



CORVETTE CRUISERS OF ILLINOIS NFP

OFFICIAL BYLAWS

Adopted and Approved by the Membership

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Document status	Official bylaws approved by the membership.
Effect	These bylaws replace all prior bylaws and working drafts.
Policy manual	Routine operating details may be maintained separately in a Board Policy Manual, provided those policies do not conflict with these bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation.

Article 1 - Name and Identity

The name of the organization is Corvette Cruisers of Illinois NFP, also known as CCOI or the Club.

CCOI is an Illinois nonprofit corporation. The Club exists as a Corvette-centered fellowship and charitable organization.

Article 2 - Purpose and Mission

CCOI is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Club's Articles of Incorporation.

The Club uses Corvette fellowship, car shows, cruises, community events, and automotive heritage activities as ways to support its charitable and educational mission. These activities may help CCOI raise funds, educate the public, promote safe and responsible vehicle operation, support veterans, provide scholarships, encourage automotive education, and serve the community.

CCOI may support activities such as:

- veterans programs and veteran service organizations;
- scholarships and educational assistance;
- automotive education, skilled trades, and student opportunities;
- car shows, cruises, parades, and community events that raise funds, educate the public, or support the Club's charitable work;
- charitable fundraising and community service projects;
- safe and responsible vehicle operation;
- partnerships with schools, veterans organizations, Corvette clubs, charitable organizations, and community groups that support the Club's mission.

Club activities shall be conducted in a manner that supports the charitable and educational purposes of CCOI. Social and member activities are an important part of the Club's culture, but they shall not be the primary purpose for which Club funds or assets are used.

No part of the net earnings or assets of CCOI shall benefit any member, officer, director, or private person, except for reasonable reimbursement of approved expenses or payment for services properly approved by the Board in furtherance of the Club's exempt purposes.

No substantial part of CCOI's activities shall involve attempting to influence legislation, and CCOI shall not support or oppose any candidate for public office.

Article 3 - Membership

Membership is open to individuals age eighteen or older who support the purpose and spirit of CCOI.

The Club may use the following membership categories:

- Regular Member - a Corvette owner, co-owner, spouse, or household member connected with a Corvette.
- Associate Member - a supporter, volunteer, former member, widow or widower, community partner, or other person who supports the Club's mission.

Members in good standing may participate in Club activities. A member is in good standing when dues are current and the member is not under suspension.

Each Regular Member in good standing has one vote on matters brought to the membership. The Board may allow Associate Members to hold office by written policy, but the Club should preserve its Corvette identity when doing so.

The Board may set dues, membership categories, application procedures, renewal dates, and communication practices by written policy. Dues are not refundable unless the Board approves an exception.

A member may resign at any time by notifying the Secretary or another officer.

Article 4 - Board of Directors

The Club is guided by a Board of Directors made up of the elected officers. The Board may act for the Club between membership meetings and is responsible for protecting the Club's mission, records, money, reputation, and nonprofit status.

The Board consists of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Governor
- Sergeant-at-Arms

The Board may appoint non-voting advisors or committee chairs when helpful.

Officers serve two-year staggered terms:

- President, Treasurer, and Sergeant-at-Arms are elected in odd-numbered years.
- Vice President, Secretary, and Governor are elected in even-numbered years.

If an office becomes vacant, the Board may appoint a replacement to serve until the next regular election or until the membership elects a successor.

Article 5 - Officer Responsibilities

President. Leads meetings, represents the Club, appoints committees, and helps keep the Club moving in a positive direction.

Vice President. Assists the President, acts when the President is unavailable, and helps coordinate Club programs and committees.

Secretary. Keeps minutes, membership records, official documents, the digital asset register, and the Club's permanent records.

Treasurer. Keeps financial records, receives and pays funds, provides financial reports, and helps coordinate required financial filings.

Governor. Serves as liaison with NCCC or other Corvette organizations when the Club chooses to participate, and assists with inter-club coordination.

Sergeant-at-Arms. Helps maintain order, courtesy, and respectful conduct at meetings and Club functions.

