

# MADHATTERS 4X4 CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be MADHATTERS 4 X 4 CLUB OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

### ARTICLE II – OFFICERS & DUTIES

1. The offices of this club shall be the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and Delegate.
  - A. The President shall be the executive officer and will preside at all meetings. He/she shall have the duty of carrying out the policies and decisions of the members. He/she shall appoint committees as necessary. He/she shall co-sign the checks with the Treasurer.
  - B. The Vice-President shall assist the President and act on his/her behalf in case of absence. He/she shall have the duty of trail boss or appoint trail boss for runs and will be responsible for coordinating club trips.
  - C. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, be responsible for the bank deposits; disperse of funds as authorized; co-sign the checks with the President or Vice-President, and have the books available for inspection by authorized auditors or club officers and members.
2. DELEGATE

- A. The delegates shall attend all district meetings for CA4WDC and shall make a full report to membership.

## **ARTICLE III – MEETINGS**

1. Membership meetings shall be held once a month. Date, time and place to the discretion of the membership. Special meetings may be called at any time for business pertaining to the club. All members will be notified of special meetings called. If members are unable to attend a meeting, a proxy may be assigned by that member for any votes to be held at any meetings.

## **ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS**

1. These Bylaws may be amended by majority of members present at club meetings. The membership shall be notified at least 2 weeks prior to taking the vote for this purpose.

## **ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

1. Must be 18 years of age, have a valid drivers license, and have proof of PL and PD insurance.
2. Membership is open by invitation only
  - a. Must participate in 2 (overnight) club runs and attend ( 3) club meetings. Both overnight trips must be done on a off road trails, and in their own four wheel drive vehicle.
  - b. Applicant's must obtain a membership application from the Vice President and submit their copleted application to the Vice President.
  - c. Must be voted in by majority of voting members present at the meeting. Voting is

done by secret ballot.

- d. Own a four wheel drive vehicle.
  - e. All members accepted into the Madhatters will agree to serve a one year probationary period at which time a secret ballot vote will be taken for final member acceptance.
  - f. All new members must be given a copy of the current by-laws.
  - g. All new members must agree to abide by and uphold club by-laws and standing rules.
    3. Any member not following club policy or Bylaws may be asked to leave the club by majority vote.
      - a. All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly manner when displaying club name and logo's.
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## **ARTICLE VI – DUES POLICY**

1. \$25.00 initiation fee.
  - a. 1 Banner
  - b. 2 decals
  - c. 1 membership plaque
2. Dues are \$115.00 per family paid annually
  - a. Full payment of dues must be received by thy February meeting.
  - b. Special hardship cases will be made on a case-by-case basis, subject to approval by the executive board.
3. Any member who has not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a \$10.00 per month late fee.
4. Any member that has not paid by the April meeting will have their membership cancelled.
  - a. To be reinstated there will be a \$30.00 charge, plus back dues.

5. Leave of Absence
  - a. Dues must be current at time of notification.
  - b. Club Treasurer must be notified in writing (dated and signed)
6. CA4WDC membership dues are included in your annual Madhatter's dues.
7. If CA4WDC dues have already been paid, that amount will be deducted from your annual Madhatter's dues.
8. If CA4WDC dues change, the annual Madhatter's dues will be changed to reflect the CA4WDC change.

## **ARTICLE VII – VEHICLE REGULATIONS**

1. Vehicle must conform to all CA 4 WDC safety requirements.
2. CB radio (Antennas must not exceed 4'6")
3. Roll Bar
4. Seat Belts
5. Fire extinguisher
6. Spare Tire
7. Working (emergency) brake & brake system
8. All window glass must be in good condition
9. Lug nuts and tool capable of removing lug nuts
10. Lights in working order
11. Shovel & bucket
12. Tow strap or chain & hooks capable of towing 2 times vehicle weight
13. Battery hold downs (No Bungee Cords)
14. First aid kit

15. Jack capable of lifting vehicle

16. All vehicles will be required to be up to California State vehicle code and in good working condition on club activities.

## **ARTICLE VIII – RUN REGULATIONS**

1. Do not litter
2. No 4 wheeling will be done on club runs without 2 or more vehicles while in motion
3. No standing in vehicle while in motion
4. Loose objects such as tool boxes, ice chests, spare tire, should be secure
5. Children should never be left alone in a vehicle. Be sure to remove keys while vehicle is parked or unoccupied
6. All vehicles should be operated in accordance with state laws
7. Don't drive while under the influence of alcohol or drugs
8. All members and guests will strictly adhere to Tread Lightly policies at all times.
9. Outdoor bathroom stops may be handled, men to the left, women to the right, when such stops are necessary.
10. All members shall be responsible for his or her quests on club functions
11. All persons shall be kept safely away from winching cables and tow straps
12. Dry your brakes immediately after passing through water by applying brakes while driving until they feel normal
13. No tail-gating
14. Always keep visual contact with vehicle to your rear.
15. Trail Boss - All runs must have a trail boss. The Trail Boss will:
  - a. Designate time and place of meeting for scheduled run.
  - b. Coordinate all winching operations and safety issues during run.

- c. Will give report of run and list of all members to submit for  
Plaques.
- d. Be responsible to bring club first aid kit.

## **ARTICLE IX – CAMPING**

1. Speed limit of 5 mph must be obeyed arriving and leaving in all camping areas
2. Obey all state and federal campfire laws
3. All dogs must be kept on leash
4. No discharge of firearms within 100 yards of camping area (this includes pellet & BB guns).  
No unnecessary displaying or handling firearms in camping area.
5. Every member is responsible for keeping camp area clean. (Take out more than you brought in)
6. Use discretion of noise in camp site
7. No fireworks
8. Smokers required to carry an ashtray