



SOUTH FLORIDA JEEP CLUB BYLAWS

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Article 1: Name of Club

- A. This organization shall be known as The South Florida Jeep Club, hereafter referred to as SFJC or the Club.
- B. The club mailing address is 113 SW 4th Street, Hallandale, FL 33309.
- C. The club web site is <http://southfloridajeeclub.org>

Article 2: Purposes

- A. The South Florida Jeep Club is a nonprofit organization for the purpose of mutual enjoyment of owning and using Jeep vehicles.
- B. To provide social, recreation and educational activities for its members.
- C. To support civic activities, to enjoy and protect all state and federal resources.
- D. To adhere to the principles of the Tread Lightly! Program.

Article 3: Membership and Dues

- A. Membership is only open to Jeep owners (see note in Article 10 below). Ownership means: having a bill of sale or title to a Jeep vehicle which is in that person's physical possession.
- B. Each membership includes the principal member's spouse, domestic partner, and /or immediate family. However, voting power is restricted to one vote per family.
- C. All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion during all club activities. Refer to Article 12 for Procedure for Probation or Removing of Members for Misconduct.
- D. Dues will be \$35.00 to join for the first year and \$30.00 per year thereafter. Dues are payable on or before July 1st for a 12 month period. New members joining in the months of December thru June will be assessed dues of \$20.00 for the first year only.
- E. Applicants must fill out and return an official South Florida Jeep Club Application – both paper and web based forms are accepted.
 - 1. A member may withdraw his/her club membership at any time upon filing with the Officers thirty (30) days prior written notice of intention to withdraw, specifying therein the effective date of withdrawal, and by submitting his/her written resignation to the Officers as of such date, accompanied by the surrender of his/her membership card.
 - 2. No withdrawing member shall be relieved of any obligation incurred as a member arising prior to the effective date of such withdrawal.
 - 3. If any member elects to withdraw, he/she will receive no refund of monies paid to the Club and received by the Club prior to the date of withdrawal.

- F. After a person has been a paying member for 10 consecutive years, he/she will become a LIFE member.
- G. A first year member can buy-in to LIFE membership by paying for 9 years membership with his first year dues.
- H. A second year or there after member may buy-in to LIFE membership by paying the rest of the ten year dues at any time.
- I. The SFJC will continue active membership for any club member who may leave this area in support of a national emergency or to serve our country in a foreign land as a member of the active duty military. We would limit this to 3 years and would count toward the 10 year life membership. This offer is limited to military service. Upon return, the member would begin paying dues for the next year
- J. If any member ceases to be a Jeep vehicle owner, then the membership of said member in the Club shall automatically cease with immediate effect.
- K. Upon any termination of membership (for any reason), the member shall surrender his/her membership card to the Club and said member shall be deemed to have waived and disclaimed all rights, if any participation in the Club, or its affairs, assets, or property as of the date of termination.

Article 4: Meetings

- A. Official meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month.
- B. Meetings and trail rides are subject to change.

Article 5: Vehicle Safety

- A. All vehicles on off road events must have adequate equipment for legal operation and must comply with the Club's official 'Minimum Equipment for Trail Rides' document published separately.
- B. Firearms as governed by federal, state and local laws are NOT allowed on trail rides.

Article 6: Alcohol, drugs and other intoxicating substances

- A. Alcohol, drugs and other intoxicating substances are not permitted on trail rides or any Club sponsored event.
- B. Alcohol will only be permitted at campouts or other non-motorized activities.

Article 7: Administration and Officers

- A. The Officers of the South Florida Jeep Club will consist of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, Event Coordinator, and Club Advisor*. (*Special conditions, please see Item F)
- B. Length of office will be 1 year.
- C. Elections will be held each January and new officers to assume their offices in February.
- D. Elections will be held by a private ballot.
- E. Nominations can be presented prior to the January meeting so that the name can be printed on the ballot.
- F. The position of the Club Advisor* is held by:
 1. A Life Member who has been a member for a minimum of 5 years.
 2. The member must have held a previous officer's position for a minimum of 2 years.
 3. The Club Advisor is re-elected every 3 years.
 4. In the event that a Club Advisor moves from the area, steps down, upon their passing, or otherwise is unable to hold the position of Club Advisor, then the

election for a new Club Advisor will be held during the next normal election of Officers. Until such time, a temporary acting Club Advisor can be appointed by the current officers.

