

Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club Constitution

ARTICLE 1: NAME AND PURPOSE

We are the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club. Koushin's Cruiserz (hereinafter called "Club") is open to all riders and all types of motorcycles. Discrimination, for any reason, is not tolerated. We are an independent, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to support motorcycle rider's rights and to enhance camaraderie among motorcycle enthusiast. It is the policy of the Club to obey all state, federal and host nation laws. All members of the Club agree to follow the bylaws and ensure those riding with the club (to include prospects, family members and guests), while engaged in club related activities, also abide by those by-laws. Koushin's Cruiserz claim no territory.



ARTICLE 2: OFFICERS AND GOVERNING BODY

Executive Committee: This committee consists of the elected officers of the Club. In the event that the President is unable to fulfill their duties, the Vice President, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary and Treasurer (in that order) will act in lieu of the President in all official club functions.

All officer positions are elected positions. The active membership will elect the offices of President, Vice President, Road Captain(s), Sergeant at Arms, Secretary, and Treasurer consistent with the bylaws. Officers are responsible for representing the organization in the best possible manner. Perceptions of authority are not sufficient cause for the execution of a mandate or edict without the attending club memberships' majority vote.

Officer Responsibilities

President : The President is required to represent the Club in all official matters. The President will preside over all Club meetings. The President and Vice President will also be responsible for coordinating special club activities, such as participation in toy-runs and parades.

Vice President: Will represent the Club and preside over all Club meetings in the President's absence. The President and Vice President will also be responsible for coordinating special club activities, such as participation in toy-runs and parades. The Vice President will also fulfill the duties of any club officer(s) in their absence or if they are not capable of fulfilling their duties.

Sergeant at Arms: The Sgt at Arms is required to maintain club order at all times. If there are disputes within the club the Sgt at Arms will mediate between all parties involved. The Sgt at Arms is also responsible to bring unsafe riding techniques to the attention of any offender and ensure that the Club's rules, constitution and by-laws are enforced.

Secretary: The Secretary is required to keep all Club records up to date. The Secretary will send out ride reminders to the Club membership; maintain a roster of all current members, past members, prospects and associates of the Club; maintain a calendar of club meetings and events; prepare an agenda for club meetings and take minutes at club meetings to be sent to all full club members within 14 days of the meeting.

Road Captain(s): The Road Captain(s) are responsible for choosing the route taken on club runs and leading the ride. While on club runs, if the Road Captain feels that someone is jeopardizing the safety of others, it is their duty to inform the Sergeant at Arms. If the individual continues to ride in an unsafe manner or the Sgt at Arms is not present, the Road Captain will have the authority to ask said individual to leave the group.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is required to maintain all monies and order patches for the club. The Treasurer will also ensure that all members are up-to-date on their club dues.

** Only Officers in the club can order club patches.

ARTICLE 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

Elected officers are responsible for administration of the constitution and enforcement of the bylaws.

While on club rides and/or engaged in club activities (defined as any activity where club colors are worn) all members and their guests must ensure that the club is represented in a positive manner. The violation or perceived violation of any host nation laws will not be tolerated. As ambassadors of both the Club and the United States of America to our host nation, no member or guest will cause discredit to be brought upon the Club or the USA.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all people regardless of age, ancestry, arrest and court record, disability, handicap status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or type of motorcycle owned. Associate membership is available to family members who participate in our way of life. Associate members are those who ride, but do not operate motorcycles in their own right. While "colors" are awarded to associate members, they do not receive the right to vote. Only full-fledge (initiated) members may vote.

Membership in the Club requires the member belong only to the Club and no other (real) motorcycle clubs (Internet clubs and owner's groups, i.e. Harley Owners group, Good Times Owners Club, Vulcan Riders and Owners Club, etc. excluded). No other patch, (colors) or other emblems will be displayed on the back of the vest or jacket along with the Club Patch. (Exceptions noted in the by laws)

ARTICLE 5: METHOD OF FINANCING

The Club is a self-sustaining, nonprofit organization. Club activities are "pay-as-you-go" by the membership

present. Club dues of \$10.00 or 1,000 yen a month will be collected no later than the 15th of each month by the Treasurer. Members will also have the option to pay their dues on an annual basis (\$120/12,000 yen) in January. If a member joins the club during the year, their annual dues will be pro-rated, effective the month they become members. Dues will be collected based on a 12-month year. These dues will be used for the benefit of the club as voted on by the majority of the membership present. Membership approval is not required for certain recurring club expenses, such as maintaining an inventory of club patches. The executive committee may approve the expenditure of club funds, not to exceed \$50 when it would be impractical to wait on a club vote. It is not the intention of the Club or its membership to acquire funds for profit.

