



**OGRES Motorcycle Club
Constitution and Bylaws
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OGRES Motorcycle Club Constitution and Bylaws

Club Purpose

The primary goal of the OGRES Motorcycle Club (OMC) is to develop friendships, partnerships, and networks for riding motorcycles and also to just plain have fun. Any activities that detract from having the maximum amount of fun are discouraged or outlawed.

Trademark

The trademark consisting of the name “OGRES M/C”, the OGRES crown patch/graphic design and the name OGRES shall henceforth be referred to as “Colors”. The OGRES M/C Colors are a registered trademark owned by the OGRES Motorcycle Club.

Article 1 Club Name

The organization shall be known as the “OGRES Motorcycle Club” and henceforth may be referred to as “OMC”.

Article 2 **Club Composition**

Section A. Framework

1. The OGRES Motorcycle Club was founded in Boise, Idaho on December 19, 2010 by the three Charter members.
2. The OMC Constitution and Bylaws shall be the fundamental law and rules governing the OGRES Motorcycle Club.
3. The Club Operating Policy in conjunction, with the OMC Constitution and Bylaws, shall govern the conduct of the OGRES Motorcycle Club.

Section B. Constitution and By-Law Committee

1. A Constitution and Bylaws Committee shall consist of the three (3) Primary Officers of the OGRES Motorcycle Club.
2. The committee members will serve as long as they serve as Primary Officers.

Article Three **Club Responsibilities**

Section A. The OGRES Motorcycle Club shall:

1. Disseminate the OMC Constitution and Bylaws for OMC members, in good standing, at the January meeting each year.
2. Procure and distribute OMC Colors to be worn on the member's cuts.
3. Revoke or suspend any OMC member who fails to maintain the integrity of the OMC Constitution and Bylaws. Reclaim the Colors of the said member.
4. Maintain a roster of all members of the OMC.
5. Maintain a Club website.
6. Require all members to obey all local, state and Federal laws.

7. Sponsor three motorcycle rides every year: a Spring Run, a Summer Run, and a Fall Run. This requirement does not preclude the OMC from sponsoring additional rides every year.

Article 4 **Club Membership**

Section A. Requirements for Membership

1. Members of the OGRES Motorcycle Club must be forty-five (45) years of age or older. Members must be of the male gender.
2. All OMC members, including prospective members, must own and operate an American made V-Twin motorcycle manufactured by a North American owned company.
3. All OMC members must possess a valid motorcycle operator's license and motorcycle insurance. In the case of a co-owned motorcycle, only one owner may apply for OMC membership.
4. Members pay a one-time new membership fee of \$125 to the OMC and \$50 each year thereafter.
5. The new membership fee is due upon acceptance into OMC. The yearly membership fee is due at the January OMC meeting each year no matter when OMC membership began.

Section B. Duration of Membership

1. OMC membership will continue as long as a person maintains membership in good standing.

Section C. Requirements for Membership in Good Standing

1. A member in good standing must be a fully patched member.
2. All OMC members and prospective members will be required to comply with the OMC Constitution and Bylaws and the Club Operating Policy.
3. OMC members are expressly prohibited from commencing or being a member of any motorcycle club other than the OMC. Exceptions include motorcycle benefit organizations such as the American Motorcycle Association (A.M.A.), Harley Owners Group (H.O.G.), Indian Riders Group, or A Brotherhood Aiming Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.).

4. Members must attend all OMC meetings held every odd numbered month commencing in the month of January of each year. The meetings are held on the first Thursday of every odd numbered month: January, March, May, July, September and November. Each member is allowed **one** un-excused absence. A member asking for an excused absence shall do so within a reasonable amount of time by contacting the OMC President.
5. Members shall attend at least one of the three following rides sponsored by the OMC:
 - a. Spring Run
 - b. Summer Run
 - c. Fall Run
6. All OMC members will be supportive of all OMC activities and events.
7. Members will ensure the OMC President has their current physical address, e-mail address and telephone number. Members will notify the OMC President immediately of any changes to the aforementioned.

