



Exiles MC Rules

What We Want to Do

1. We are a bunch of bikers who want to ride our bikes, have fun and not be interfered with by Big Brother or any other organisation.
2. We don't care about the nationality, religion, sex, political persuasion or colour of anyone who rides with us, or what type of bike they ride.
3. We want to organise fun stuff for ourselves that involves biking.
4. We want to ride safe and ensure that our fellow members ride safe too.
5. We want to provide a classy club where things are done properly.
6. We want to keep the membership limited to those who have the same attitude as us.
7. We don't want to make a profit and want to use cash raised within the Club to make it a better Club.
8. We want to be a democratic club where major decisions will be taken by the majority of the members.



Members

1. Members can be one of these types:

Full Member

Bike owner (400 cc or more) with a bike license who has been accepted by the other members by completing a probationary period of 3 months.

Associate Member

The partner of a full member who regularly rides as a passenger of a full member and who has been accepted by the other members by completing a probationary period.

Probationary Member

A biker with a license who is hoping to become a full member by completing a probationary membership period.

Probationary Associate Member

The partner of a full member or a probationary member who regularly rides as a passenger of a full member or probationary member and who is hoping to become a full member by completing a probationary membership period.

2. The Membership period runs from 1 October to 30 September.
3. Unpaid memberships will expire on 1st November. An extra fee will be charged for late payment.
4. Anyone applying for membership will;
 - i. Fill out an application form.
 - ii. Pay a year's subs with their application form.
 - iii. Provide two passport photos.
 - iv. Persuade a full member to sponsor their application.
5. New members will undergo a probationary period while their riding ability/style is assessed by the full members. Their sponsor will show them the ropes and make sure that they know all about riding safely.
6. After a 3-month probation the members will decide whether to accept the applicant as a member, kick them out or extend their probationary period. This will be decided by voting at the first members meeting after the probationary period is up. If the applicants are at the meeting, they will have to leave the room whilst the discussion takes place. If their probationary period is extended, the reasons for it must be explained, where an application is rejected, no explanation is required.
7. All members are expected to ride regularly and take an active part in the Club. (2 big rides a year at least + 2 meetings a year) - Not valid for overseas members.
8. If anyone doesn't behave properly or if the way they ride causes safety hazards to other riders, (considering their riding experience) and if the majority of members present at a members meeting agree, they will be expelled from the club.



Benefits

1. Weekly Club ride.
2. A minimum of one event per month throughout the riding season.
3. Good deals on accommodation, food and booze at hotels on events.
4. Help and advice with riding.
5. Safety manual.
6. Annual Club tee-shirt.
7. Annual Club Membership card entitling the member to discounts from various places.
8. Use of Club communication systems so members can send messages or adverts to other members.
9. Full and associate members can vote for the election of the Committee and on all important issues.

Obligations

1. Subscriptions for all membership types are Dhs 200.
2. Late renewal surcharge is Dhs 25.
3. Subs are paid for the Membership year i.e. 1 October to 30 September.
4. Full subs have to be paid for all new applications made between October and May. Tee-shirt and membership cards will be issued.
5. Applications made between July and September do not require payment until 1 October, but tee-shirt and membership cards will not be issued until then.
6. Membership fees will be paid during the month of September and payment should be made during the monthly meeting. Anyone who cannot attend should give their money to a member who can to pay on their behalf.
7. Under no circumstances will there be a refund of the membership fees.
8. Members pay a deposit of Dhs 300 for their patches, this will be refunded when a member returns their patches to the club.
9. Club patches or other Exiles MC colours must be worn on all club rides and on all other rides where the member represents Exiles MC.



Organisation

1. The Club will be steered by a committee elected each year by a vote at the Annual General Meeting. The committee is there to guide and organise. Members should also contribute to event and other issues by doing something useful and helping the Committee. The Committee will consist of the following:

Club Captain

- Organises and Chairs meetings.
- Makes sure that the Club Rules are followed.
- Makes sure that the Club carries out the wishes of most of the members.
- Organises voting.

Club Vice Captain

- Represents any Committee members during their absence.
- Helps other Committee members as needed.
- Ensures that all members fully understand the Club Rules, if necessary by the use of a translator.
- Ensures that the wishes of the members are adequately communicated to the Committee and other members

Club Scribe

- Keeps the books and looks after the cash. (Can be done by another volunteer)
- Takes minutes at Club meetings.
- Looks after membership records and other Club records.
- Sorts out annual membership renewals and ensures that everybody pays.

Events Officer

- Organises and ensures others organise quality events for members.
- Keeps track of other events of interest to Club members.
- Publicises events in coordination with Club Comms.

Safety Officer

- Ensures that members ride safely and responsibly.
- Gives copies of the safety manual to all new Probationary Members.
- Updates the Safety Manual as necessary.
- Helps or organises help and advice for new and/or inexperienced riders.
- Organises safety training to improve all members' riding skills.
- Checks out probationary members' riding skills and help them to improve if necessary.

Communications Officer

- Keeps a list of members contact details.
- Keeps a Club email account for inter-club communications.
- Acts as the main point of communication within the Club.
- Sends out announcements, minutes and messages between members.
- Maintains the Club's website.

Quartermaster

- Purchases of all the Exiles merchandise; T-shirts, Membership cards, etc...
- Organises and purchases the Club's printed material; Posters, Tickets, Booklets etc...
- Promotes the Club via the media.





Election of the Committee

1. The Committee will be elected yearly by a vote at the Annual General Meeting.
2. Only full members and associate members can stand for election. Members of another motorcycle club or organization such as HOG cannot stand for election due to conflicts of interest.
3. Nominations for committee positions will be closed 14-days before the date of the Annual General Meeting. A list of those people who are standing will be sent to the members 7-days before the Annual General Meeting.
4. Probationers who are still in their probationary period on the date of the Annual General Meeting cannot vote.
5. Voting will be organised by the Club Captain and will be a secret ballot.
6. Members who cannot attend the Annual General Meeting can nominate any other member to vote on their behalf. Proxy votes received by email will be kept confidential.
7. The results of the voting will be announced at the Annual General Meeting and the voting slips will be made available for checking. Email votes can be checked only with the permission of the member making the vote.
8. Anyone nominated or volunteering for the Club Captain's post and not voted in will be automatically entered as a candidate for Vice Captain.

Committee Meetings

1. The Committee will decide when they will meet, depending on what needs sorting out.
2. Members may attend Committee meetings by invitation.



Member Meetings

1. Member meetings will be held monthly if deemed necessary.
2. The Committee will ask the members for approval for their ideas.
3. Decisions will be made by vote amongst the members who are there.
4. Probationary memberships will be reviewed and a decision will be made whether to accept the probationer as a member or to extend the probationary period.

Annual General Meeting

1. The Annual General Meeting will include but not be limited to the following agenda:
 - Club Captain's Report.
 - Presentation of Club accounts by Club Scribe.
 - Review of current Club Rules and proposals for amendments.
 - Voting on proposed amendments.
 - Proposals and questions by Members.
 - Election of the new Committee.

