminated. If the Board feels that the action by the member is conduct unbecoming of the club, the Board may move to terminate the member's membership. During any disciplinary action the member(s) being brought up on disciplinary action will have a chance to state their side during the investigation period.



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OFFICERS

Annually, in the month of January the membership will elect the following officers Board of Directors into office - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Electoral candidates must inform the Secretary by December 15th of their intention on running for office. The Board of Directors will then appoint individuals to the positions Road Captain, Social Director, Webmaster and others as needed (i.e. chaplain, charity coordinator, photographer). These individuals will comprise the Board of Directors who will run the day to day operations of the club. Officers may perform more than one function, however, will be seen as only one voting member on the Board. Officers will be required to perform the following obligations along with their elected duties.

- 1) Be present for at least six group riding events during the year. Three of which should be in the first six months of the year and three of which should be in the last six months of the year.
- 2) Put together two group rides or events within the year that he or she is in office.
- 3) Attend a minimum of three Board meetings along with the Annual Club Meeting.
4. Be a member in good standing for at least two consecutive years.

Should an officer not fulfill his or her obligations, the Board of Directors may elect to take action and remove the officer from office with a 2/3 vote of all Board Members. Should an officer be removed, a replacement officer may be appointed into office by the Board of Directors for the duration of the term. Notification will be sent to the membership explaining the reason for removal of any officer along with the named replacement should one be named.

Members may only be elected into office if they are in good standings with the club for two consecutive years and present for the annual meeting unless unable to attend due to a medical or family issue. Said issue must be submitted to the Secretary of the club at least 5-days prior to the meeting and must also be read to the membership that is present prior to a vote for the position said member is running for.

Officer Responsibilities/Duties

PRESIDENT

The executive duties of the President are:

1. To preside over meetings of both the Executive Board and the club.
2. To judge items not covered in the bylaws in a democratic manner.
3. To be the official spokesman of the club in the area of public relations.
4. To represent the club in any club business.
5. To assist the other officers in the interpretation of their club responsibilities, and to promote and maintain club life among members in general.

VICE-PRESIDENT

The executive duties of the Vice-President are:

1. To assume the responsibilities of the presidency when the PRESIDENT is unable to do so. The VICE-PRESIDENT needs to work closely with the PRESIDENT, so that he/she is always fully in a position to take over when required.
2. This requirement usually results in a very close relationship between the PRESIDENT and the VICE and they should talk in one voice.
3. To assist the PRESIDENT in the execution of his duties and responsibilities.



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SECRETARY

The executive duties of the Secretary are:

1. To maintain all relevant information regarding the club members records.
2. To record, safeguard and make available the minutes of club meetings.
3. To maintain the bylaws, recording additions, deletions, or changes.
4. To advise on the implementation of the bylaws, when required.
NOTE: This does not mean that the secretary enforces the bylaws - it means that he/she will approach appropriate officers and advise them when the need arises.
5. To handle all correspondence and keep appropriate records thereof.

TREASURER

The executive duties of the Treasurer are:

1. To monitor and record the club's income and expenditures.
2. To collect the dues from members.
3. To make the financial statements available to the Club at meetings.

ROAD CAPTAIN

The executive duties of the Road Captain are:

1. To plan the travel routes and organize the basic itinerary of the club prior to going on a group ride.
2. To brief the Club prior to leaving on a ride regarding route, formation, speed, passing, stops, re-fueling, breakdown procedure and any other important information about the ride.
3. Together with the PRESIDENT, to lead the club in formation while riding as a club.
4. To ensure riding position protocol is maintained when riding in formation as a club.
5. To post Sentries at intersections/turns to ensure all riders arrive at our destination.
6. To ensure members' bikes are roadworthy before they are allowed to participate in a club ride.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

The executive duties of the Sergeant at Arms are:

1. To maintain discipline within the club and ensure that members follow the bylaws and protocols.
2. To call to order club meetings and maintain order during meetings.
3. To resolve problems between members.
4. To ensure that members adhere to correct policies when dealing with other members or outsiders.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR

The executive duties of the Social Director are:

1. Coordinates events with the Road Committee
2. Responsible for the planning of Chapter Events and charitable contributions.
3. Responsible for posting activities on our Facebook page and emailing the membership regarding activities.
4. To liaise with the members regarding important club announcements and events.



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Appointed Staff

The officers of the Board of Directors may appoint individual members identified with special skills or member volunteers for non-voting staff positions (i.e. Chaplain, Videographer, Photographer, etc...). Volunteer staff members will serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and may be removed with or without cause by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members that have not paid their annual dues by the timeline set under the Dues Section of these Bylaws will be considered inactive and membership will be terminated. Should a member wish to terminate his or her membership, they may do so at any time with written notification to the Secretary. Termination of membership either by the member themselves or by disciplinary action will result in the member forfeiting any dues paid and access to all club media sites.

Rydes

US Spyder Ryders - Central New Jersey recognizes two types of organized rydes.

Chapter Ryde is any ryde organized, planned and conducted by Officers of the Board of Directors. the Road Captain or if absent, the ranking officer shall be the authority of said ryde. compliance with the Road Captain or ranking officer is mandated. Any safety issue seen, heard or perceived shall be brought to the attention of the Road Captain or ranking officer as soon as practical.

Member Ryde is any ryde called by any active member in good standing to join them on a ryde. Generally, this is less than a formal organized ryde. The member who invited other members and guests for their invitational ryde will usually be the lead and or authority for said ryde.

Colors

The official colors (Patches) of the US Spyder Ryders - Central New Jersey may only be worn by Chapter members in good standing.



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ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS:

I _____ (*member's name*) hereby agree to the bylaws of US SPYDER RYDERS

- CENTRAL NEW JERSEY on this day the _____ of _____ (*month*) _____

(*year*).

Printed: _____

Signature: _____

If acceptance of Bylaws has been signed by an Associate Member, the name and signature below must be of the sponsoring Member for said Associate Member.

Sponsoring Members Name:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Contact Information for Member / Associate Member Accepting Bylaws:

Email: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____ - _____