Section D. Resignation of Membership

1. The membership of any member of the OMC will terminate after the member has submitted a written request for such termination to the Primary Officers. The Primary Officers will respond in writing and/or verbal form to said request.
2. Membership will cease upon termination from the OMC. The member is required to forfeit his Colors, patches and any property of the OMC to the Primary Officers of the Club. The member will have no right, title, interest or claim in any asset of the OMC. Upon termination, any right to a refund of dues, fees or contributions made to the OMC are forfeited.

Section E. Life Time Membership

1. Any Club member who maintains active membership in good standing for a period of ten (10) consecutive years shall qualify as a Life Time Member. Life Time membership will entitle the individual to retain the OMC Colors in the event of retirement from the OMC while in good standing.

Section F. New Prospective Members

1. An individual who desires membership in the OMC shall have a Club member in good standing as a sponsor. The sponsor has to have personal knowledge of the prospective member candidate. Club members should take this

opportunity to question the prospective member regarding his qualifications, background and reasons for wanting to join the OMC.

2. An individual, who wants to be a prospective member, but does not have a sponsor or know any members, must become familiar with the Club members by attending rides and activities and should make his intentions known to the Club Primary Officers. A sponsor will be assigned to the prospective member.
3. See Appendix B.
4. Prospective members will not have voting rights in the OMC.
5. The term of the “probation period” will be determined by the Primary Officers. The Primary Officers must proclaim a candidate to be a prospect in a formal manner.
6. Prospective members will not wear any OMC Colors.

Section G. Acceptance of Full Membership

1. At the completion of the prospective member’s “probation period”, the prospect’s sponsor will open a discussion at a Club meeting regarding the acceptance of the prospective member as a full member.
2. After discussion has ended, a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the members is required to accept the prospective member as a full member.
3. If accepted as a full member:
 - a. The OGRES back patch and chest patch will be awarded to the new member.
 - b. The new member may be given a nickname that has been selected by the Club members.
 - c. Any other authorized items will be awarded.

Section H. Number of Members

1. The Club Primary Officers will determine the maximum or minimum number of members.
2. Quality of the membership is desired over quantity of membership.

Section I. Suspension and Expulsion Procedures

1. The Club Primary Officers will have the authority to suspend or expel any member of the chapter for reasons in the section. The vote to suspend or expel any member must be by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote by the members.
2. Reasons for Expulsion or Suspension:
 - a. For conduct which, in the opinion of the Primary Officers, disturbs the order, dignity, business, welfare, interest and harmony or impairs the good name or popularity of the OMC.
 - b. Failure to pay annual dues.
 - c. Failure to attend the six (6) Club meetings held on the first Thursday of every other month starting in January of each year.
 - d. Any member who fails to attend at least one of the three annual rides sponsored by the OMC, i.e., Spring Run, Summer Run or Fall Run.
 - e. Any member charged of a criminal matter will be suspended until the matter is adjudicated. Conviction of a criminal misdemeanor or felony will result in expulsion.
3. There are no appeals for expulsion.
4. A member wishing to be reinstated from suspension must submit a letter of request to the Primary Officers.
5. The reinstatement may be made only by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the members.
6. Rights upon Suspension or Expulsion
 - a. Membership, including Life Time Membership, will cease upon suspension or expulsion from the OMC. The member is required to forfeit his Colors, patches or any property of the OMC to the Primary Officers of the Club. The member will have no right, title, interest or claim in any asset of the OMC. Upon expulsion, any rights to a refund of dues, fees or contributions by the member made to the OMC are forfeited.

Section J. Non-Transferable Membership

1. Membership in the OMC may not be transferred or reassigned to another person. This also applies to any OMC property, name and OMC Colors and patches.

Section K. Membership Meetings

1. Club meetings shall be every odd numbered month beginning in January of each year.
2. Club meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every odd month (January, March, May, July, September and November).
3. The day of the meeting may be changed by the Primary Officer(s) to facilitate an activity, such as a group ride, on another date and time.
4. The Club meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the OMC Clubhouse unless otherwise amended by the Club President.
5. A member can only have **one** un-excused absence per year from the Club meetings.
6. Excused absences must be face to face or via a phone call to The OMC President. E-mails must be acknowledged by the OMC President to be valid. No text messages will be accepted as an excused absence notification.

