

Guidelines / Rules of Conduct:

CVC Bylaws & Guidelines:



These Bylaws and Guidelines apply to the current sole **CVC Local – Georgian Bay Region**. However, when new Regions or Charters open and begin operations, they will also be bound by these Bylaws and Guidelines as written below. When future Regions or Charters open and begin Operations, the **Georgian Bay Region Charter** shall become the Master or National Charter of the **Canadian Veterans Corps**.

The Vision

The Canadian Veterans Corps (CVC) is a Veteran Group committed to serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces personnel. Our members are community oriented, family driven, fun-loving Veterans and friends with a common goal of friendship, camaraderie and support. In order to foster an atmosphere of understanding, safety and inclusivity, the following guidelines have been made available.

All members of CVC are required to be aware of, maintain compliance with, and sign off on all of the following guidelines and waivers prior to membership.

1. HISTORY – CLUB CREATION AND NAME

1.a This Veterans Group shall be known as the **“CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS.”** This may be abbreviated as **“CVC”**.

1.b The **Canadian Veterans Corps** was founded in Wasaga Beach, ON, on May 25, 2020. The **CVC** has *3 administration personnel* as the head, having autonomous decision making authority on all aspects that are in the best interest of the group and it's members. All 3 administration personnel will have equal input on all matters. Decisions will be made by consensus of the 3 administrators after a thorough review of the subject has been completed. The 3 Administration Personnel will make all final decisions regarding all matters in the **CVC**.

2. PURPOSE

2.a The purpose of the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)** is to provide a safe, family based social society. It is a volunteer, non-voting Social Group; the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)** exists as a not for profit organization.

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.a These are the types of memberships within the **CVC**.

3.a.i Serving Military/Veterans – Membership is open to currently serving and retired Canadian Armed Forces personnel upon proper review and authentication of military service. Authentication documents can include but not limited to, *CF ID Card, CF Veteran ID card, CF One card, VAC benefits card, MPRR* or any other supporting documents. Serving and retired members in the group will be referred to as a “**VETERAN**”.

3.a.ii Non Military Members – Understanding that family and friends are vitally important to the life and well being of any soldier, civilians will also be accepted into the group with the proper vetting and reference process. Civilian members in the group will be referred to as an “**ALLY**”.

NOTE – given that the **Canadian Veterans Corps** is a private family-friendly, social group, it therefore reserves the right to refuse “any” membership applications, should it be deemed in the best interest of the group and its members. Any Member wishing to invite a new person to the CVC shall submit the name or the names of individuals to any of the 3 Administration Personnel for review. Upon acceptance or decline of the prospective invitee, one of the 3 Administration Personnel will contact the inviter with the result and the explanation of the decision.

3.a.iii **In order to join the CVC a member must :**

- agree to adhere to the groups bylaws.
- meet the membership criteria.
- agree with the group’s purpose.
- maintain good standing in terms of conduct.
- agree that they are responsible for their own safety and conduct.

3.b Participation in any group event is at their own risk and, as such, cannot hold the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)** responsible for any mishap, incident or accident; nor is it implied that the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)** is open to suit or litigation.

3.c Members may belong to other reputable Veteran or Riding groups, but must always remember the **CVC** values and vision. Any **CVC** member that actively recruits another **CVC** member for enrolment into a club or gang that is deemed criminal in nature may be grounds for improper conduct and thus dismissal from the **CVC**. *(Any affiliation with a 1% or Outlaw Motorcycle Club will be grounds for immediate removal of your patch and removal from the CVC without financial compensation)*

3.d Members not active within 90 days of joining the **CVC**, will be notified. If they are no longer interested in being a member of the **CVC**, they will be deleted from the group by the administration personnel. *(Exceptions will include military personnel on deployment or posting, snowbirds, illness, etc.).*

3.e Dormant memberships will be purged annually in November after review by the administrators. The purging of lone riders will be the responsibility of the 3 administration Personnel only.

4. DUES

4.a Membership in the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)** is free. There will never be an annual membership fee to remain in the group. No Members may maintain a bank account under the name **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)**.

