

GATOR BOYZ MUDDING AND OFF-ROAD CLUB
Official Bylaws

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ARTICLE I

Name and Mission Statement

1. Name: This organization shall be known as Gator Boyz Mudding and Off-road Club. Within these bylaws, the name has been shortened to “Gator Boyz” or “Club” for easier reading.
2. Mission Statement: Gator Boyz Mudding and Off-road Club is a group of off-road enthusiasts that want to share their love of off-road activities.
3. Gator Boyz Mudding and Off-Road Club is organized as an organization for the purposes of:
 - a. Providing social, educational, and recreational activities for its membership.
 - b. Participating in and supporting civic activities for the betterment of the community.
 - c. To maintain and encourage off-road, four-wheel activities with regards to the tread lightly policy.

ARTICLE II

Membership

1. Owners of all makes and models of four-wheel drive vehicles are eligible for membership in Gator Boyz. The total number of memberships shall be determined by the Board at such time that the organization becomes unmanageable. 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 the Board Members.
2. Applicants for membership must possess a valid driver’s license and comply with all state laws regarding insurance and any other regulations. Exceptions to these conditions can be voted on by Board Members, such as under-aged, learner permits, etc.... An application form must be completed and sent to the Board Members along with remittance for the current years dues before membership may be granted. Following review of each application by the Board Members, the applicant will be notified as to their acceptance or rejection. The Board does not have to disclose the reason for rejection with the applicant.
3. Applicants’ vehicle will be inspected during application process. If vehicle is questionable, 3 officers must inspect and vote on whether it falls under club bylaw guidelines. The majority vote determines applicant’s eligibility.

4. Members who adopt and sign the Gator Boyz by-laws shall be known as members of the club.
5. Members have a two (2) meeting and two (2) events per year participation requirement. Event participation must be in a club action capacity, i.e. active participation, not just attendance of event. (See MEETINGS and EVENTS sections for details.) Military personnel can be given extended leave options due to service (i.e. deployment). Profession schedule related exceptions can be made with approval of board members.
6. Members shall immediately notify the Secretary of any change of address, mailing address, or telephone number.
7. Resignation of any member shall be in writing and submitted to the Secretary. Likewise, removal of member can be done by simple majority of the board members.
8. Classes of Membership:
 - a. Charter members: Charter members are the founding members that ratified the bylaws and signed Gator Boyz into existence on 11/3/15. They are not required to pay dues, but are asked to do so. This rule is due to time and money they donated to initially start the club.
 - b. Full Family Membership: Full Family Membership shall have all rights and privileges granted by the club by-laws and will count as one vote for the family. A family for full family membership is defined as spouse and minor children. Both spouses of family each have a vote.
 - c. Combined membership: A legally married couple may have a combined membership, and both spouses each have a vote.
 - d. Common law marriages are not recognized by Gator Boyz as eligible for a combined membership. In common law marriages only the paid member has a vote.

Dues

1. Dues for Gator Boyz shall be \$60.00 per fiscal year per family or individual.
2. Any member whose dues are three months in arrears shall be dropped from the organization. Nothing herein contained shall prevent reinstatement of a delinquent member upon payment in full of their dues, together with a reinstatement fee of \$10.00 providing a membership vacancy exists.

ARTICLE III

Meetings

1. Monthly club meetings shall be held the first Tuesday of every month.
2. Monthly club meetings will be at such places as may be designated by the board members.
3. Meeting minutes will be read at the start of the following meeting. Under special circumstances, minutes can be sent and read via email.
4. Special meetings: special meetings are meetings called by board members to discuss and vote on special circumstances. If five (5) board members attend, three (3) votes are required for decision. If seven (7) board members attend, four (4) votes are required for decision.
5. Special case actions may not require a meeting, and may be sent via email for vote.

ARTICLE IIIII

Administration and Officers

1. Officers of Gator Boyz shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sargent-at-Arms. These five (5) officers shall be known as the Board of directors. Once membership numbers permit, two (2) additional members shall be added for a total of seven (7). It shall be their duty to draw up agenda for all membership meetings, assume whatever duties necessary in cases of emergency. No officer shall be elected to the club except by vote of simple majority of the present members at vote in meeting. Special posts may be created as needed to support the board, based on membership consent and board approval.
2. An office is held for one (1) year term, and can only be held for two (2) years maximum. An officer must wait a span of two (2) years after two (2) terms of office before being voted back into same office.

ARTICLE V

Duties and Powers of Officers

1. The president shall preside over all membership and board meeting and be present to all events when possible. He shall be the executive officer and shall have the duty to

carry out all the policies and decisions of the Board of Directors. He will be notified of all club expenditures that the Treasurer makes.

