

Bylaws of the Owasco Velo Club

§1. Name, Purpose and Affiliations

1.1 The name of this organization is the **Owasco Velo Club (OVC)**. The Owasco Velo Club is a local bicycle club sanctioned under the United States Cycling Federation (USCF), which is a division of the parent organization, USA Cycling Inc (USAC). To the extent whenever possible, the Owasco Velo Club will conduct its operations in compliance with rules and regulations set forth by USA Cycling, Inc.

1.2 The name and emblem of the Owasco Velo Club (henceforth referred to as “the Club”) is the expressed property of this organization. No person or organization may use the name or emblem of the Owasco Velo Club in advertising, soliciting goods or services, or promoting without the written consent of the Owasco Velo Club.

1.3 The purpose of the Owasco Velo Club is to promote bicycle riding as a recreational and competitive activity in and around the greater Auburn, New York community which includes, but is not exclusive to, the City of Auburn and the surrounding villages and towns of Owasco, Moravia, Port Byron, Weedsport, and Skaneateles. In the course of promoting cycling, the Club shall generate funds, a portion of which may be donated to charitable community causes.

1.4 The Owasco Velo Club shall operate as a non-for profit organization in compliance with IRS rules set forth to regulate 501(c)(3) corporations.

§2. Government

2.1 The organizational structure of the Owasco Velo Club shall consist of four elected officials (henceforth referred to as the Administration).

2.1.1 The elected officials shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The duties of the elected officials are to conduct the every day business of the Club.

2.1.2 Persons elected to the four club offices shall serve a term of one year which shall run concurrent with the fiscal year of the Owasco Velo Club which begins on January 1st of each calendar year.

2.1.2.1 Whenever possible, elections to determine officers shall be held on or about September 30th of each calendar year.

2.1.2.2 Nominations for office shall be presented in writing to the Administration at least 30 days prior to the election.

2.1.2.3 No later than 15 days prior to the election date, ballots shall be mailed to all club members. Voting shall be conducted by use of a written ballot.

2.1.3 At any given time, a person shall be able to hold more than one elected office, but not more than two.

2.1.4 For the purpose of conducting Club business, administrative meetings shall be held at least 3 times each year, at which time issues may be discussed and voted upon. Each elected officer shall have one vote to decide such issues. Members serving more than one elected office shall only have one vote.

2.2 No elected officer shall receive any financial compensation as a condition of holding his or her elected or appointed position.

§3. Membership

3.1 Eligibility: Membership is open to applicants who will be at least 14 years old on December 31st of the year of application.

3.2 Application: Applicants for membership must complete a membership application. Minors that apply for membership either as an individual or through a family membership application must also complete and have notarized a minor's waiver of liability form.

3.3 Fees: Membership dues shall be paid annually. Dues shall be determined by the elected officers of the Club. If a prospective member is unable to pay the annual dues because of financial hardship, that person may still become a member of the club at the discretion of the officers.

3.4 Discipline: Membership may be terminated if a member does not conduct himself in a manner worthy of membership.

3.4.1 Members who fail to make annual dues payment shall cease to be members after a 90 day grace period, except for those members who have been given a dues exemption.

3.4.2 At the discretion of the Administration, a person's membership may be terminated for reasons of misconduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, possessing persistently poor riding skills or cycling technique that endangers other cyclists in the group or failure to comply with Club rules as determined by the Administration.

3.5 Applicants shall **not** be required to hold a USCF license as a condition of membership.

3.6 Residency within the surrounding Auburn community as defined in section 1.3 shall **not** be a condition of membership.

§4. Amendments

4.1 Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by any Owasco Velo Club member in good standing.

4.2 After consideration and comment from the general membership, amendments to these bylaws must be approved by at least seventy percent (70%) of the Administration.