

CHARTER and BYLAWS

Great Salt Lake Chapter of Northern Utah

Spyder Ryder of America

CHARTER

ARTICLE I – NAME & TERRITORY

The name of this organization shall be known as “Great Salt Lake Chapter of Northern Utah”, organized and established in Salt Lake County Utah as the 27th chapter of Spyder Ryder of America. This organization is a Can-Am Spyder riding and social chapter and is a non-profit organization.

Territory is defined as the Greater Salt Lake Valley and all of Northern Utah including counties of Salt Lake, Tooele, Davis, Utah, Morgan, Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Weber, Summit, Wasatch, Duchesne, Uintah, Daggett, Juab, Sanpete, and Carbon. Potential members are not limited to being residents of these counties to be considered for membership.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

1. **PURPOSE:** These By-Laws are written to protect and preserve the integrity of the organization and its membership. This organization will operate and conduct itself in a manner providing equal opportunity and treatment for all riders, as well as promote responsible motorcycling activities for Spyder Ryder of America (“SRA”) members by conducting chapter activities and encouraging participation in other SRA events. Activities and operations will be conducted in a manner consistent with family-oriented non-political philosophy.
2. **GOALS:** The goal of this organization will be to establish and maintain the spirit of friendship to enhance the prestige of all Spyder riders, mentor and encourage on-going rider education, skills, development, and the sharing of America’s highways. Goals will also include seeking to enhance the local community relationship in the Greater Salt Lake Valley area through charity and community service. Members are encouraged to participate in such events and support the organization’s objectives, and to set an example in safe and legal riding practices to safeguard the safety and welfare of all.
3. **OBJECTIVES:** The organization will be ready to advise, promote, assist, and support members in safe riding practices, establish an effective means of communication with all members, promote rider skills enhancements and enrichment through effective mentoring, provide members with motorcycle safety training, introduce new riders to the organization, and provide a family-oriented atmosphere to all members and riders.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

SECTION A – QUALIFICATIONS FOR “PATCHED” MEMBERSHIP:

1. Applicant must “participate” on a Can-Am Spyder Motorcycle to apply for “Patched” membership.
2. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
3. This means that a spouse or significant other “participating” on a Can-Am Spyder can apply for a “Patched” membership.
4. Participate in at least two rides and at least one membership meeting so our members feel comfortable sponsoring you and voting to accept you as a member.
5. Applicant must be sponsored by an existing “**patched**” member.
6. Must maintain a valid driver’s license with appropriate endorsement to ride applicant’s choice of motorcycle.
7. Must maintain appropriate insurance to operate applicant’s choice of motorcycle as required by local law.
8. Must understand, agree to accept and practice safe group ride protocol to include hand signals as outlined in SRA-GSL club’s web site.
9. Must understand, agree to accept and practice rules set forth in SRA-GSL club’s charter and bylaws as outlined in our club’s web site.
10. There are no annual dues.
11. Applicant pays the appropriate one-time application / membership fee as described (**Below**).
12. **ONE TIME APPLICATION FEE.** An application fee (\$10) to process this application is applied to a total membership fee / cost of (\$50) which includes the cost of your SRA-GSL Club Patch and Chapter Rocker. Membership does not require an annual dues fee so the \$50 membership fee is your only fee. Application fees are non-refundable after your application has been processed.
13. Must understand, agree to accept and sign our club’s “Release from liability” statement (**Below**).
14. **RELEASE OF LIABILITY STATEMENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE SRA SALT LAKE CHAPTER.** Applicant (on my behalf and on the behalf of my heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assignees) hereby release the SRA-GSL (Spyder Ryders of America – Great Salt Lake Chapter), it’s organizers, members, and other participants from any and all claims and demands, rights and causes of action of any kind what-so-ever which I now have or later may have resulting from, arising out of or in connection with my participation in SRA-GSL).

SECTION B - QUALIFICATIONS FOR “ASSOCIATE” MEMBERSHIP:

1. “Associate” members can participate on vehicles other than Can-Am Spyders.
2. Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
3. Must participate in at least two rides and at least one membership meeting so our members feel comfortable sponsoring you and voting to accept you as a member.
4. Applicant must be sponsored by an existing “**patched**” member.
5. Must maintain a valid driver’s license with appropriate endorsement to ride applicant’s choice of motorcycle.
6. Must maintain appropriate insurance to operate applicant’s choice of motorcycle as required by local law.
7. Must understand, agree to accept and practice safe group ride protocol to include hand signals as outlined in SRA-GSL club’s web site.
8. Must understand, agree to accept and practice rules set forth in SRA-GSL club’s charter and bylaws as outlined in our club’s web site.
9. There are no annual dues.
10. Applicant pays the appropriate one-time application / membership fee. An application fee (\$10) to process this application is applied to a total “**Associate**” membership fee / cost of (\$25). Membership

does not require an annual dues fee so the \$25 membership fee is your only fee. Associate members do not receive Club Patches or Chapter Rockers so there is no fee to purchase patches. Application fees are non-refundable after your application has been processed.

