

THE ALLIANCE

The International First Responders Alliance of Motorcycle Clubs

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Alliance is to provide support, networking, education, and brotherhood among like-minded, law abiding motorcycle clubs. The Alliance will promote the best practices, democratic values, and social responsibility among its members. In the spirit of equality and co-operation, The Alliance will endeavor to build and uphold a positive public image by our members and in our communities.



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1. ALLIANCE CORE VALUES

SECTION 1. CORE VALUES – The Alliance is built on the core values of our collective membership.

1. **EQUALITY**
2. **CO-OPERATION**
3. **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**
4. **BENEVOLENCE**
5. **INTEGRITY**

2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

SECTION 2. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES – The Alliance, in **SOLIDARITY** with its members, will strive to insure that the **CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS** afforded to us under the rule of law are known, recognized, and beyond compromise.

1. The right to form clubs and choose membership based upon reasonable criteria.
2. The right to pursue a mission that conforms with the standards of **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** in a law abiding society.
3. The right to choose a logo and display it in the form, and the design of their choosing in compliance with existing copyright and trademark laws.
4. The assurance that all Alliance member clubs are limited in their activities and movements only by the legitimate rule of law in their jurisdictions and enforced only by those with proper authority.
5. The power of a large collective voice in expression of our position in legislative affairs and proper influence in the lawmaking process.
6. The recognition that all members are **EQUAL**. There are no subservient clubs, and mutual respect will be the basis of our **CODE OF CONDUCT**.
7. **INTEGRITY** will guide all Alliance members in their dealings, representations, and relationships.

The Alliance will endeavor to promote and encourage friendship and interaction between member clubs and to promote a spirit of **COOPERATION** between clubs whenever the opportunity arises and some greater good can come of it. The law abiding motorcycle community has been able to perform some impressive feats of **BENEVOLENCE** for those less fortunate. This important part of the mission of the Alliance will not be overlooked.



3. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA (CLUB)

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA –The Alliance is open to all law abiding clubs including, but not limited to:

- MC- Motorcycle Clubs including, but not limited to; LEMC, PSMC, MC with any combination of first responders, and civilian law abiding clubs.
- RC- Riding Clubs
- RA – Riding Associations
- MA – Motorcycle Associations
- Military Service based clubs.

1. Restrictions

- The prospective club, as a whole must state in its mission or by-laws that it is a law abiding organization. This means that the club does not utilize any unlawful means of support, subsistence, or operations. Membership in the Alliance is only open to people and clubs of good character.
- Any material or intentional misrepresentation by any applicant club is grounds for disqualification.
- Membership in the Alliance is not open to any 1% club or declared outlaw club or any 1% or outlaw support clubs. Membership in the Alliance is not open to any club whose stated mission or practices run contrary to the stated mission of the Alliance.

2. Protocol

- Any club wishing to become an Alliance member club will contact the Alliance Advisory Board and request admission. The Advisory Board will collaborate on vetting the applicant club and may consult with anyone necessary to determine suitability of the applicant club. A unanimous vote of the Advisory Board is necessary for induction of any applicant club into the Alliance. Any Advisory Board member voting negative must state his/her reasons for doing so.
- Any Alliance club member who leaves an Alliance member club and wishes to start a new club will be subject to the following requirements in order to be admitted into The Alliance.



1. The original club president must certify that there are no unresolved disputes, criminal charges, or civil lawsuits involving the departing member.
 2. The departing member must have left the original club on good terms.
 3. A unanimous vote of the Alliance Advisory Board members will be required.
 4. Any Alliance Advisory Board member who presides over a club in this situation will recuse himself or herself from a vote.
- Any club wishing to be included and identified as an Alliance member club must sign the Memorandum of Understanding that became effective November 1, 2015. The MOU can be found at <link pending> or upon request will be provided by a member of the Alliance Advisory Board. Any club that signs the MOU will be subject to final ratification by The Alliance after presentation to the Alliance leadership. Notification to the signing club will be made forthwith.

4. MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA (INDIVIDUAL)

SECTION 4. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Alliance recognizes that there are individuals who are not members of an Alliance club, but who may seek to join and/or support The Alliance.

1. The Alliance will allow solo members by individuals who are deemed to be trustworthy and suitable.
2. Any unaffiliated individual who seeks membership in The Alliance must first contact the nearest available Alliance Advisory Board member or Alliance club President who must provide a recommendation that the individual is suitable for recognition by The Alliance and authorized to wear The Alliance patch.

SECTION 5: ALLIANCE MEMBERSHIP TERMINATION

In the event an Alliance member club is accused of misconduct which would result in termination of their membership in The Alliance, they are entitled to the following components of due process.

