



# US SPYDER RYDERS

## Long Island NY Chapter



### MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the US Spyder Ryders Long Island NY motorcycle riding club (RC) is to promote Can-Am Spyders/Rykers and Motorcycle riding. As we grow our RC Family, we aim to be a positive influence to our community and help support local and national charities. We accomplish this objective by promoting positive interactions within our community, Long Island MC/RC Charity Runs and events, while providing an atmosphere of fellowship and camaraderie. We take pride in our involvement of many Long Island MC/RC Organized Charity Runs and charitable events. We have local group rides, destination rides, socials, and fundraising activities. Our RC's main charity is the Road Warrior Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps our disabled veterans through "Adventure Therapy".

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## BYLAWS

### MEMBERSHIP

To become a member an individual must:

- 1) Be the owner/passenger of a Can Am Spyder/Ryker or owner/passenger of a 2-3 wheeled vehicle that requires a helmet.
- 2) Agree to attend at least 1 meeting and 2 group rides/events per Season.
- 3) Agree to support charities via Organized Group Rides or volunteer work for said rides or community volunteer events.
- 4) Agree to and sign these Bylaws, Liability Waiver and Member Information sheet without amending.
- 5) Pay annual dues in a timely manner.
- 6) Act courteous while wearing our RC Patch/Gear when in public. Respect all other riders, RC's/MC's, organizations our sponsors and US Spyder Ryders affiliates. This includes both online and in person.
- 7) Wear appropriate riding gear and respect all vehicles and laws while riding.

Members are required to attend at least one Member Meeting, partake in at least one club supported community service event/ride or one group riding event per year to be classified as being in good standing (no milage requirements). If the club supported community service event is a riding event that event will qualify as one of the required riding events. A community service/ride example would be the LI ABATE Toy/Food Drive Ride, Dee's Ride to support Cancer Caregivers (Melissa's Wish) or any other MC/RC charity Organized ride.

Professional and courteous behavior is expected from all members, whether in person or online. 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. In the event a member of another club (RC or MC) asks detailed questions about our RC, please direct that person to an officer. US Spyder Riders RC has more than 60 Chapters across America, members are expected to positively represent the brand.

#### *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).

\*In the event a Member cannot meet the above-mentioned meeting/riding requirement due to health or Family reasons, the Board may excuse those responsibilities on a case by case basis, allowing that member to stay in good standing.



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### DUES

Membership dues are paid in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of each year and provides membership to the club for twelve months (January thru December). Anyone joining in the month of August or the following months will be considered paid for the next 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 1) First Year Members: \$30 (includes our 10" RC Jacket Patch and vinyl decal)
- 2) Subsequent Years: \$25 (Members receive our Seasonal Patch)
- 3) RC Merchandise: We sell Club branded merchandise with a small markup. Profits are deposited into our treasury.

\* Dues are waived for all Disabled Veterans.

\*\* Members who are Disabled Veterans can purchase our merchandise for cost.

\*\*\* If you are currently unemployed or experiencing financial hardship please reach out to the RC President prior to paying any dues.

### 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 harmless the club and all Board members from any accidents or injuries which occur to the member during club activities.

### MEETINGS

The general membership will meet at least once during the First Quarter. 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. 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 general membership depending on the meeting type. In the event of a tie vote, the Founder 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. Community/Charitable events can be in the form of monetary donations or volunteering time.



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### OFFICERS

During the year of inception (2018 for year 2019) all Officers will be appointed by the Founder (Jarred Knoetgen). Electoral Candidates must inform the Secretary by September 15<sup>th</sup> of their intention on running for office. Elections are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in November. Starting in 2021 (for Ryding Season 2022) the following Officers will be elected into office - President, Secretary & Treasurer- these individuals will be considered The Board of Directors and responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Club. The President will choose his VP as running mate (VP is also a Board Member), and both names need to be known by the members prior to election. The Board of Directors will then appoint individuals to the positions of Webmaster, Road Captains, Tail Gunner, Event Coordinator and others as deemed necessary by The Board (i.e., chaplain, charity coordinator, videographer etc.). Officers may perform more than one function, however, will be seen as only one voting member on the Board. The position of Sgt. At Arms is an appointed position by the current President. Officers will be required to perform the following obligations along with their elected duties (see "Duties of Club Officers" on our website).

