

# US SPYDER RYDERS

## Finger Lakes NY Chapter



### MISSION STATEMENT

The objective of the US Spyder Ryders Finger Lakes 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, Finger Lakes MC/RC Charity Runs and events, while providing an atmosphere of fellowship and camaraderie. We take pride in our involvement of many Finger Lakes MC/RC Organized Charity Runs and charitable events. We have local group rides, destination rides, socials, and fundraising activities.

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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) Try to attend at least 1 meeting/chapter gathering, ride or event per Season.
- 3) Agree to and sign the Bylaws, Liability Waiver and Member Information sheet without amending.
- 4) Act courteous while on rides & at events. Respect all other riders, RC's/MC's, organizations, sponsors and US Spyder Ryders affiliates. This includes both online and in person.
- 5) Respect all vehicles and laws while riding.

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 Officers & club members for possible 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.

### 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

All meetings will be posted on the US Spyder Ryder - **Finger Lakes Chapter** Facebook page



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#### Voting Rights

All voting will be done by all members in good standing that are **present at the membership meetings** (virtual or in person), 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 support our communities and charitable causes as able. Members can post Community/Charitable events on the Finger Lakes FB page. It is up to individual members whether or not they want to contribute in the form of monetary donations, volunteering or riding in the event.

#### OFFICERS

During the year on-line votes for Officers will be posted on the Finger Lakes FB page. Officers to volunteer for are the positions of President, Vice President & Secretary/Treasurer. Requests to run for office need to be submitted to the current officers by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Elections will be held (virtually or by FB replies) the **3rd Tuesday in MARCH** **These individuals will be considered The Board of Directors** and will be 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 and others as deemed necessary by The Board. 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 (see "Duties of Club Officers" on our website).

- 1) Be present for group rides/events during the year.
- 2) Be a "Member in Good Standing".
- 3) Plan & organize at least one group ride or event within the year that he or she is in office.
- 4) Participate in meetings (virtual or phone).
- 5) Be able to answer questions about our RC to members & potential members.

#### 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 Website Administrator(s) 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 Website Administrator(s) and President suspending member privileges on all media sites. 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 rides/events are the property of this club and can be posted on our website or private Social Media pages.



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### Bylaws

#### *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 and post the revisions.

Our RC is **100% volunteer based**. Officers are not paid or given special treatment. RC merchandise profits will be used to support our clubs' operations and build a Cash Reserve Fund not to exceed \$1,000. Any monies in excess of \$1,000, will be donated to 501(c)(3) Charities; selected by membership majority votes, during December/January & after the books have been completed for that riding season. Our RC Treasurer is responsible to log all 50/50 monies collected and merchandise sold. The RC Treasurer is required to keep books up to date and can be reviewed by any Officers 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 focus is to enjoy the ride, friendships & welcome other activities associated with helping people in our communities.

- Please fill out, sign and return:
  - Page #4 of these Bylaws (only page #4)
  - 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 Finger Lakes Chapter on:

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

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

#### Contact Information for Member Accepting Bylaws:

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

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

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