

North East Willys Jeeps Organization

By-laws amended, voted, and accepted as of 1/30/05

Article 1: Name.

The name of the organization shall be known as the North East Willys Jeeps Organization Incorporated and or NEWJO. The identifying decal of the club shall have the name of the organization, and any other details the organization votes to include.

Article 2: Purpose

The purpose of this Northeastern United States club is to have an educational forum whereby members whom own, drive, restore, recreate off-pavement or just have an interest in all breeds of Jeep type vehicles, meet, discuss, and promote our cause.

Including, but not limited to the following:

1. To promote and educate the public on responsible off-pavement recreation and to the "Tread Lightly" principals.
2. To promote and educate the membership on the history, nostalgia, and restoration of the Willys Jeeps.
3. To educate the membership in Land Navigation, Communication, First Aid, CPR, Safe Vehicle operation and recovery.
4. To provide and care for trails, and maintain existing legally accessible off-pavement routes.
5. To provide a fun family oriented atmosphere, educating and promoting existing State and Federal law and order.
6. To serve and promote the recreational interests of the State of New Hampshire and the rest of New England, the local towns, various groups and individuals.
7. To provide support for any one of many charities of our choosing.

Article 3: Membership.

1. Full Member: Current Dues Paid Member

- A. Membership in this organization shall be open to any person of the general public regardless of sex, race, color, creed, disability, religion, or vehicle.
- B. Membership limits can and shall be established in the during a scheduled quarterly meeting, upon the recommendation of the Executive Board.
- C. Membership includes the Primary paid person plus immediate family. Each Paid Membership is entitled one vote, on issues requiring a vote.
- D. Membership entitles you to the following:
 - I. Participation in all club sponsored functions.
 - II. Scheduled business meetings.
 - III. Technical meets.
 - IV. Trail rides.
 - V. Newsletter and other forms of written communication as decided by the E-Board

- VI. Other unscheduled, impromptu outings/meetings/events of interest.
 - VII. Entrance into Club Clinical, and trail ride, activities at club rates.
 - VIII. Registration rights to the NEWJO forum.
 - IX. Apparel, Calendars, and any other promotional items at Member prices.
 - X. An informational "Welcome" packet, the contents of which to be approved by the Executive Board and defined in the S.O.G.'s
- E. Membership is all-inclusive for one calendar year.
(January 1 to December 31)
2. Associate member: Non Dues Paying Members
- A. Associate members shall be allowed to register on the NEWJO forum.
 - B. Associate members are not entitled to any club benefits, incentives, or promotional items at club rates, but may purchase items at full price.
 - C. Associate members can attend club functions, Should the host implement a fee structure, amounts will be assessed and collected at the time of participation.
 - D. Associate members are encouraged to become full members if guest appearances number three (3) in a calendar year.

Article 4: Meetings.

1. There shall be Quarterly business meetings.
 - A. Guidelines for quarterly business meetings shall be at the discretion of the acting moderator albeit President, Vice President or other member of the Executive Committee, and will maintain diplomacy and civility.
 - B. Should membership attendance meet or exceed 20 Full members, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be the guidelines for conducting quarterly business meetings.
 - C. Quarterly business meetings shall be in the months of January, April, July, and October. The Annual meeting shall be in January!
 - D. The Executive board has the right to call additional business meetings as needed.
 - E. A quorum as defined in the NEWJO S.O.G.'s shall be met to conduct business.
2. There shall be a general association meeting at least twelve times each year.
 - A. the first and Third Weekends are earmarked for general association meetings.
 - B. General association meetings can be called anytime a Legal Quorum is met as defined in the NEWJO S.O.G.'s.

Article 5: Governing Body.

1. Executive board. The governing body, also known as the executive board, shall consist of at least eight active, full time, dues paying members.
 - A. There shall be one President, who serves a two-year term, elected on the even years.
 - B. There shall be one Vice President, who serves a two-year term, elected on the odd years.
 - C. There shall be one Secretary, who serves a two-year term, elected on the even years.

- D. There shall be one Treasurer, who serves a two-year term, elected on the odd years.
- E. There shall be one Executive Board Restoration seat, two-year term, elected on the odd years.
- F. There shall be one Executive Board Recreation seat, two-year term, elected on the even years.
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- H. There shall be one Executive Board Recreation seat, two-year term, elected on the odd years.