4.b No Members of **CVC** may present or sponsor an event without the written approval of the 3 administration personnel. Insurance for an event must be carried by the venue or individual presenting the event. The **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)** will not insure any event, ride, or social activity, therefore is not liable for any legal action against the **CVC**.

4.c In lieu of any membership cost, the only payment by our Members will be a one-time payment for the 3 piece **CVC Crest** and **Banner** set. A new member's **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS** patch set will include the **Main Crest**, **Upper Banner** (either **VETERAN** or **ALLY**) and the **Lower Banner** **ONTARIO** (or other Province or Region as appropriate). *Crest and Banner prices will be determined by the administrators and subject to change without notice.*

5. MEETINGS

5.a There will be at least one formal or informal yearly meeting, bringing together as many **CVC** members as possible. The date and location will be set by the 3 administrators to discuss any **CVC** issues and for members to ask questions. The main focus of any event is to bring people together, strengthen and support each other.

6. DUTIES OF Administration Personnel

6.a It is the responsibility of all administration to adhere to and put in practice all **CVC** bylaws.

6.b The administrators will be responsible to resolve any issues that arise. The administration personnel will consider all information and render a decision that they feel is in the best interest of the group. The administration personnel's decision is final. The administration personnel will consult with the proper authority or Subject Matter Expert within the group or external if required, to make the best decision for the **CVC**.

6.c Should an administration person feel it necessary and appropriate to remove a member from the **CVC** for a bylaw violations, the administration person must inform and consult with all administration persons before a final decision to remove a member is made.

7. APPOINTMENTS AND COMMITTEES

7.a Appointments and Committees are positions in the group that are of a voluntary nature.

7.b These positions are appointed by the 3 administration personnel and can include, but are not limited to event coordinators, social conveners, treasurer, kit shop coordinator etc.

8. CONDUCT

8.a All Members and participants agree to adhere to **CVC** bylaws, riding protocols and proper social etiquette. Any member of the group may be dismissed from the **CVC** for

inappropriate behavior or conduct. The member shall be warned concerning such inappropriate conduct by an administration person before any arbitrary action or dismissal.

8.a.i The following shall be the basis for, but not limited to, inappropriate behavior and may draw disciplinary measures:

- Wild or unsafe riding habits;
- Any activity that could jeopardize the safety of other persons;
- Inappropriate or obnoxious behavior that is detrimental to the image of the group or any member;
- Any type of sexual harassment;
- Any hostile or physical contact to another member;
- Threats or other verbal or perceived intimidation;
- Any unwanted physical contact by another member.

8.b Excessive consumption of alcohol, or any other potentially impairing substance, including but not limited to prescription medication and/or legalized marijuana by a motorcycle operator, prior to or during any event or ride organized will not be tolerated.

8.c Any activity that may be considered illegal or criminal in nature, including membership in or support for an 'Outlaw Motorcycle Club or Gang'...the so called 1% clubs are grounds for immediate dismissal from the CVC.

9. NON-MEMBER GUESTS

9.a Non-member guests are welcome at general meetings, rides, and social gatherings of the **CVC** so long as they are invited guests and they agree to abide by **CVC** rules and ride guidelines. Each regular member may invite one (1) non-member guest to a Group event, and may invite more than one non-member guest upon consultation with any one of the 3 administration personnel or person in charge of the event. **CVC** members are encouraged to ensure that their invited guests or future members are suitable and will participate in group activities.

9.b Guests must agree to abide by **CVC** rules and standards of conduct.

10. CRESTS, LOGO & PATCHES

10.a All crests and logo designs are property of the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)**. Only the 3 administrator personnel can commission the production and distribution of **CVC** design products, including but not limited to:

- Crests;
- Clothing;
- Hats;
- Stickers;
- Event banners; and/or
- Any product bearing the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS** or **CVC** designation/graphics.

10.b Any reproduction in any way of our crests and logos, must be approved by the 3 administration personnel.

10.c Any profits from the items above become property of **CVC**. A bi-annual report of **CVC** funds will be provided by the treasurer to the 3 administration personnel for review.

10.d The **CVC** crest will never be referred to as “*colors*” or a “*cut*”. It will never be worn with other motorcycle club (*MC*) patches.