Section L. Membership Rides

1. The OMC shall sponsor three annual membership rides. The OMC shall sponsor a Spring Run, a Summer Run and a Fall Run.
2. The Spring Run will be the first or second Friday and Saturday in June. The Summer Run will be 3rd Thursday, Friday and Saturday of July. The Fall Run will be the last Friday and Saturday of August. Exceptions to this schedule may only be changed through a unanimous vote of the Primary Officers.
3. Every OMC member shall attend at least **one** of the aforementioned Club sponsored Runs each year to maintain membership status. Exceptions to this requirement may only be waived through a unanimous vote of the Primary Officers.
4. Any member missing the required one ride each year will be on probation and required to make the ride up the following year.

Article 5 Club Primary Officers

Section A. **The OMC will be governed by the Club's Primary Officers**

Section B. **Composition of the Primary Officers**

1. President
2. Vice President
3. Sergeant at Arms

The President, Vice President and Sergeant at Arms can only hold one Club Primary Officer position each. The Club Optional Officer (Article 6) responsibilities can be combined into one Club Optional Officer position.

Section C. **Creation of the Primary Officers**

1. The initial Primary Officers positions were filled by the three charter members of the OMC on December 19th, 2010.

Section D. **Election of the Primary Officers**

1. The Primary Officers shall be selected from the Club membership.
2. A candidate for the Club Primary Officer position must be an OMC member in good standing.
3. An election committee shall be appointed by the Club President. The committee must consist of two or more members in good standing of the Club. Members of the election committee shall not be running for a Primary Officer's position.
4. Nominations for a Club Primary Officer position must be made known to the Club membership at least one month prior to the Primary Officer election.
5. Elections shall be held at the next scheduled Club meeting following a vacancy given the monthly nomination period has transpired.
6. Absentee ballots shall be submitted to the election committee prior to the vote.
7. All Club members in good standing shall have one vote.
8. A Primary Officer shall be elected by a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of all members of the Club present at the election meeting including absentee ballots.

Section E. Term of Office for Club Primary Officers

1. The terms are open ended for the Primary Officers until the Officer(s) choose to step down or are expelled or suspended.

Section F. Duties and Responsibilities of the Club Primary Officers

1. Ratify the admittance of a prospective member by unanimous vote.
2. Oversee the management of property owned by the Club and report to the membership at the scheduled meetings.
3. Maintain control over the Club's usage of the Colors.
4. Maintain the integrity of the OMC Constitution and By-Laws and the Club's Operating Policy.
5. Perform all other assignments that may be in the best interests of the OMC or as defined in the Club Operating Policy.
6. Be responsible for maintenance and control over all Club records, fees and functions therein.
7. Appoint or dismiss Optional Club Officers.

Section G. Chapter Primary Officers Duties

1. The President shall:
 - a. Be the Chief Executive Officer of the OMC.
 - b. Preside at the general membership and Primary Officer meetings.
 - c. Maintain order and require compliance with the OMC Constitution and Bylaws and the Club Operating Policy and such rules and regulations that may be adopted pursuant therein.
 - d. Nominate, and with the advice and consent of the other Primary Officers, appoint the chairmen and members of all standing committees, and serve as an ex-officio member thereof.
 - e. All matters concerning relations between the Club and any outside person or organization should be routed to the President for appropriate action.
 - f. At the end of his service, deliver to his successor all tools, documents, materials and pertinent information in his possession pertaining to the Club and the office of President.
2. The Vice President shall:

- a. In the absence of the President, discharge the duties of the President.
 - b. Preside at the Club and Primary Officer meetings at the request of the President.
 - c. Coordinate all committees and supervise plans for all Club Events.
 - d. Act as an intermediary between the President and the members and prospective members.
 - e. At the expiration of his service, deliver to his successor all tools, documents, materials, and pertinent information in his possession pertaining to the Club and the office of Vice President.
3. The Sergeant at Arms shall:
- a. Maintain order and require compliance with the OMC Constitution and Bylaws and the Club Operating Policy and such rules and regulations that may be adopted pursuant therein.
 - b. Ensure that orders of the Primary Officers are carried out in an expeditious manner.
 - c. Responsible for policing and keeping order at all OMC events.
 - d. Responsible for securing any patches or colors from any member who resigns or is expelled.
 - e. Responsible for the safety and security of the OMC as well as the protection and defense of the members and prospective members.
 - f. At the expiration of his service, deliver to his successor all tools, documents, materials, and pertinent information in his possession pertaining to the Club and the office of the Sergeant at Arms.