1. The accuser must submit a complete account of the alleged misconduct including the dates, places and details of the alleged misconduct.



2. Any potential material witnesses should be identified.
3. The Alliance Advisory Board will conduct a thorough investigation and make a good faith effort to corroborate, as factual, the accusation(s).
4. The accused club will be notified in writing via certified mail. This notification shall state the nature of the accusation and the Advisory Board's preliminary finding and/or recommendation.
5. The Advisory Board will, if possible, render a preliminary finding that the allegation(s) can or cannot be sustained.
6. The accused club will have 30 days to respond to the Advisory Board and arrange for a meeting to contest or discuss the allegations.
7. If a sustained finding is decided, a "yea" vote of three fourths of eligible voting board members will be necessary to terminate the accused club's membership in The Alliance.
8. If the Advisory Board votes to terminate the accused club's membership, a certified letter with full explanation of the decision will be sent to the President of the accused club.

6. SCOPE OF GOVERNANCE

SECTION 6: SCOPE OF GOVERNANCE

1. The Alliance will employ a National Advisory Board whose members will be chosen by the founding members. A committee chair will be chosen by the committee members. The Advisory Board will operate in Round Table fashion.
2. The Advisory Board will only have voting and rule making authority as it relates to the business, operation, structure, and function of The Alliance.
3. Matters which may require a vote by the Advisory Board include:
 - Maintenance of The Alliance By-laws. The authority to propose and/or implement changes to the By-laws after vote of Advisory Board members.
 - Screen prospective members/clubs for suitability before granting membership.
 - Oversee adjudicative process regarding members/clubs accused of violation(s) of Alliance By-laws.
 - Monetary/financial matters including collection, accounting, and disbursement of funds..

SECTION 7

7.1 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS



1. The original Advisory Board members were selected by The Alliance Founders. In order to maintain stability during the growth years the existing Advisory Board members will remain in place indefinitely.
2. The Alliance National Advisory Board consists of the Chairman (1 seat), Advisory Board Members (5 seats), and the Regional Emissaries (unlimited seats).
3. Additional Advisory Board members will be added as growth demands.
4. Additional Regional Emissaries will be added as opportunities arise.
5. Any vacancies which may occur on the Advisory Board will be filled by the existing Advisory Board members.
6. Only Alliance member club officers are eligible to serve on the Alliance Advisory Board.
7. The Advisory Board will determine if the Chairman's position will be permanent or rotational.
8. Only a sitting member of the Advisory Board is eligible to serve as Chairman.
9. The Advisory Board Chairman is assigned by the Advisory Board and may only be removed by the Advisory Board or by self resignation from the position.

7.2 ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Any Alliance club officer is eligible to serve on the Alliance Advisory Board.
2. In the event of an Alliance Advisory Board vacancy due to attrition or growth the existing Advisory Board members have the right to select a person to fill the vacant seat.
3. The selection of an Advisory Board member will be done by consensus or by a vote of the board members if necessary.

7.3 REGIONAL EMISSARY APPOINTMENTS

1. Regional Emissaries will be appointed by a consensus of the Alliance Advisory Board members.
2. Regional Emissaries will be chosen from those Alliance Club members who express a willingness to help spread the mission of the Alliance by active diplomacy with those like-minded clubs in their geographical area(s).
3. There is no set number of Regional Emissaries.



4. Regional Emissaries are expected to assist the Advisory Board with information and intelligence advice on prospective Alliance member clubs who may be within their geographic area(s).
5. Regional Emissaries will act as the voice of the Alliance when communicating with clubs in their respective area(s).
6. Regional Emissaries will have voting privileges on Advisory Board matters which may require a vote.

7.4 ADVISORY BOARD CANDIDATE

1. Any eligible Alliance member club officer can apply for a seat on the Advisory Board by submitting a brief resume' outlining their relevant experience and skills. They should particularly express why they want to serve in this capacity and what they would contribute to the overall Mission and Goals of the Alliance.
2. Any current Alliance Regional Emissary who may wish to be appointed to an Advisory Board seat will be considered first when there are multiple applications submitted.

8. MEMBER DUTIES

SECTION 8: ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER DUTIES

Advisory Board members will be expected to represent the Alliance both internally and externally as spokesman, facilitators, and advisors. The duties will include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Be the voice of the Alliance member clubs in their respective region in Alliance business matters.
2. Maintain communication between the Alliance and member clubs.
3. Participate in periodic meetings with other Alliance members, in person, or using electronic media.
4. Document all relevant Alliance meetings, activities, and business matters.
5. Engage in periodic maintenance and revision to the Alliance By-laws and foundation documents.
6. Cast votes on Alliance business matters.
7. Participate in applicant club vetting and induction vote.



