

**BY-LAWS  
INLAND EMPIRE FOUR WHEELRS  
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**ARTICLE I**

1. The name of this organization is the INLAND EMPIRE FOUR WHEELRS.
2. It shall be a nonprofit organization for the purpose of enjoying social, educational and recreational activities through family four wheeling.

**ARTICLE II**

1. Applicants must fulfill the following membership qualifications:
  - a. Must be eighteen (18) years or older.
  - b. Must hold valid driver's license.
  - c. Must be the registered owner of an automotive based 4-wheel drive vehicle.
  - d. Must meet the minimum insurance requirements as set forth by the state of California.
  - e. Must drive his/her vehicle on at least six (6) club runs, at least one (1) being an overnight campout and at least one (1) being a club sanctioned work run. He/She must also attend six (6) club membership meetings within twelve (12) months prior to application.
  - f. Must have their vehicle inspected and meet or exceed the minimum safety requirements as set forth by the California Association of 4 Wheel Drive Clubs, Inc. prior to application.
  - g. Must sign the club's assumption of risk waiver.
  - h. Must complete and submit a membership application to the membership chairman.
2. After fulfilling the membership qualifications, an applicant will be admitted into membership after receiving a positive 2/3rds-majority vote of the members in attendance at the regular membership meeting in a closed session.
3. Total membership shall be limited as determined by the club.

**ARTICLE III**

1. Regular membership- Regular membership includes the immediate family, which is the spouse or domestic partner and minor children. Voting privileges extended to vehicle owner and spouse or domestic partner; one (1) vote per membership. A family may have more than one paid membership if each membership is qualified. A regular member is entitled to display the club logo on their clothing and vehicle. Club plaques are available with a \$50.00 deposit. All plaques remain club property and must be returned to the club upon termination of membership. All members shall receive the club newsletter. All members are subject to fines set forth by the sheriff. To maintain regular membership status a member must:
  - a. Attend at least eight (8) runs or meetings, with a minimum of three (3) of each, between July 1 and June 30.
  - b. Maintain a valid driver's license.
  - c. Maintain registered ownership of an automotive based 4-wheel drive vehicle.
  - d. Maintain minimum insurance requirements as set forth by the state of California.
  - e. Sign the club's assumption of risk waiver annually.
2. Associate membership- Associate members have all the rights, privileges and requirements of a regular membership except they:
  - a. Have no minimum meeting or run requirements.
  - b. May not vote or serve on the board.
  - c. Must meet all of the requirements contained in Article III, Paragraphs b-e. A club member must apply for Associate Membership every year when dues are paid indicating their reason for Associate Membership. Members with the past 5 years as a Regular Member will be automatically approved, those with less than 5 years as a Regular Member will have their Application voted on at the next membership meeting following the request, and must be passed with a 2/3 majority of club members in attendance..

3. Honorary membership - Honorary members are persons who have shown out-standing service or support to the club or the sport of 4 wheeling. Honorary members will be nominated and voted on by the membership with a 2/3rds majority of members in attendance at a club membership meeting. An Honorary member has all the rights, privileges and requirements of regular membership except they:

- a. Have no meeting or run requirements.
- b. May not vote or serve on the board.
- c. Are only subject to ARTICLE III, Sections 1b-e if they participate in club runs.
- d. Honorary members may also be regular members, if all regular membership requirements are current.

4. Business Membership – Business members shall be businesses that are interested in supporting the club or the sport of 4 wheeling. Business members shall be nominated and voted on by the membership with a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of members in attendance at a club meeting. A business member shall have all the rights and privileges of a honorary member except they:

- a. Shall pay 4 times the regular membership dues.
- b. Business members may also be regular members, if all regular membership requirements are current.

5. All members are required to abide by fire and conservation laws, and protect our natural resources.

6. No consumption of alcohol will be permitted on trails.

7. Members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion at all times.

8. No club member shall profit from the club name, or the sale of the club logo.

Public displays or events such as parades, exhibitions, training or any activity where the club has been invited, introduced or presumed to be participating as a club shall be limited to club members only.

#### **Article IV**

1. Membership dues shall be \$69.00 annually, payable between August 1 and October 1. Dues shall be prorated at \$6 per month after the month of August.

2. Membership will automatically terminate for members with less than 5 full years of membership if dues are not paid as set forth in Article IV-1, or the minimum membership requirements have not been met.

3. Members who have been regular members for 5 full years or more and have not met the minimum membership requirements shall automatically become associate members upon renewal of their membership.

4. An Associate member may reapply for regular membership when he/she has met the minimum requirements of a regular member as sort forth in Article III-1. The Associate member will automatically become be reinstated as a Regular member upon verification of the minimum requirements by the board of Directors.

5. Members whose membership has lapsed for non-payment of dues may have their membership reinstated by applying to the club for reinstatement, paying all past due membership dues plus a \$50.00 late charge for reinstatement, any other requirements imposed by the membership, and a positive 2/3 majority vote at the regular membership meeting in a closed session.

#### **Article V**

1. Officers will consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

2. Officers together with immediate past-President constitute the Board of Directors. A majority vote can make decisions. A Board of Directors meeting must have 3 or more present to make decisions.

3. Duties of the above are as usually associated with the same.

4. Committees will be assigned by the President as required.

5. Nominations of new officers will be held annually at the August membership meeting. The election of new officers and trail boss of the year will be held at the September meeting.

6. The club installation dinner will be held before the October membership meeting. The new officers will assume office at the first membership meeting in October. The outgoing president shall have the privilege of selecting the family of the year.

## **Article VI**

1. Membership meetings will be held monthly.
2. Board meetings will be held by request of its chairman (club President) or any three members of the board.
3. Club runs - A club run is any run that has been adequately posted and is attended by a minimum of 2 club members, driving an automotive based 4 wheel drive vehicles, with the understanding that we are a 4 wheel drive club and therefore the run shall be 4 wheel drive recreation. Adequately posted shall mean advance notice on the club's email list, website, posted in the club's newsletter. Run qualifications in question shall be left to the discretion of the president.
4. Monthly Club Runs – Monthly Club Runs are runs coordinated by the Monthly Club Run coordinator and led by a member. Monthly Club Runs will count as a club run, even if only one (1) club member is in attendance. All who show up to a Monthly Club Run will receive credit for the run even if the run is cancelled for any reason.

## **Article VII**

1. These by-laws may be amended by a 2/3rds-majority vote of members in attendance at a regular membership meeting. Members will be notified by e-mail or newsletter two (2) weeks prior to such an amending vote.
2. Any situation not covered in these By-laws will be left to the discretion of the President or the Board of directors.
3. Violation of any rules is grounds for expulsion from club, subject to 2/3-majority vote of membership in attendance at a regular club meeting.