



# US SPYDER RYDERS

## Southern Mountain Chapter Bylaws



### MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the US Spyder Ryders motorcycle riding club is to promote Can-Am Spyders and 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 rides, long distance rides, socials, and fund raiser activities.

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## BYLAWS

### MEMBERSHIP

To become a member an individual must be a Spyder Owner or Spyder Passenger, pay the annual dues, and accept the Bylaws of the club. Members are encouraged to partake in at least one club supported community service event and at least two group riding events per year to be classified as being in good standings. If the club supported community service event is a riding event that event will qualify as one of the two required riding events. Member may also sponsor up to two Associate or Visiting Members per calendar year.

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.

#### *Members with Seasonal Residence*

As a member of the club, if the member is a seasonal resident within the geographical footprint of the club's home base the member's two group ride is still encouraged.

#### *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. 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/Visiting Membership*

Associate Membership may be attained by a non-Spyder owner via sponsorship of a club 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.

Visiting Membership refers to non US Spyder Ryders visiting from other areas, but wishing to join Southern Mountain Chapter in their rides and events.

### DUES

Membership dues are paid by December 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



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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 out to the membership upon competition. 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 December 25<sup>th</sup> of the current year will be noted as 'inactive' and will not have voting rights during the annual meeting.

### 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 each January to elect officers/board members during the Annual Club Meeting. The Board of Directors will meet 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 general 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. The club will support a minimum of one charitable organization per year with major funding activities. That organization will be selected by the membership of the club during the annual meeting. That supported charity must be a 501c3 organization.

### OFFICERS

Annually, in the month of January the membership will elect the following officers into office - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Webmaster. The Board of Directors will then appoint individuals to the positions Road Captains, Event Coordinator 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 four group riding events during the year. Two of which should be in the first six months of the year and two 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



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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 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



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## ACCEPTANCE OF BYLAWS:

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*member's name*) hereby agree to the bylaws of US SPYDER RYDERS on this  
day the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (*month*) \_\_\_\_\_ (*year*).

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

*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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_