11. Must understand, agree to accept and sign this **“Release from liability”** statement. **RELEASE OF LIABILITY STATEMENT TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE SRA SALT LAKE CHAPTER.** Applicant (on my behalf and on the behalf of my heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assignees) hereby release the SRA-GSL (Spyder Ryders of America – Great Salt Lake Chapter), it’s organizers, members, and other participants from any and all claims and demands, rights and causes of action of any kind what-so-ever which I now have or later may have resulting from, arising out of or in connection with my participation in SRA-GSL).

ARTICLE III – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

SECTION A - Membership Suspended or Revoked: Membership may be suspended or revoked at the discretion of the Executive Committee by a **“unanimous”** vote for the following:

1. Fighting, bullying, or hazing.
2. Illegal Gang Affiliation and/or Participation.
3. Threats of harm to others.
4. Conviction of participating in a felony Crime.
5. For conviction of a DUI/DWI.
6. For consumption of any amount of any substance that would or could be associated with DUI (Driving Under the Influence) state statues **“Before or During”** any club event.
7. **Note that there is no rule in our bylaws pertaining to consumption of said substance “after” an official event concludes.** Reaching the stated destination of an event is considered the official end of the official ride. Members are on their own after reaching an event’s destination.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – Officers, their duties and removal from office

SECTION A – Although club members are encouraged to invite their friends to join them on rides (Regardless of brand of motorcycle), this is a “SpYder” Motorcycle Club and the elected, “executive” officers that determine club direction and manage club events will always be SpYder owner / operators.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. The three “elected” officers (President, Vice President / Safety and Secretary / Treasurer) are referred to as the “Executive Committee”.
2. The Executive committee votes on matters of business management to include determining the wording of all documents used to manage the club’s business functions.
3. The Executive Committee also votes on issues relevant to enforcing the club’s bylaws.

PRESIDENT:

1. Presides over and coordinates all other officers.
2. Determines and creates agendas for and presides over Executive and Membership Meetings.
3. Votes only as a tie breaker to determine the outcome during a meeting of the Executive Committee.

4. Represents and is spokesperson for the club for public relation functions.
5. The President is the primary communicator of news related issues with the general membership.

VICE PRESIDENT / SAFETY COORDINATOR:

1. The V.P. covers for other “Elected” officers in their absence.
2. The V.P. takes the lead on safety related issues and coordinates with the “Road Captain” to insure safety is top priority at all club events.

SECRETARY / TREASURER:

1. The Secretary / Treasurer maintains an organized system for archiving club documents.
2. Maintains up-to-date club rosters as determined to be necessary.
3. Maintains record keeping functions pertaining to all club financial transactions.
4. This officer is the primary signature on all financial transactions as determined by the Executive Committee.

SECTION B – Un-elected / Non-executive officers are volunteers who are appointed by the “Executive Committee” to provide specific functions as needs are determined.

WEB-MASTER:

1. This is the “non-executive / appointed” officer tasked with maintaining the club’s web site as needs are determined by the Executive Committee, Ride and Events Committee and or our club’s Historian.

HISTORIAN:

1. This is the “non-executive / appointed” officer tasked with coordinating the collection of photos and ride reports depicting historical club events to be shared with members and the general viewing public.

ROAD CAPTAIN:

1. Is the “non-executive / appointed” officer that coordinates between the Ride Committee Spokesperson, V.P Safety Officer and Ride Leaders to insure rides are planned and executed to maximize safety and fun.
2. Must ensure that Ride Leaders are knowledgeable and fluent in all matters having to do with the club’s “accepted Ride Protocol” so as to assure rides are kept safe.
3. Must provide Ride Leaders with ride event criteria necessary to plan their rides.
4. Must follow up to see that such information is passed on to the club’s Web-master in time to promote the rides.
5. Must coordinate with the V.P. / Safety officer to insure the First Aid kit is carried on rides.
6. Note that the actual “Ride leaders” are totally in-charge of their own rides and that their chosen Tail-Gunners and Sweeps only answer to them (The Ride Leader that sponsored the ride) during the ride and not to the Road Captain or any other officer.