2. Committees:

- A. Should member numbers be adequate, the Executive Board may appoint and dissolve committees as needed.
- B. Sample committees may consist of:
 - 1) Newsletter
 - 2) Web page
 - 3) Activities
 - 4) Technical
 - 5) Fundraising
 - 6) Rally/Show
 - 7) Disciplinary
 - 8) By-laws.
 - 9) Any other committee deemed necessary.

Article 6: Conduct.

- 1. All members of NEWJO are expected to respect the rights and property of others; Members, associates, hosts, and land donors all-inclusive.
- 2. Members shall neither willfully nor wantonly destroy, nor remove, nor damage in any way the property of other club members or other property owners
- 3. Members are expected to comply with lawful orders of the assigned host, trail leader, or event coordinator in an effort to keep things safe and moving along smoothly, while eliminating potential problems or threats.
- 4. Any unnecessary risk taking is frowned upon.
- 5. Any alcohol or controlled substance use before or during tech sessions and/or trail rides can and will result in disciplinary proceedings In accordance with NEWJO Standard Operating Guidelines / S.O.G.'s
- 6. Members who conduct themselves in any manner contrary to the spirit and purposes of NEWJO, including any legal incidents with local, state, or federal officials, can result in disciplinary proceedings In accordance with NEWJO Standard Operating Guidelines / S.O.G.'s.

Article 7: Disciplinary Procedures

Disciplinary proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with NEWJO standard operating guidelines SOG"S pertaining to disciplinary action!

Article 8: Dues.

1. The Annual dues for an existing member must be renewed by Annual Meeting in January to remain a member in good standing.
2. As dues can change from year to year, the current rate will be posted on the New Member application form, Renewal Form and on the NEWJO Forum.
3. The Executive board shall establish the following Yearly dues rates at the third quarter business meeting and written notification shall go to each member!

Article 9: Voting

1. Each current dues paid membership is entitled to one vote. The president will refrain from exercising his/her vote except to break a tie or during election of officers.
2. Should members choose to exercise their right to vote they must:
 - a. vote in person
 - b. vote by absentee ballot
3. Issues needing votes other than elections, or by-law changes, can be posted on the forum for consideration and discussion. A two-thirds majority of absentee ballots plus votes cast by members in attendance at time of the vote is required to pass said vote.
4. Votes needing immediate action may be voted on during a business meeting providing a quorum is present. A two-thirds majority of all members in attendance at time of vote is required to pass said vote.

Article 10: Trail rides.

1. Equipment and vehicle requirements will be established in the planning phase of the trail ride by the host. Should the host fail to notify participants of required equipment thirty days prior to the scheduled ride, participants should refer to the established list of safety items as recommended by NEWJO Standard operating guidelines S.O.G.'s!
2. Equipment and vehicle inspections are the responsibility of the host.
3. Waiver of immunity forms shall be completed by all participating in a NEWJO trail ride, or must have an annual waiver on file with the NEWJO Secretary.
4. Alcohol and controlled substances are prohibited before and during trail rides

Article 11: Authority.

All proceedings shall be governed by these by-laws as promulgated by majority vote of the membership and in conjunction with NEWJO standard operating guidelines as developed by the executive board.

Article 12: Amendments.

1. Any amendments to an article must be approved by a majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting and must agree to enact any article amendments.
2. Article amendments shall be posted on the NEWJO Forum, under Club Only Business, for a minimum of thirty days prior to any vote to change or amend these by-laws.
3. Notice of proposed meeting for vote shall be posted thirty days prior to said vote.

Article 13: Conflict of Interest.

Any possible conflict of interest on the part of any member of the Board, Officer, or Employee of the corporation, shall be disclosed in writing to the Board and made a matter of record through an annual procedure and also when the interest involves a specific issue before the Board. Where the transaction involving a board member, trustee, or officer exceeds five hundred dollars (\$500), but is less than five thousand dollars (\$5000) in a fiscal year, a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors is required.

Where the transaction involved exceeds five thousand dollars (\$5000) in a fiscal year, then a two-thirds vote of the disinterested directors and publication in the required newspaper is required. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect that a disclosure was made, the abstention from voting, and the actual vote itself.

Every new member of the board will be advised of this policy upon entering the duties of his or her office, and shall sign a statement acknowledging, understanding of and agreement to this policy. The Board will comply will all requirements of New Hampshire law in this area and the New Hampshire requirements are incorporated into and made part of this policy statement.

Article 14: Dissolution.

Upon dissolution of the “North East Willys Jeeps Organization”, the assets of the club shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal Government, or State or Local government, for a future purpose.