8. Assist with the Alliance Annual Conference planning and execution.
9. Assist with planning of educational and informational services of the Alliance for the benefit of Alliance members.
10. Be available to help resolve disputes between Alliance members.
11. Facilitate the Intelligence efforts of the Alliance for safety and security purposes.
12. Represent the Alliance with outside contacts in public relations.

9. PROTECTION CONTINGENCY

SECTION 9: ALLIANCE PROTECTION CONTINGENCY

The Alliance will reserve the following contingency plan in order to protect the integrity of the Alliance and it's stated mission.

1. In the event that any member(s) of the Alliance Advisory Board should attempt to thwart the Alliance by-laws and implement policies or practices that run contrary to the advisory and co-operative mission of the Alliance the Presidents of the member clubs can act to protect the integrity of the Alliance.
2. The club Presidents, in conjunction with the remaining Advisory Board members, can vote to remove the errant member(s). The contingency enactment must be accompanied by a full and clear explanation for the contingency action. Any resulting punitive action or membership termination may be ratified by a vote of ALL eligible Alliance club members.

10. CONFIDENTIALITY

SECTION 10: CONFIDENTIALITY

1. The Alliance members will always be mindful of the need for confidentiality. Any club business which might become part of any Alliance discussion will be kept confidential and not shared with non-essential persons, especially those outside the Alliance.
2. All Alliance members agree to maintain the confidentiality required of intelligence matters which may be shared with them. No Alliance member will divulge the name, address, or other personal information of any Alliance member to any outside party without the express permission of said member.



11. PATCH DESCRIPTION

SECTION 11: DESCRIPTION OF THE ALLIANCE PATCH

The Alliance patch is worn to demonstrate solidarity, brotherhood, and freedom. Any biker who wears the Alliance patch is a member of a nationwide network of independent motorcycle clubs who agree to recognize and support one another based upon the stated core values and mission of the Alliance.

1. The Official Alliance patch is a circular (round) patch with a black background. The border and letter stitching is white. Within the border are the words LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, MILITARY, and EMS.
2. The inner section of the patch contains an upright triangle. Within the top portion of the triangle is the letter "A". In the lower portion of the triangle are four vertical lines in Red, White, Blue and Green which signify the disciplines of public safety and public service which are the core of the Alliance.

12. PATCH AUTHORIZATION

SECTION 12.1 : THE ALLIANCE PATCH AUTHORIZATION

The Alliance patch is authorized for each member of all Alliance member clubs and for any individual who is authorized under the auspices of an Alliance member club.

- The Alliance patch should be worn on the front of the vest.
- The Alliance reserves the sole authority to produce and distribute the official Alliance patch through the producer who will be determined by The Advisory Board. No outside producers or distributors are authorized.

SECTION 12.2 : USE OF THE ALLIANCE LOGO BY MEMBER CLUBS

- The Alliance National Advisory Board reserves the right to allow or deny the use of The Alliance logo for sale on member club items.
- The use of The Alliance logo by member clubs for the purpose of self-identifying as Alliance members is permitted.

SECTION 12.3.: THE USE OF THE ALLIANCE LOGO ON MEMBER CLUBS MERCHANDISE FOR SALE.



- Any club merchandise for sale that includes The Alliance Logo must be approved by The Alliance National Advisory Board prior to sale.
- The logo can only be used on items in conjunction with the logo of the club that wishes to sell the item.
- The design of the item containing the Alliance logo must be pre-approved by The Alliance National Advisory Board.
- The method and range of distribution, along with the target buyers, must be explained in advance.
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SECTION 12.4: USE OF FUNDS RAISED BY SALE OF ITEMS CONTAINING THE ALLIANCE LOGO.

- Any funds raised by sale of items containing the Alliance logo must be earmarked in advance and approved by The Alliance National Advisory Board.
- Items containing The Alliance logo cannot be sold for the pure profit of, or to enrich Alliance member clubs.
- Monetary proceeds from the sale of items containing the Alliance logo can be used to fund charitable causes which are pre-approved by the National Advisory Board.
- The Alliance reserves the right to offer for sale items containing the Alliance logo for the sole purpose of finding the operating costs of The Alliance.

13. PATCH POSITION

SECTION 13: THE ALLIANCE POSITION ON CLUB PATCHES

The Alliance is not a rule making body and does not dictate patch policy to any motorcycle club. The Alliance recognizes the right of its member clubs to design, wear, and display the logo of their own choosing. All Alliance clubs are expected to respect all relevant Patent, Trademark, and Copyright laws.