SPOKESPERSON FOR THE RIDE AND EVENT COMMITTEE:

1. This “non-executive / appointed” officer coordinates with Ride and Event Sponsors to develop the clubs ride and events schedule.
2. This officer coordinates with the Ride Captain and Executive Committee to create the club’s Ride Protocol Document.

3. This officer coordinates with the President and Ride Captain to provide members with updates to scheduled rides through both the Web-site and timely newsletters.
4. This officer works with the in-coming Ride Committee Spokesperson to develop a detailed year-end critique of the ride season to be used in planning the upcoming season.

SECTION C – Removal of officers

REMOVING OFFICERS:

1. Non-Executive / Appointed officers can be removed, replaced or a new position created by a Unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.
2. Executive Officers can be removed through due process with a written request and a 60% approval from the membership.

ARTICLE II - Elections, voting and meetings.

SECTION A - ELECTIONS AND VOTING:

1. Annual elections are held each year during the 4th quarterly meeting.
2. Current Patched and Associate Members vote.
3. Members under suspension do not participate.
4. Elections are by ballot and by majority vote.

SECTION B - ELECTING EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

1. Only Patched members can be “elected” to hold an “Executive” officer position.
2. All elected officers serve a twelve-month term.
3. Executive positions can only be held by the same officer for two consecutive years as long as there is another member willing to serve.
4. Multiple Family members can-not hold “Executive” Officer positions in the same year as long as there is another member willing to serve.

SECTION C - NON-ELECTED / NON-EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

1. Both Patched and Associate members are eligible to hold Non-executive, appointed Officer positions.
2. Non-executive, appointed positions can be held indefinitely.
3. Non-executive officer positions can be held by family members.

SECTION D - MEETINGS:

1. Quarterly Meetings are pre-scheduled and posted prior to the ride Season.
2. Executive Officers meet as needed.
3. Ride and Event Committee Meetings start as soon as a Committee Spokesperson is appointed and as often as needed in-order to have the Ride and Event Schedule in Rough Draft prior to the 1st Quarterly meeting of the up-coming season.

ARTICLE III – Rules and Regulations.

SECTION A - ENFORCEMENT:

1. Rules and Regulations are created, amended and enforced as needed by the “Elected” Executive Committee.
2. Only current rules that have been written into the Club by-laws are enforceable.
3. Revisions can take place annually by the in-coming administration, but must be done prior to the ride season in-which they would be enforceable.

SECTION B - ALCOHOL:

1. Consumption of alcohol and or any substance that could be legally associated with DUI in any amount is strictly prohibited **BEFORE** and or **DURING** all club ride events.
2. Consumption of same said alcohol or substance **AFTER** arriving at a club ride’s scheduled destination is not a matter to be controlled by our club’s by-laws.
3. Offending members will not be allowed to continue riding in the official Ride Column.
4. Continuing on to the club’s destination will be on the offender’s own and separate from the group and without club sanction or liability.

SECTION C - ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Engaging in or participating in any illegal activity that results in a Felony conviction is grounds to have a membership reviewed, suspended or revoked at the discretion of the Executive committee.

SECTION D - RESPECT:

1. Members and or guests failing to respect other members and or guests through physical or verbal abuse will be asked to leave and referred to the Executive Committee for disciplinary action.

SECTION E - DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

1. Official disciplinary action should be a last resort.
2. All disciplinary action is through due process starting with a written complaint and ending with a resolution by the Executive committee in unanimous agreement.
3. The accused is presumed innocent and is given an opportunity to defend his or her self before disciplinary action is determined to be or not to be necessary.

ARTICLE IIII – Attendance and participation

*It is understood that all members have lives and commitments outside of the club that will determine their availability to participate. It is incumbent on our organization / club to provide an atmosphere that promotes participation. With that said, **it is always appreciated when we support each-others efforts.***

ARTICLE V – Dissolution of Charter

If at any time, dissolution of these by-laws and charter of our chapter is determined by a majority vote of our participating membership, funds remaining within the chapter’s established bank account, will be donated to a

*charity to be determined by the executive officers currently serving at the time of the dissolution. **The Account will be closed at that time and the club will no longer exist.***

THIS, THE JANUARY 2018 REVISION TO OUR CLUB CHARTER AND BYLAWS was prepared to promote ***Simplicity, Safety and Fun***. These revised documents are hereby approved and adopted by our club's existing Executive Officers.

- *President: Pam Frazier*
- *Vice President-Safety Officer: Anastacia (Sassy) Lazowski*
- *Secretary-Treasurer: Leigh Cowley*