2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of the President, serve in that capacity. He shall also perform any duties assigned by the Board of Directors.
3. The Secretary shall keep and preserve all records and minutes of the meeting and the Board meetings, shall assume the responsibility of ledger roll call and determine the number of voting members present, so it may be known if a quorum is in attendance, shall receive and answer all general correspondence pertaining to the organization, shall keep a file system of membership. Shall sign checks with the Treasurer in the event the President and Treasurer are members of the same family.
4. The Treasurer shall keep accurate and complete records of the funds and the accounts of the club and shall collect all dues and maintain a record thereof. They shall make only such disbursements from the funds of the organization as are directed by the Board of Directors and article VIII thereof.
5. Sargent at arms shall maintain peace at all meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Expenditures and Finance

1. All money received from all sources shall immediately be turned over to the Treasurer for deposit.
2. All money from events shall be deposited into the club checking account within five (5) business days unless deemed otherwise by the board.
3. No withdrawal from the funds shall be made without approval of the Board of Directors. Single expenditures in excess of \$50.00 must have approval of the majority of voting quorum of the membership. All expenditures shall have a receipt; they shall be itemized separately stating the amount of each.
4. Two (2) signatures by treasurer, president, or vice president are required on all checks or monies out of account. No pre-signed checks are allowed; officers must meet to sign checks.

ARTICLE VII

Committees

1. Committees shall be designated by the Board of Directors. Each committee shall be assigned by the President, a Director who shall be responsible for its activities and who, with the approval of the Board of Directors, will appoint a committee chairman.

ARTICLE VIII

Elections

1. The membership shall meet and elect officers for each fiscal year at the regular (month) meeting. The newly elected officers shall take office (date). Voting shall be in person or by written proxy.
2. Any member in good standing may nominate one or more candidate for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board of Directors. The candidates for office must in good standing for at least one (1) year of membership. Nominations shall be accepted at the regular (month) meeting. At all elections, nominations may be made from the floor.
3. Balloting for each office shall be in separate successive sequence and is held by secret ballot. All ballots for offices must be counted and checked by two (2) members other than the nominees.
4. A majority of votes cast is necessary for election to an office.
5. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or elected board members, and election shall be called to elect a successor.
6. All nominees must be present at nomination.

ARTICLE IX

Recall

1. Any office of Gator Boyz may be recalled by a two-thirds majority vote of the entire membership.

ARTICLE X

Events

1. All events shall be subject to approval before the Board of Directors. Event shall be under the direction of the Trip Leader appointed by the club.
2. Appointed trip leaders are responsible maintaining one or more trip logs, designating checkpoints on trips, and making sure no one is left behind.
3. All events must be conducted in an orderly manner and with safety as the prime factor. Any member in noncompliance shall be subject to disciplinary actions or dismissal.
4. Any club member involved in any illegal action while representing the club will be subject to termination.
5. Anyone determined to be under the influence of alcohol or mind-altering drugs during any club event will be subject to immediate dismissal from the club. (Exception – alcohol consumption will be allowed at overnight camp sites and only after all vehicles have been secured for the night. Only persons that are allowed to drink by local and state laws will be permitted to do so.)
6. All members are responsible to the direction of the appointed trip leader throughout the duration of an event. No provisions are to be made to permit any member to join an event at any time or location if that provision decidedly interrupts the designated time schedule or plan for the event.
7. Any events held on private property must have the property owners' permission.
8. Members must take full responsibility for their guests, including guests under the age of 18 years old.
9. Members' vehicles must be street legal or competitive rigs respectively, to participate in club events. Vehicles may be inspected by the trip leader or designee to insure its safeness and may be disqualified to attend if found to be mechanically unsafe.
10. All members and guests participating in an event shall abide by the motor vehicle codes of the state concerned, and by the laws and regulations of the city, the county, or the circumstances involved.

ARTICLES XI

Rules and Procedures

1. Unless otherwise specified in these by-laws. Robert's rules of order revised shall govern parliamentary procedure...?

ARTICLES XII

Fines

1. A \$5.00 fine will be assessed to any member found littering at any time.
2. A \$20.00 fine will be assessed to any member found in violation of the safety requirements in ARTICLE XV: Safety Requirements.

ARTICLES XIII

Activities

1. Any activity involving outside club members in association with the Gator Boyz shall meet all eligibility requirements before set activities.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

1. These by-laws may be amended by a vote at a regular membership meeting with at least fifty-one (51) percent of the membership being present and voting. Any amendment to the by-laws must be presented to the membership at the regular meeting that meeting in which the vote is taken.

ARTICLE XV

Safety Requirements

1. All vehicles participating in club events shall be equipped with the following:
 - a. roll-bars (open or removable tops-equipped vehicles)
 - b. Axe or other suitable equipment for removing obstacles along trail or road.
 - c. Bucket (collapsible or something to hold water)
 - d. Shovel
 - e. 3-lb. minimum fire extinguisher
 - f. First-aid kit
 - g. Seat-belts for all occupants.
 - h. Recovery attachment points (front and rear); stock bumper ball mounts are not acceptable. Any receiver hitches must be attached to the frame.

2. All members have two (2) months to comply with these safety requirements after acceptance into Gator Boyz.
3. The above recommended equipment list shall not apply to non-club vehicles participating in any community events.
4. If safety requirements are not met, the following steps will be taken:
 - a. First offense: A verbal warning.
 - b. Second offense: \$20.00 fine.
 - c. Third offense: Not allowed to go on trip or run and possible membership reviewed by board members.

ARTICLE XVI

Liability

1. The officers and/or Gator Boyz Mud and Off-road Club are not and shall not be liable for any injury a member or a guest may receive, nor any damage a vehicle may receive, during a club event or function.

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