# Candytown Motorcycle Club



## 2024 Handbook

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### **INTRODUCTION**

CANDYTOWN has seen many riders and families come and go since it originated in 1962, but in these troubled times it has become increasingly difficult to keep clubs like Candytown in existence.

High insurance premiums, lawsuits, and liability cases are a few reasons why clubs close.

If we all cooperate and work together, we can continue to have a happy and safe club to ride at today and for many years to come.

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#### **CLUB RULES WHILE ON THE GROUNDS**

- First gear riding in grass and parking areas (5 MPH).
- Membership cards must be presented upon request. (Bring it with you)
- Members may **NOT** bring guests that have not signed the Candytown release form.
- A member allowing an unauthorized guest to ride, will have their membership terminated.
- No riders under 18 permitted to ride without legal guardian or parental supervision.
- Anyone under the age of 2l possessing alcoholic beverages will be prosecuted.
- Possession of illegal drugs on club property is prohibited.
- All pets brought onto Club property will be the responsibility of the pet owner.
- If maintenance equipment or personnel enters the track, all riding must immediately stop until equipment and personnel are removed.
- All members hunting on club property must observe all PA Game Commission rules and regulations. ARCHERY HUNTING ONLY. No permanent tree stands may be built, and no portable stands may be left on club property. Portable tree stands may be used but must be removed each day. Anyone using a tree stand must wear a safety harness.

#### **POINTS OF INTEREST**

- Club meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. All club business will be discussed at that time. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend for the health and improvement of the club.
- Workday volunteers are needed to maintain the property and equipment and workdays are required as part of your membership. Remember, it is your club too.
- This Club welcomes riding for all types of off-road motorcycles and ATVs.
- The club grounds may be closed to track and trail riding on event weekends. Please refer to the club calendar of events for specific dates and more details. Only members who work on scheduled club workdays will be allowed to ride on that day.
- Do not litter or leave personal items on the club grounds (tires, oil, trash, etc.).

#### **COMMON SENSE**

- Proper riding gear must be worn while riding (helmet, long pants, boots, eye protection).
- Be courteous to beginner riders. (They are members too.)
- Do not ride while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- If someone crashes, please refrain from riding until the track is cleared.
- Please respect other rider's property and equipment.
- Extinguish all campfires before leaving.
- Please keep the gate closed when you are here and locked when you leave.

#### **CANDYTOWN CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

#### **CONSTITUTION**

<u>Article A:</u> The club shall be known as the CANDYTOWN MOTORCYCLE CLUB. The main function of the club will be to promote the sport of off-road motorcycling. All other activity will be considered secondary.

Article B: Active members shall be riders of motorcycles, persons actively concerned with the trade, or motorcycle enthusiasts. Honorary members shall be any other person as the club may decide by a two-thirds vote of active members present at a regular meeting. Club Members shall be persons who wish to use the motocross track and club property for riding purposes only and have no interest in the operation of the club. Trials Members shall be persons who wish to use the club property for Trials riding only and are not interest in the use of the motocross track and have no interest in the operation of the club. Only active members are entitled to vote in club affairs.

<u>Article C:</u> The officers of the club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Referee. These officers are elected by the active members of the club for a period of at least one year and shall constitute the executive board. As a privilege, current club officers are exempt from the requirement to work the regular club work days but must still meet the requirements for Active members (By-Law No. 3.1). In addition, current club officers will not be charged annual membership dues.

<u>Article D:</u> The duties of the President shall be: to preside at all club meetings, to have general supervision of the affairs of the club, to appoint any person or committee not otherwise ordered by the club, to personally represent the club on proper occasions and business contacts, to assist other officers of the club in their duties, to perform the duties of the AMA Insurance Officer, to vote only when necessary to break a tie.

<u>Article E:</u> The duties of the Vice President shall be to perform the duties of the President in his absence, and to perform the duties of the AMA Legislative Officer.

<u>Article F:</u> The duties of the Secretary shall be: to keep a record of the club meetings, to send out notices of regular or special meetings, to handle correspondence, to perform other duties as generally fall to that office.

<u>Article G:</u> The duties of the Treasurer shall be: collect dues from all club members, collect all money due to the club, to maintain all financial records and deliver reports on a timely basis.

<u>Article H:</u> The duties of the Referee shall be: to have general supervision over all sanctioned events promoted by the club. The duties of the Referee are outlined in the AMA rulebook.

#### **CONSTITUTION** (continued)

Article I: The duties of the Executive Board shall be: to act for the club in all matters ordered by the club, to make final decisions upon member expulsions, to properly investigate and present to the club all business and important activity situations, to have general control over all club affairs and activities, to act on behalf of the club in emergency situations when it is not feasible for the club to make the decision in the event such a decision is between meetings. These decisions are to be final and binding on all members. All members of the board must be in accord on all decisions.

Article J: All elective officers shall be filled at an annual election to be held during the October monthly meeting and all officers shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

<u>Article K:</u> The regular meeting shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M., but the President or Executive Board may call a special meeting at any time.

Article L: Six active members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

<u>Article M:</u> The Constitution may be amended or added to providing the proposed amendment is submitted in writing at a regular meeting. It shall be advertised for four weeks and voted on at the next meeting. A two-thirds vote of all Active members in good standing shall be required to pass an amendment.

