



SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAPTER NEW YORK H.O.G.® #3439

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BY-LAWS OF SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAPTER NEW YORK HARLEY OWNERS GROUP®, CHAPTER #3439

These By-Laws of Suffolk County Chapter New York H.O.G.® {"the Chapter"} are made and effective April 1, 2017.

1. Organization

- A. This Chapter shall be sponsored by Suffolk County Harley-Davidson, Inc. {"the Sponsoring Dealer"}.
- B. The name of the organization shall be Suffolk County Chapter New York Harley Owners Group®, Chapter #3439.
- C. As stated in the H.O.G.® Chapter Charter; Article I, Section 3: The Chapter exists to develop a closer relationship between the Harley-Davidson rider and the authorized Harley-Davidson Dealership.
- D. The Director and all officers are responsible for upholding the rules and regulations as defined in the H.O.G.® Chapter Charter.

2. Membership

- A. All applicants are responsible for providing proof of their National membership. An expired National membership automatically terminates local Chapter membership and any associated memberships.
- B. Members must have purchased a motorcycle at Suffolk County Harley-Davidson, Inc.
- C. Members shall patronize the Sponsoring Dealer as a business and will be monitored annually. (Parts/GM/Service).
- D. Members must support H.O.G.® and the Sponsoring Dealer events by volunteering a minimum of four (4) times a year.
- E. Members must be involved in the majority (51%) of the Chapter rides and events.
- F. Members are required to wear the Sponsoring Dealer approved H.O.G.® insignia while involved in Dealer/Chapter rides and activities. This is to create awareness as a group, a proud sense of belonging and to promote the Sponsoring Dealer. If you are not wearing the approved insignia with Chapter name, while on a Chapter ride, you must ride at the back of the formation. No support gear for 1% clubs are permitted on Chapter rides or events.
- G. Members may sponsor an applicant who may not meet all required criteria stated for membership. The Sponsoring Dealer will vet and have final approval authority for all sponsored candidates.
- H. Members may not belong to any other local H.O.G.® Chapter.
- I. Memberships are non-transferrable.
- J. The Sponsoring Dealer has the right to terminate a Chapter membership should his/her conduct not meet the Dealerships standards or vision.

K. Membership enrollment will last one (1) year from April 1st to March 31st. Chapter membership enrollment will occur once annually in the month of March.

L. All Chapter members must renew their Chapter membership on an annual basis and must sign the Chapter Membership Enrollment and Release Form each year. A separate Chapter membership application form is needed for each member, whether rider or passenger.

M. The Sponsoring Dealer may keep membership capped for the best interest of the Chapter.

N. Applicants who do not meet all required prerequisites may be accepted on a probational terms. The probational period shall last six (6) months. At the end of the probational period, applicants will be reassessed for full membership enrollment.

O. All members, when riding on a sanctioned Chapter or Sponsoring Dealership ride or event, must ride a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle.

3. Dues

A. Membership dues are used to subsidize the costs of events and to assist in paying or defraying Chapter operating expenses.

B. Membership dues are to be set by the Sponsoring Dealer and shall be \$36.00, annually.

C. All members, probational or full, must remit Chapter dues, in full, by April 30th.

D. Dues are subject to change and are non-refundable, unless membership is terminated due to conduct undesirable or contrary to the vision or standards of the Sponsoring Dealer.

E. Dues will not exceed the maximum amount described in the "Local Chapter Enrollment" section of the H.O.G. Chapter Handbook.

4. Meetings

A. Chapter meetings of this organization shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, starting at 7:00 PM ET and shall be held at Blue Goose, 411 W Main St, Patchogue, NY 11772.

B. Chapter meetings are for members only and closed to the public. Members may request to bring one guest to a Chapter meeting with prior consent from the Director, Assistant Director or H.O.G. Manager.

C. Special meetings of this organization may be called by the Director when he/she deems it for the best interest of the organization. Notices of such meetings shall be emailed to all members at their addresses as they appear on the *Chapter Membership Enrollment and Release Form* at least five (5) days before the scheduled date set for such special meeting.

D. No other business but that specified in the notice may be transacted at such special meeting without the unanimous consent of all present officers.

5. Alcohol Guidelines

A. There will be no consumption of alcohol before or during Chapter ride activities. Alcohol consumption before or during motorcycling activity is not safe responsible behavior. The consumption and use of alcohol is a serious personal responsibility involving the safety and welfare of family, riding friends and the individual H.O.G.® member.

B. The consumption of alcohol after ride activity or at non-riding events may be permitted on a “bring your own” or “buy your own” basis, from a vendor licensed and insured to sell alcohol.

6. Chapter Patch Guidelines

A. The Sponsoring Dealer approved H.O.G.® insignia shall be the “Winged Skull”, as shown in Figure 1. and the sponsoring dealer approved Chapter Name Patch shall be the “Silver Chapter Patch” (silver lettering over black background).

B. All members shall arrange Chapter Name patches, Officer chevrons, Sponsoring Dealer patch and Specialty Chapter patches as shown below in Figure 1.



Figure 1.

C. There are no specific requirements by H.O.G.® where other patches and pins should be placed. The only exception is displaying the USA Flag. It always goes above your name and is the top patch.