

DOWN & DIRTY OFFROAD

Down & Dirty Offroad Club By-Laws

Article I - Name

1. This organization shall be known as the Down & Dirty Offroad Club and is organized as a Non-Profit Organization within the State of Illinois.

Article II – Objectives

1. The Down & Dirty Offroad Club is organized as a non-profit organization for the purpose of:
 - a. Providing social, educational, and recreational activities for its membership.
 - b. Participating in and supporting civic and environmental activities for the betterment of the community.
 - c. Promoting the sport and pastime of four-wheel drive travel in all phases.
 - d. Enjoying and protecting the natural resources and support the multiple use principle as it applies to public lands.
 - e. Promoting interest in and ownership and driving of four-wheel drive vehicles.
 - f. Promoting, organize and hold outings, meetings, runs, excursions, reliability trials, hill climbs, cross-county trips and similar events.

Article III – Membership and Dues

1. Owners of all make and models of four-wheel drive vehicles are eligible for membership in the Down & Dirty Offroad Club. (Management may grant exceptions)
2. Each membership includes the immediate family*, however, voting power is restricted to one vote per dues paying member eighteen years of age and over.
 - a. *Unless family member wishes to register his/her vehicle with the Club separately.
 - b. Membership includes a single member having multiple vehicles.
3. All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion whether in or out of Club activities. Any members disgracing themselves in the public eye will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Club, subject to decision of club management.
4. Applicants for membership must be at least eighteen years of age (exceptions may be made by decision of the management with parental consent), must hold a valid driver's license, and must have a minimum of property liability (PL) & property damage (PD) insurance coverage on their vehicles.
5. An application form must be completed and sent to management along with remittance for the current year's dues before membership may be granted. Following review of each application by management, the applicant will be notified as to their acceptance.
6. Dues for this organization shall be \$30 per membership per year, payable in advance. Any member whose dues are two months in arrears shall be dropped from the roles of this organization.
7. Membership renewal will fall on two payment dates will be provided by management on the bases on the join date of each member.

- a. Members whose join date falls from January 1 to June 30 will renew dues in a group in March at the monthly meeting.
 - b. Members whose join date falls from July 1 to December 31 will renew dues in a group in July at the monthly meeting.
8. Any member absent from all club functions, meetings or trail rides, within a year of membership shall be dropped from the roles of this organization. Management may grant exceptions.
9. All personal expenses such as additional t-shirts, decals, etc., that are not covered in the membership dues shall be born by each individual and are not to be arranged for in any manner by the club.
10. Resignation of any member shall be in writing and submitted to the club management.
11. When a member no longer possesses a four-wheel drive vehicle, their membership in this organization shall terminate. Management may grant temporary exemptions.
12. Any member violating the club bylaws, regulations, forum rules and club values will be granted one verbal warning by management about their actions. If violations continue to occur, membership will be terminated without refund of dues.

Article IV – Club Meetings

1. Meetings of the membership of the Down & Dirty Offroad Club shall be held monthly at such times and places as designated by management.

Article V – Management

1. The management of the Down & Dirty Offroad Club shall consist of a Management Team. It shall be their duty to draw up agenda for all club meetings.
2. No manager shall be added to the club except by the vote of the majority of the entire membership of the club and two-thirds vote of current club managers.

Article VI - Voting

1. Management has discretion on what will be voted on.
2. No content in bylaws or forum etiquette will be eligible for vote.
3. Voting will take place at club meetings and on voting forum during time of vote.
4. Vote results will be posted and available to club within 1 day of vote.
5. Management can veto any club vote with 2/3 managerial vote.
6. A limit of 1 ballot will be used per member.
7. Only official paid members will be allowed to vote.

Article VII – Expenditures and Finance

1. All monies received from all sources shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer to be deposited in the checking account of the Down & Dirty Offroad Club.
2. No withdrawal from funds shall be made without the approval of the management. All expenditures shall be made by check or debit card, and all checks must indicate purchase.

Article VIII – Events

1. All events shall be subject to the approval by management. Events will be under the direction of a Trail Leader appointed by management.

2. All events consisting of two or more official club members will be considered official club events and shall be treated as such.
3. All events must be conducted in an orderly manner and with safety as the prime factor.
4. Anyone determined to be under the influence of alcohol or mind-altering drugs during any club event is subject to immediate dismissal from the club.
5. All members are responsible to the direction of the appointed Trail Leader and his/her appointed assistants throughout the determined duration of an event.
6. Any events held on private property must have property owner permission, and will be subject to liability releases.
7. Members must take full responsibility for their guests and have parental permission if such guests are under the age of 18.
8. All members and guests participating in an event shall abide by the Motor Vehicle Code of the State concerned, and by the laws and regulations of the city, the county, or the circumstances involved.
9. During club sponsored trail rides, members in good standing may invite as many guests as their vehicle will carry, but no more than one guest driving an additional off-road vehicle that has passed our technical inspection. This will assure that no club sponsored trail ride has too many participants, which affects the convenience and safety of those participating. Additionally, members inviting a guest driving his/her vehicle shall notify the Event Coordinator of this guest prior to the trail ride. When a given trail ride is particularly popular (i.e. Many vehicles are expected) the Event Coordinator may ask members to refrain from inviting additional guests with their own vehicles. Note: waivers obtained from all guests should be covered elsewhere in the by-laws.
10. All vehicles must adhere to the official club off-road requirements to participate in any off-road events sponsored by the club.
11. All event participants must read and sign the club waiver form before entering any off-road park. This form must be signed, dated and turned in to the Trip Leader before any organized off-road competition occurs.

Article IX – Rules and Procedures

1. Unless otherwise specified, Robert’s Rules of Order (Revised) shall govern parliamentary procedure.

Article X – Amendments

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of managers at a regular business meeting. Any amendment to the By-Laws must be presented to the membership.

Elected and effective as of January 1, 2010.