ARTICLE 6: MEETINGS

Meetings are held at least quarterly at a time and date designated by the President and advertised by the Secretary. Meetings are open to the general membership unless otherwise specified. Majority rule applies for all votes during meetings. Meetings will follow topics listed on the agenda. The agenda will specify an approximate time limit.

ARTICLE 7: ADOPTION, AMMENDMENTS AND REPEAL OF THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The membership may vote to adopt, amend or repeal the constitution.

ARTICLE 8: DEACTIVATION

Deactivation of this Club requires a majority vote of the entire club membership. The Executive Committee will then liquidate all assets, honor financial obligations, and divide any remaining funds among the last remaining members.

ARTICLE 9: INSURANCE COVERAGE

All members are required to maintain personal liability insurance and current Japanese Compulsory Insurance when required by law. The Club assumes no responsibility for damage or injury caused to or by any members of the club.

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By-Laws

MEMBERSHIP

No one will be denied membership and/or be discriminated against in the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club (hereinafter called the "Club") due to age, ancestry, arrest and court record, disability, handicap status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or the type/ brand of motorcycle they ride.

Individuals joining the Club will pay a one-time processing fee of 10,000 Yen which is NON-REFUNDABLE even in the event of membership termination.

Individuals joining the Club agree to the following requirements:

- A signed application and "Oath /Pledge" must be filed with the Secretary.
- **"Hang Around" time is four (4) club rides. Members must make four (4) club rides per year unless extenuating circumstances prevent the member from riding. I.E. extended TDY, illness etc... A Club ride is defined as a ride where three or more full color-wearing members are present.** (Exceptions will be made by a majority vote of the Membership). Prospective members must ride four times after providing the indication of interest in membership to the Club. After those four rides the prospect will be awarded their prospect patches (top and bottom rocker as well as the "MC" and type of motorcycle they ride indicator patch located on the bottom right and left corner on the jacket or vest). Votes for full membership will take place after the prospect has made a total of four club rides while sporting Prospect patches. Prospects are at the mercy of full Club members until their hell night (full initiation) to the club takes place. A prospect may be given credit for more than one ride based on the distance traveled, time on the road or other unique conditions. Receiving credit for multiple rides requires the approval of all members on the ride, and a majority vote of the entire membership.
- All Club Patches will be worn on a jacket or vest. The patches will be located on the back of the jacket or vest with no other emblems, patches, pins, or embellishments (exception: one small white on black patch with the letters FHB signifying Friendship, Honor and Brotherhood, and one small brand patch are permitted on the lower left bottom of back). **Club "Colors" are required to be worn on ALL official club runs and while participating in the runs of other clubs.** Your club colors may be worn at any time, being mindful that your actions reflect the Club and the motorcycling community. Patches remain the property of the Club.
- Members may maintain affiliations with national and international owners groups, such as the Harley Owner's Group (HOG), Marauder Intruder Group (MIG), Vulcan Riders Owners Club (VROC), etc.
- No member of the Club will allow any non-member to wear the club Colors! (Exception: family of full members may wear club "colors" and are encouraged to do so).

- All members will respect the flag of their country and the flag of their Host Country. Members will also respect all other motorcycle clubs and their colors, and require the same of them.
- The majority vote of the Membership will be designated as the only means of "giving" or "pulling" of club patches.
- Should such actions be determined necessary, the following means of holding the members accountable will be taken:
 - First Offense: Verbal Warning.
 - Second Offense: Verbal and written warning with a copy of the written warning becoming a part of the members file.
 - Third Offense: Review by all Members in regards to membership (Possible termination of membership)
 - Fourth Offense: Pulling of Patches. Termination of Membership. No refund of any dues or processing fee paid.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual harassment includes the unwelcome sexual flirtations, advances or propositions, verbal abuse of a sexual nature, subtle pressure or request of sexual activities, unnecessary touching of an individual, graphic or verbal commentaries about an individual's body sexually, degrading words used to describe an individual, a display of sexually suggestive objects or pictures, sexually explicit or offensive jokes, or physical assault. The Club prohibits such unwelcome conduct.