Section H. Club Primary Officer Meetings

- 1. The Club Primary Officers will meet every other month beginning in January of the year. They will meet prior to or directly after the Club meeting or at a time set by the President.

Article 6
Optional Club Officers

Section A. Optional Club Officers include, but are not limited to:

- 1. Secretary
- 2. Treasurer
- 3. Road Captains
- 4. Webmaster
- 5. Information Officer

6. Quartermaster

Section B. Appointment to Office

1. Optional Club Officers are appointed by the Club Primary Officers with a unanimous vote.

Section C. Club Optional Officer Duties

1. The Secretary shall be:
 - a. Responsible for making and keeping all Club chapter records, including: the membership list, the Constitution and Bylaws, Club Operating Policy, records of all committee appointments, all written reports, copies of all correspondence between the club and any outside person or organization, and the minutes.
 - b. At the expiration of his service, deliver to his successor all tools, documents, materials, and pertinent information in his possession pertaining to the Club and the office of the Secretary.
2. The Treasurer shall:
 - a. Keeps all funds of the Club, as well as a record of Colors, patches or reproductions thereof issued to members. He may disburse funds to pay expenses as prescribed or ordered by the Club Primary Officers.
3. The Road Captain shall:
 - a. Responsible for all Club runs. He shall research, plan, and organize all runs. During actual time on the road or at intermediate stops during a run, he shall act as ranking Club officer, deferring only to the President or Vice President.

Section D. Removal from Office

1. The Primary Club Officers can remove any of the Optional Club Officers from office with a unanimous vote.
2. There is no appeal procedure for Optional Officers pursuant to removal.

Article 7 Non-Profit Status

Section A. **Non Profit Status Objectives**

1. The OGRES Motorcycle Club was created as a fraternal and social organization with no objectives, except to have maximum fun, **not** to fund raise or to make a profit. All dues go to covering expenses of purchasing patches and like materials. The OMC does not make a profit and does not raise money for charities.

Article 8 Colors

Section A. **OGRES Motorcycle Club Specifications**

1. The OGRES Motorcycle Club Colors are for the sole use of OMC members in good standing.
2. The OGRES Motorcycle Club Colors are a registered trademark owned by the OGRES Motorcycle Club. OMC Members in good standing are allowed to use the OMC Colors as follows:
 - a. The name OGRES M/C must appear with the OGRES Crown as stated in Section 1 (c) of US trademark agreement.
 - b. Supporter items will never have the OMC Colors appear on the back of any clothing item and are never to be fashioned in such a way as to resemble OMC members Colors.
 - c. The production and sale of items with the OMC Colors for members may be done to benefit the Club, not any individual member(s).

Article 9 OGRES Motorcycle Club Vest Colors

Section A. **OGRES MC Colors Vest Specifications and Layout**

1. For the primary required vest, members will wear the OMC vest Colors on black or brown leather vests only.
2. For a secondary summer weight vest, members will wear the OMC vest Colors on black, brown or blue denim vests only.