*Marty, the original Club Advisor, will continue in his position until such time as he sees fit and decides to resign at which time the above bylaw will take effect.

- G. Officer elections can only be voted by Club members whose membership is current at the time of the November meeting.

Article 8: Duties and Powers of Officers

- A. The President shall preside over the members and shall carry out the policies and decisions of the members. The Club President or his designated representative shall have the power to authorize expenditures of up to \$200 to support club activities. Any expenditure over the \$200 but less than \$500 must be approved by a majority of the Club Officers. Any expenditure over \$500 must be approved by a majority vote of members present at a regular general meeting.
- B. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall serve in that capacity. In addition, he/she will conduct the meeting and bring up all motions at all times.
- C. The Secretary shall keep and preserve all records and minutes of the meetings as well as maintain attendance records.
- D. The Treasure shall keep accurate and complete records of the financial transactions of the Club. All expenditures for the previous month must be adequately explained in the following month's treasurer's report. Additionally, the treasure is responsible for maintenance of the official Club member roster and the Clubs website. He/she will also be responsible for inventory and sales of Club merchandise.
- E. The Event Coordinator shall oversee, organize, and /or assist the other Officers with Club activities for promoting the Club, off-road rides, and other special events.
- F. The Club Advisor shall give advice to the other Officers and the Club in general when addressing issues on how business and other sensitive matters should be handled.

Article 9: Impeachment

- A. Any officer of the Club can be impeached by a 2/3 majority vote of the membership present at the meeting.

Article 10: Waiver of Liability

- A. Any member of the South Florida Jeep Club who participates in any event sponsored, promoted or directed by the South Florida Jeep Club does so at his/her own risk and releases the Club, Officers and Directors of the Club of all liability for any loss, damage, injury or death. It is fully understood by members of the South Florida Jeep Club that there is some inherent risk associated with events, including damage to vehicles. In addition, the members of the Club agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the Club and Officers from any loss, liability, damage, or cost they may incur due to such participation, whether caused by negligence or otherwise and AGREES TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND RISK for any bodily injury, death or property damage.

Article 11: South Florida Jeep Club Logo

- A. The official South Florida Jeep Club Logo consists of two components:
 - 1. The first is the HUB:
 - a. The HUB is a circle with the verbiage 'South Florida Jeep Club' around the boarder and the center consisting of a Jeep grill.
 - 2. The second is the Tread:
 - a. The Tread is made up of two crossing mud tire treads and the 'EST. 1982' in the lower quadrant.
- B. The Hub can be used independent of the Tread.
- C. Changes to the Club Logo may only be made with a 2/3 majority vote of the membership at a regular monthly meeting.

Article 12: Procedure for Probation or Removing of Members for Misconduct

- A. By a Member at a Meeting:
 - 1. A motion can be made by any current member.
 - 2. The motion must be seconded by another current member.
 - 3. A discussion for grounds of the suspension or removal.
 - 4. A majority vote by members attending the meeting will pass the motion from a public showing of hands supporting the vote.
- B. By Members outside of a meeting (and may wish to remain anonymous):
 - 1. Any three (3) members in good current standing may present written charges against any member whose conduct has endangered or is likely to endanger the good order, welfare, reputation or character of the Club.
 - 2. After ten (10) days written notice to the member so charged, he/she will be given an opportunity to be heard by the Officers.
 - 3. The Officers, by a majority vote of those present, shall decide on whether to or not to expel or suspend the member or declare the membership forfeited.
 - 4. The decision of the Officers shall be final.
- C. By the Officers at a meeting:
 - 1. The officers may declare the membership of any member forfeited or suspended for:
 - a. Non-payment of dues.
 - b. In the opinion of the Officers that the member's actions and/or behavior is/are dangerous to the safety and wellbeing of the other members or the reputation of the Club.