AFFILIATIONS

The Club has no connection with any other organization, club or business. However, the considerations, benefits and support that may be provided by any business, to the Club is greatly appreciated and reciprocation is available by the club and membership of the club. This is not to be construed as a business relationship.

CHAIN OF COMMAND

The "Chain of Command" in the Club is:

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

SERGEANT AT ARMS

SECRETARY

ROAD CAPTAIN

TREASURER

Term of office for all elected officers will be one year. New officers will be elected at the end of year party or specially designated club meeting, upon the permanent change of station for a military member, the resignation of a club officer, or a general consensus of the club membership that a new officer is needed. There is no limit to the number of terms an individual may serve in an elected position.

SAFETY

All motorcycle riders, riding in the Club, must have a valid operator's license. The motorcycle must be insured, (liability and JCI for military members) safety checked (if applicable), and road ready. No rider (member or guest) will be permitted to ride with the club while the vehicle remains in an unsafe condition or does not have the required insurance. Riding while intoxicated will not be tolerated. If a member is found to be riding while intoxicated their colors and keys will be pulled immediately by any club member present, pending a vote of the club membership! The club believes in personal liberty and expects club members to ride responsibly.

All motorcycle riders/club members will obey Japanese law for safety and safety equipment while operating their motorcycle. Each member is required to wear at the minimum full-length pants, t-shirt, over the ankle shoes, gloves and a DOT or JIS approved helmet.

If a member is found having trouble operating his or her motorcycle in a safe and responsible manner, or is involved in an accident and found to be at fault, that individual can be made to take the MSF safety class or Japanese equivalent in order to continue to wear club colors This would require a majority vote by the club membership. Refusal to take the required course will result in the immediate termination of membership privileges (to include the right to wear club colors).

No member or person with the Club will be left on the road alone. All traffic laws will be obeyed at all times, on all runs.

DISCLAIMER

The Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club, affiliates, officers, and members take no responsibility and accept no liability for any other member's or guest's person, possessions and/or safety while involved in club activities. .

ACCOUNTABILITY

In order for an organization such as the Club to be effective, there must be a means for holding members accountable for their actions. Refusal to comply with or enforce these by-laws, the constitution or the Club's oath and pledge will not be tolerated. It is each member's responsibility to ensure that their guests (to include family members) are aware of and comply with all Club rules and by-laws. Members may be held accountable for their guest's actions

OTHER PROVISIONS

All Club members are encouraged to join motorcycle rights organizations as a show of support for their efforts on behalf of the motorcycling community, and to be aware of up-coming events.

By accepting and signing these By-laws, members agree to obey said BY-LAWS, OATH and PLEDGE and, RULES AND REGULATIONS of the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club. Members also agree to surrender their patches to the President if the Club Membership decides the patch wearer is no longer worthy to wear Club "Colors."

Any item not covered in this document will be decided by a vote of the Club membership.

Voted on by the membership and certified by the executive committee, 11 September, 2004.

John Russell, President

Kelly Schell, Sergeant at Arms

Ken Myers, Secretary

Akira Miura, Road Captain

Ed Fortunato, Treasurer

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OATH AND PLEDGE

I, _____, do hereby take this OATH and PLEDGE of assurance of my goodwill to uphold the Constitution and By-laws of the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club.

To ride with the Koushin's Cruiserz is an honor and a privilege granted to me by my fellow members.

I will wear the colors of the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club with pride and dignity. I will do my utmost to bring respect and honor to the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club. In the event that I should ever disgrace the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club, I will without fail, turn in my "Colors" and loose the privilege of riding with the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club under their "Colors" again.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above statement and By-laws of the Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club.

PRINTED NAME OF APPLICANT

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club

Contact Sheet

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MIDDLE INITIAL: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

HOME PHONE: LISTED / UNLISTED (please circle one)

HOME PHONE / CELL PHONE: OKAY / NOT OKAY to publicize within the Club (please circle one)

WORK PHONE: _____ EXT: _____

MOTORCYCLE INFORMATION

YEAR: _____

MAKE: _____

MODEL: _____

COLOR: _____

CUBIC CENTIMETER OF ENGINE: _____

PLATE NUMBER: _____

*Submit this application and the signed
"OATH and PLEDGE" when applying for membership.*

*Keep a copy of the By-Laws for your records and future reference.
The Koushin's Cruiserz Motorcycle Club
THANKS YOU!!!*