3. No red linings are allowed on any vests.
4. OMC Colors shall never be worn on a jacket. The OMC Colors are only to be worn on authorized vests. The vest should be worn on the outside when coupled with a jacket.
5. Back of Vest:
 - a. The top of the back patch will be centered on the upper part of the center panel of the back of the vest.
 - b. No other patches or pins are allowed on the upper shoulder panel or in the center panel reserved for the OGRES crown back patch.
 - c. Pins and patches are allowed outside the aforementioned areas of the back of the vest.
6. Left Front of Vest:
 - a. The OGRES chest patch will be positioned on the left upper chest area of the vest or just above the chest pocket of the vest (if your vest is so equipped). The OGRES chest patch will be attached to the left side of the vest.
 - b. The remainder of this side of the vest is available for patches and pins of the members choosing. The patches and pins should be of good taste and should positively represent the high standards of the OMC.
7. Right Front of Vest:
 - a. If you are a Club Primary or Optional Club Officer, the appropriate rank patch will be positioned on the right upper chest area of the vest or just above the breast pocket of the vest (if your vest is so equipped).
 - b. The remainder of this side of the vest is available for patches and pins of the members choosing. The patches and pins should be of good taste and should positively represent the high standards of the OMC.

Article 10
OGRES Motorcycle Club Amendments and Appendices

Amendment One

Emeritus Member Standards

OGRES MC Emeritus member status is granted by unanimous consent of the OMC members in good standing.

Eligibility for OGRES MC Emeritus status is determined by the President, Vice President and Sergeant at Arms.

OGRES MC Emeritus members are not eligible to pay yearly dues and are prohibited from doing so.

OGRES MC Emeritus members are eligible to attend the OGRES mandatory meetings and barbecue events but it is not mandatory for them to attend.

OGRES MC Emeritus members are not eligible to participate in the OGRES sanctioned Fall, Spring or Summer Runs.

OGRES MC Emeritus members are eligible to wear the OGRES sanctioned cuts/colors as long as they display the "EMERITUS" patch in the designated place on the vest. The patch will be furnished by the OGRES Motorcycle Club. However, the wearing of the cut is not mandatory.

OGRES MC Emeritus members are not eligible to vote in any OGRES MC affairs.

OGRES MC Emeritus members are not required to own an OGRES MC Bylaws approved motorcycle.

Appendix A



APPENDIX B

Prospects

1. A guest who has been given an invitation to “prospect” by the Club President and who has accepted the invitation.
2. Prospect must be ratified by a unanimous vote of all members.
3. E-mail notification, via the blog, shall be sent to all members.
4. Must be 45 years of age or older.
5. Must own a Harley-Davidson, Victory or Indian motorcycle.
6. Must be of the male gender.
7. Probationary period will vary depending on the prospect’s background, exposure to the Club members and how well the prospect was previously known by Club members.
8. Prospects ride at the back of the pack.
9. Males who meet the above conditions may attend OGRES MC meetings and functions in a solo manner.

Guests

1. Anyone who does not meet the above conditions of a prospect.
2. May attend OMC Sanctioned rides only if:
 - a. Approved beforehand in a timely manner by the **Club President**.
 - b. Is accompanied by the inviting Club Member.
 - c. Guest will always ride at the back of the pack accompanied by the inviting member.
3. Guests shall not be invited nor shall they ever attend OMC mandatory meetings.
4. Club members should use strong discretion and careful screening as to who they invite to OMC sanctioned rides and events. They should the following criteria (not exhaustive):
 - a. How well will the guest fit in with the rest of the Club members?
 - b. What does the guest ride as a motorcycle?
 - c. What is the guests riding style and how long have they been riding?

APPENDIX C

Leader of the Pack

Be predictable and smooth.

Have a basic pre-ride briefing outlining rest stops, lunch stop and such.

Designate lead and sweep.

Don't pull out from any stop until everyone can do so safely. Avoid "speed racer" acceleration and unnecessary passing movements.

Accelerate and decelerate slowly and gradually to avoid yo-yo and accordion effects. This includes initial movements and speed limit signs.

Allow the group to "bunch up" at controlled intersections when possible before proceeding.

Don't pull over until it can be done predictably and with enough room for all.

Don't pull out until it can be done predictably and with enough room for all.

Go the speed limit or, at most, 5 above depending on road and traffic conditions unless group is previously advised.

Don't leave anyone behind due to speed or ability. No reason for anyone to have to catch up.

If all riders don't make it through a controlled intersection, the group will slow down in the right hand lane or pull over if roadway does not allow.

The Leader's directions override everyone else unless there is danger involved.

Be predictable and smooth.

A few notes on leading. You could become the leader at any time. Unexpected turns, the bike at the back waits, etc.