#### **BY-LAWS**

<u>NO. 1:</u> Robert's rules of Order shall govern the Parliamentary proceeding of s this club unless otherwise provided for in these By-laws. The order of business shall be: 1. Reading of minutes, 2. Report of Officers, 3. Un-finished business, s 4. New business.

NO. 2: The standing committees of the club shall be:

- The <u>HOUSE COMMITTEE</u> shall have supervision of the clubhouse and be directly responsible for the maintenance of order, the keeping of club furniture and fixtures in good condition, and scheduling of clubhouse use by members and others.
- The <u>ACTIVITY COMMITTEE</u>, with the Referee as Chairman, shall have general charge of all competitive meets and club social functions and conduct of members while on club property, subject to such orders as the club might give.
- The <u>TRACK COMMITTEE</u> shall be responsible for the track maintenance and supervision of members who use the track.

NO. 3: Memberships will run with the calendar year. Dues shall be paid during one of the scheduled January or February membership renewal meetings. The January meetings are reserved for existing membership renewal. New membership applications may be accepted after January, at the discretion of the club executive board. Membership levels will be Active, Trials and Club. All memberships will be Family Memberships as defined in article number 3.5 below.

#### **BY-LAWS** (continued)

- NO. 3.1: Active members will be persons who works half of sanctioned club events and attend at least 3 regular club meetings prior to November. Dues will be \$25.00 plus \$10.00 for each rider under and including the applicant if the applicant themselves is a rider. The Executive Board will vote to approve or disapprove members who are eligible for active status at the November meeting. Members who are eligible, but do not make active status will be considered for Trials or Club membership the following year as decided by the board.
- NO. 3.2: **Trials member's** dues will be \$40.00 plus \$10.00 for each rider under and including the applicant if the applicant is themselves a rider. Consideration for Active status will be made by the Executive Board at the end of each calendar year.
- <u>NO. 3.3:</u> **Club member's** dues will be \$150.00 plus \$10.00 for each rider under and including the applicant if the applicant is themselves a rider. Consideration for Active status will be made by the Executive Board at the end of each calendar year.
- NO. 3.4: **Family memberships** will be parent(s) and children under eighteen (18) residing under the same roof, or under twenty-two (22) and enrolled as a full-time student. All children under the age of eighteen riding motorcycles and/or ATV's must have a minor release form on file and signed by both parents. Family memberships will be considered Active, Trials or Club. When a child member no longer qualifies for family membership, they can apply for their own membership, without paying the initiation fee, at the January membership renewal meetings.
- NO. 3.5: **Gate keys** will be distributed at the time of signup each year. You must be present and have all paperwork completed and signed to receive a key. Gate should be unlocked (but closed) when riding. Last person leaving property must lock gate.
- NO. 4: **Applicants for new membership** must be sponsored by an existing member of the club. Upon payment of a \$100 initiation fee, dues, and completion of paperwork, applicant will be placed on probation for a period of one year. The club executive board retains the right of refusal for all new membership applications.
- No. 5: **Total Club Memberships** for Trials, Club and Active members will be determined by the board. New memberships will be awarded on a 'First Come, First Server' basis. The club executive board has the right to increase or decrease the number of available memberships anytime throughout the year.
- NO. 6: Only Active members shall be **eligible to hold office in the club**.

#### **BY-LAWS** (continued)

- NO. 7: All members must work 2 (two) club workdays or sanctioned events to be eligible to renew their membership the following year one before June 30<sup>th</sup> and one between July 1<sup>st</sup> and the end of the year. If workday requirements are not met, a fine of \$500 will be added to their next year's membership renewal fee. If the work requirements are not met for 2 (two) consecutive years, the member cannot rejoin the club without board approval. Members are responsible for signing the attendance sheets at each work day or event. The attendance sheet is the official record. All past fines must be paid before a member can renew their membership or rejoin the club.
- NO. 8: All bills must be approved and checked by the Executive Board before they are paid. Expenditures over \$200.00 must be pre-approved by a majority of members present at a meeting. Expenditures under \$200.00 for normal operating expenses (equipment or property repairs and minor event costs) may be approved by members of the Executive Board.
- NO. 9: A member may be expelled for conduct unbecoming of a member of the club, but charges must first be made in writing and the accused member be given a hearing before the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall take evidence and report its findings to the club with the recommendation that the charges be considered proven and the member be expelled, or the charges considered not proven and the accused member remain a member of the club. The club thereupon shall take a vote to decide whether or not the recommendation of the Executive Board shall be adopted. It shall require a two-thirds vote of the active members present and entitled to vote to veto the recommendation of the Executive Board.
- NO. 10: All Active members of the club shall be members of the American Motorcycle Association.
- NO. 11: All new applicants, existing members, and family members under the applicant or member, must complete a membership application and sign a **Release and Indemnity Agreement** each calendar year. Anyone entering club property, family member or guest, without signing the club liability waiver, will be considered a trespasser and will be subject to prosecution.
- NO. 12: All riders must wear protective gear such as: helmet, above the ankle boots, eye protection, long pants, and long-sleeved shirt. Failure to do so will result in expulsion from the club.
- NO. 13: There will be **no shooting of firearms on club property** without prior permission of the Executive Board.
- NO. 14: Four wheelers (Quads) are limited to 90cc or less, with a rider 16 years of age or younger, on the Motocross Track. As with any child 16 years of age or younger, adult supervision is required. The track does not have the daily maintenance required to support the racing of four wheelers (Quads).

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