1. The display of a geographic location is seen as the home location that the wearer wishes to be identified with. This is the right of all citizens and bikers.
2. The Alliance is not concerned with whether the back patch is one piece or multiple pieces. It only matters that the design is an accurate reflection of the orientation and intent of the club, and that it does not seek to mislead others.
3. The Alliance wishes to promote member clubs as socially responsible and family friendly. In this spirit, Alliance club members are expected to refrain from the display of 1% logos, 1% support logos, anything that is profane, obscene, or antisocial, or any promotion of unlawful behavior on their club vest in conjunction with the Alliance patch.



14. ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

SECTION 14: THE ALLIANCE ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Alliance may hold an annual National Conference in the spring or summer of each year. The conference should be hosted by one or more member clubs. Ideally, a central location will be chosen to facilitate ease of travel.

1. The hosting club(s) will accept responsibility for securing a suitable location with accommodations for food, lodging, and meeting space for conference attendees, and assisting with conference logistics. The hosting club(s) should also plan some activities for conference attendees.
2. The costs associated with the conference should be estimated as accurately as possible and communicated to the general membership as soon as possible.
3. At each year's conference, a host(s) and location for the following year should be decided and announced.
4. All conference attendees will be responsible for their own monetary expenses.
5. The Advisory Board will be responsible to develop and implement the agenda and itinerary for the conference. They may consult with Alliance member clubs and recruit outside resources for the benefit of Alliance members.
6. Except in the case of family, health, military or employment obligations, all Advisory Board members are expected to make every effort to attend the annual National Conference. In the alternative, a non-attending advisory board member may make contact with the attending board members electronically in the event their vote or input is needed.
7. The Alliance Annual National Conference is open to ALL Alliance members.

15. POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

SECTION 15: POLITICAL NEUTRALITY

The Alliance, as an organization will employ a doctrine of political neutrality. This means that the Alliance will not endorse political candidates or partisan political ideologies.

1. The Alliance recognizes the wide breadth of political diversity that may be found within the ranks of the member clubs. All Alliance members are encouraged to be as politically active as they may choose to be.



2. In order to maintain decorum within The Alliance, no member will be allowed to utilize the name of the Alliance in conjunction with their personal political pursuits.

THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

16. POLITICAL ACTIVISM

SECTION 16: POLITICAL ACTIVISM

1. The Alliance will from time to time lend its name and/or efforts to influence legislative or regulatory proposal if the resulting law or rule will have some effect on the Alliance or the motorcycling community at large.
2. The Alliance will stay abreast of legislative and government activity and support the lobbying efforts of the various established motorcycle rights groups to contact legislators on a non-partisan basis, to express the opinions and/or positions on matters which may affect or be of interest to the Alliance members.

17. CODE OF CONDUCT

SECTION 17: THE ALLIANCE CODE OF CONDUCT

Give Respect-Get Respect, Claim No Territory, Commit No Crimes, Support the Brotherhood.

The Alliance exists to promote a spirit of cooperation among those law abiding motorcycle clubs including but not limited to: Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Military, and Civilian MCs’.

The purpose is, in part, to distinguish ourselves as socially responsible clubs who live by one code: The Rule of Law. We are held to a higher standard of behavior by the same community who requires this of us in our professional and personal lives.

1. GIVE RESPECT – GET RESPECT

The Alliance recognizes every club’s right to exist without interference or oppression. We expect Alliance members clubs to view each other as equals, with equal rights and responsibilities.

2. CLAIM NO TERRITORY

Alliance member clubs agree to make no claim of control over any geographic area which is public domain. The use and display of any geographic name is reserved for ALL as a means of identifying the affiliation with that place.

3. COMMIT NO CRIMES



Alliance member clubs are expected to be law abiding organizations with law abiding members, who use only lawful means of subsistence, support, and operations.

4. SUPPORT THE BROTHERHOOD

Be an active part of the brotherhood. Get to know your fellow member clubs and show solidarity with them. Keep in touch with them. Attend their functions. Support their causes. Help them when they ask.

These Constitution and Bylaws reflect the original structure, mission, and guiding principles established at the founding of the Alliance in August 2013.

The Alliance was created as a voluntary network of independent motorcycle clubs committed to brotherhood, cooperation, and respect for the rule of law. The purpose of this document is to preserve the clarity of that mission and provide a framework through which Alliance member clubs may work together while maintaining their individual sovereignty.

As the Alliance continues to grow, these bylaws may be maintained or revised through the process outlined within this document. Any changes must remain consistent with the founding principles of equality among clubs, law-abiding conduct, and the cooperative spirit upon which the Alliance was established.

The founding meeting minutes and historical records of the Alliance remain publicly available for reference as part of the organization's commitment to transparency and historical accuracy.

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