Officers are volunteers and do not receive compensation for serving as officers. Approved expenses may be reimbursed under Board policy.

Article 6 - Meetings

The Club shall hold regular membership meetings, normally monthly, at times and places announced to the members.

Special meetings may be called by the President or by a majority of the Board when Club business requires it.

Members shall receive reasonable notice of meetings where votes will be taken. Notice may be given by email, text message, website posting, newsletter, social media group, or another method commonly used by the Club.

At least two officers must be present for the Board to conduct official Board business. At a properly noticed membership meeting, the Regular Members present and voting may conduct membership business unless these bylaws require a larger vote. The Board may set additional meeting procedures by policy.

Article 7 - Elections

The election process should be simple, open, and fair.

Nominations are announced in September.

Additional nominations may be accepted in October.

Elections are held in November.

A simple majority of votes cast elects an officer unless Board policy provides a runoff process.

Election results must be recorded in the meeting minutes.

Article 8 - Committees and Programs

The President or Board may create committees to help with Club activities, car shows, cruises, scholarships, veterans support, fundraising, grants, membership, communications, and community service.

Committees report to the Board. Committee members do not need to be officers.

The Board may approve charitable programs and partnerships that support the Club's mission, including work with schools, community colleges, veterans organizations, Corvette clubs, civic groups, and other charitable organizations.

Article 9 - Money and Property

The Club's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.

The Treasurer shall keep records of income, expenses, bank accounts, and charitable distributions. The Treasurer shall provide regular financial reports to the Board and membership.

The Board may approve an annual budget and may authorize expenses consistent with Club purposes.

CCOI may maintain reasonable reserves for future operations, charitable programs, insurance, filings, events, and unexpected needs.

Club property, supplies, records, money, and digital assets belong to CCOI and must be turned over when an officer or committee chair leaves office or responsibility changes.

Article 10 - Records and Digital Assets

The Club shall keep records needed to preserve its history, manage its finances, support its programs, and meet nonprofit filing requirements.

Digital assets used for Club business belong to CCOI. This includes websites, domain names, email accounts, social media accounts, cloud storage, donor records, grant portals, filing portals, payment accounts, and similar systems.

The Secretary shall maintain, or oversee, a secure Digital Asset Register identifying important accounts, responsible officers, backup access, renewal dates, and transition steps.

Outgoing officers and committee chairs must transfer Club records, passwords, and administrative access to their successors within thirty days unless the Board sets a different deadline.

Article 11 - Conflicts of Interest

Officers, directors, and committee members shall put the Club's interest ahead of personal financial interest when acting for CCOI.

Anyone with a personal financial interest in a matter before the Board must disclose it before discussion or vote. That person may answer questions but cannot vote on that matter.

The disclosure and the decision shall be recorded in the minutes.

Article 12 - Member Conduct

Members are expected to treat others with courtesy and to represent the Club in a way that reflects well on CCOI, its members, and its charitable work.

If a serious conduct issue arises, the Board may take reasonable action, including warning, suspension, or termination of membership.

Before a final disciplinary decision is made, the member must receive notice of the concern and a fair chance to respond. The Board should handle conduct matters calmly, privately when possible, and with the good of the Club in mind.

Article 13 - Changes to These Bylaws

These bylaws may be changed by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting at a membership meeting, provided the proposed change was shared with members at least thirty days before the vote.

The Board may maintain a separate Board Policy Manual for routine operating details. Board policies may not conflict with these bylaws or the Articles of Incorporation.

Article 14 - If the Club Ever Closes

If CCOI is ever dissolved, remaining assets must be distributed according to the Articles of Incorporation and used only for charitable or public purposes allowed for a 501(c)(3) organization.

No remaining assets may be divided among members, officers, or private individuals.

Certification of Adoption

These bylaws were approved and adopted by the membership of Corvette Cruisers of Illinois NFP on July 9, 2026, and replace all prior bylaws and working drafts.

The approval of these bylaws shall be recorded in the official meeting minutes. A signed original should be retained in the Corporate Command Binder and Digital Records. This public website copy omits officer signatures.

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