10.e The riding crest will never be worn with rockers, 1%, MC or color designations. Our **CVC** crest is purchased not earned.

10.f The **CVC** crest is used only as identification of the **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS** and is not a *MC* designation.

10.g **CVC** name tag crests may be worn on the front left or right of the vest / jacket.

10.h CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC) encourages all members to proudly wear a Canadian Flag crest on the front of their vest / jacket.

10.i No other country's flag can be worn above or beside the Canadian Flag. The **CANADIAN VETERANS CORPS (CVC)** is 100% Canadian.

10.j CVC Crests may only be purchased from **CVC**, includes taxes, but not shipping if applicable.

10.k All badges or crests displayed on a vest must be in good taste and not offensive to any **CVC** member or any other person or persons and may not be derogatory in nature.

11. GROUP RIDING

11.a All **CVC** members and guests participating in any riding activity shall:

- Wear a helmet compliant with CSA and/or DOT helmet standards where applicable by law, and appropriate closed toe footwear;
- Wear eye protection such as goggles, face-shield, safety eyewear, including prescription eyewear; meeting shatter or impact standards;
- It is also highly recommended to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket and full-fingered gloves;
- Be properly licensed to ride a motorcycle and ride only a legally registered, licensed and insured vehicle.
- Keep their motorcycle in proper operating condition, including, but not limited to, vehicle equipment and operation requirements set forth in the Provincial Motorcycle Vehicle Act.
- Provide proof of license, registration, and insurance and will allow the inspection of their vehicle, equipment and documents by any **CVC** Officer, Ride Event coordinators or Road Captains who may then deny participation for failure to meet standards in the interest of the group's safety.

12. CVC PARTICIPATION / RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY WAIVER(S)

12.a Each individual participates in activities solely by choice. Any participation relinquishes any responsibility of the **CVC** as an organization, for any and all liabilities resulting in participation in any group ride, gathering or social activity.

12.b All activities and events must comply with any and all Provincial or local laws and ordinances. Any personal injury or property damage resulting during a group ride or social activity at any time becomes the responsibility of the individual parties directly involved only! At no time shall the **CVC** be held liable.

12.c. Any individual involved in any illegal activities will be immediately suspended from the **CVC** until a further review of the situation by the 3 administration personnel and subject to immediate removal from all group and membership rolls and will be forbidden to claim any and all association with the **CVC**.

13. OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR CVC FACEBOOK PAGES & PRIVATE WEBSITE

13.a A **CVC** Facebook page will be a closed group.

13.b A **CVC** Facebook page will be administered by the 3 administration personnel.

13.c A **CVC** Facebook page will be open to all **CVC** members. New **CVC** members welcomed on Facebook must have been processed through the **CVC** registration process first. Example of past issues: member is welcomed on FB as **CVC** member but, the National Membership Coordinator (*should there become such a position due to growth of the CVC beyond its current locale of the Wasaga Beach area in Ontario*), has no record of person joining **CVC**. Members from other regional areas wanting to join a Facebook page can be verified as members by the 3 administration personnel beforehand.

13.d The **CVC** Facebook page and Private Website will adhere to **CVC** Bylaws & Chat guidelines and those of the hosting media entity ie. Facebook.

13.e Our Local **CVC** (*Georgian Bay, Ontario*), is developing a private website. The website is a closed private **CVC** website. The site is accessible publicly to anyone who visits however, any/all personal content is restricted to **CVC Members only**. **CVC** Members must log-in on the website where access to all **CVC** Business, Events and personal information (Group, Chats, Forums and Photo Galleries) can be found and accessed.

13.e.i The CVC Georgian Bay Local website address is:

<https://canadianveteransco.wixsite.com/website>

13.e.ii This website will be the home for all Regions / Charters of the Canadian Veterans Corps. Separate Regional Groups will be set up for specific Region / Charter administrative needs (Nominal Rolls, Events, etc).

13.3.iii Communication to the Administration of CVC can be sent via the website or email at: Canadianveteranscorps@yahoo.com

This document is binding to all established and future CVC Facebook pages and private websites. Any Facebook page or private website using the CVC name/trademark that is found not to be following these stated rules may/will be closed.

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