- 1) Be present for at least four group rides/events during the year.
- 2) Attend at least 2 Organized Charity Runs during the year.
- 3) Be a "Member in Good Standing" for at least 2 consecutive years.
- 4) Plan & organize at least one group ryde or event within the year that he or she is in office.
- 5) Attend 75% of Board meetings along with the Annual Club Meeting (phone conference qualifies for attendance of a meeting).
- 6) Wear our RC Jacket Patch and Officer Flash. Be able to answer questions about our RC to members, potential members and at MC/RC Organized Charity Runs.

Should an officer not fulfill his or her obligations, the Board of Directors may elect to act 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. The Founder can cast deciding vote in the event the Board cannot agree.

Members may only run for office if they are in good standings with the club for 2 consecutive years and present for the annual meeting unless unable to attend due to a medical or family issue. Said issue must be communicated to the Secretary at least 5-days prior to the meeting and his/her vote communicated to the Secretary. The Secretary will act as proxy for said vote.

### MEDIA SITES

All club media sites (including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram and Club websites) will be used solely to promote the operations and events of this club and Sponsors. 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. We do not allow political discussions or posts of motorcycle accidents or other graphic images on any of our Social Media platforms. All pictures taken at our ridesevents are the property of this club and can be posted on our website or private Social Media pages.

### 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/rides for a period of time deemed appropriate by the Board. If the member continues to warrant disciplinary action, the Board has the right to terminate that persons Membership and can refuse reinstatement in subsequent years.



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### TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Members that have not paid their annual dues by the timeline set under the Dues Section of these Bylaws will be contacted by the Treasurer and will be considered inactive until dues are paid. 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, revocation of discounts and access to all club media sites.

### *Bylaws Amendment Policy/ Other Information:*

Annually our members can review and submit a Request for Bylaw changes letter to the Secretary, and reviewed by the Board of Directors. If deemed appropriate we will vote on the new Bylaw and update necessary forms/documents. A simple majority vote will be needed to amend current Bylaws. If the Board chooses to amend our Bylaws, we will inform the members of the updates, all of our documents can be viewed on our website: [www.USSpyderRyders.com](http://www.USSpyderRyders.com), under "Chapters/Long Island/Forms".

Our RC is **100% volunteer based**. Officers are not paid or given special treatment regarding dues etc. All dues and RC merchandise profits will be used to support our clubs' operations, build a Cash Reserve Fund of at least \$1,000 and all excess over \$1,000 will be donated to 501(c)(3) Charities- namely Road Warrior Foundation during December/January, after the books have been completed for that riding season. Our RC Treasurer is responsible to log all dues paid, merchandise sold and is required to keep books up to date and can be reviewed by any Board of Directors or Members in good standing upon request.

US Spyder Ryders is the largest Can Am Spyder Riding Club in America. All members are responsible to positively represent our brand. This includes anytime members are out in public with our RC logo on their jacket/shirt etc. We take pride in our good standing in the MC/RC community and the general communities we live in. All members are encouraged to share with leadership special volunteer events in their communities. Our main focus is on helping our Veterans but we welcome other activities associated with helping people in our communities included but not limited to; Children in need, Cancer Charities, Beautification Projects, First Responders and people in need of our services. We support other Long Island MC/RC's including all LEMC's.

- Please fill out, sign and return:
  - Page #5 of these Bylaws (only page #5)
  - Liability Waiver
  - Membership Information Form



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### ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*member's name*) hereby agree to the bylaws of US SPYDER RYDERS Long Island on

(day) \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (*month*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*year*).

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### Contact Information for Member Accepting Bylaws:

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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