



**BYLAWS
of the
GRIND CITY CYCLING CLUB
EST 2020**

ARTICLE I

PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purposes and objectives of the Club are:

1. To promote and encourage all types of cycling for all purposes
2. To advocate for laws and infrastructure protecting cyclists' rights and safety
3. To train cyclists to adopt safe cycling skills, adhere to rules of the road and trails, practice discipline, and improve performance.
4. To organize bike rides benefitting the Memphis and surrounding area community
5. To have fun, fellowship, network, enjoy cycling

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

1. The GC3 is a volunteer group. Membership is open to all adults in the local community. To become a member one must complete a membership application and pay the appropriate annual dues for an individual
2. Memberships are annual, running from January 1 to December 31. Members joining the club mid-year will have their membership dues pro-rated on a quarterly basis.
3. Membership dues will be set on an annual basis at the December business meeting. If new rates are discussed , they will take effect each January 1. The schedule of dues will be posted to the club's website.
4. **Termination of Membership** – Any membership in the Club may be terminated by the Board of Directors for good cause. Termination of a membership may result from the failure or refusal of the member to comply with the Bylaws, or any act or failure to act by the member that, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, is harmful to the interests of the Club. A member shall be notified in writing of the cause for termination, and shall be given an opportunity to appeal via written response to the Board of Directors or an appearance at a meeting of the Board of Directors.
5. Mandatory for active members to participate in at least two(2) group rides a week, in which one is 30+ miles ride.

ARTICLE III

GC3 PRINCIPLES

As a member of the Grind City Cycling Club, while riding my bicycle (in GC3 gear), with the group or alone, I agree to:

1. Conduct myself in a positive professional manner when cycling and especially while wearing a GC3 kit.

2. **Stop at red lights and traffic signs.** Obey all traffic laws. Execute all hand signals.
3. Maintain my bike in a safe mechanical condition and carry a spare tube, tire levers, and pump or CO2's.
4. Wear industry certified helmet at all times when riding.
5. Observe proper cycling etiquette and be courteous to fellow cyclists. Offer assistance to any cyclist in distress.
6. Call and point out road hazards: plates, rocks, sand, gravel, holes, and other road conditions for the rider behind you. Also call out car-back, car-up, car-passing, and walker-up when necessary. Be loud and clear in your directions.
7. Be courteous to motorists even in the aftermath of them displaying rude and inconsiderate behavior. Acknowledge considerate motorists by waving or by saying " Thanks".

ARTICLE IV

GOVERNANCE

1. The club will be governed by an **Executive Committee** that shall consist of all elected officers (President, Vice President, Chief of Staff, Treasurer) and any other members the officers may designate (when need for additional assistance arises). The Executive committee shall be the governing body of the Club, make operational and policy decisions for the Club. It acts by majority vote. The Executive Committee shall be presided over by the President or his/her designee.
2. All officers and members of the Executive Committee must be club members in good standing.
3. **Elections** -- Elections of officers will be held during the club's annual business meeting in December. The President will request nominations for officers from club members in advance of the meeting. Voting will

take place at the meeting by a secret ballot of active club members ballot. Candidates for election can nominate themselves.

4. Officers will be elected to a two-year term of office. Officers may serve no more than four consecutive terms in any single office.

5. Duties of Officers / Executive Committee

- The **President** shall preside at meetings and perform the usual duties of a president. The president shall have the power to appoint members to the executive committee (when needed) and to remove a member or officer for just cause.

- The **Vice President** shall assume the president's office and power in the absence of the president. The Vice President may oversee some specific phase of club activity to lessen the president's work.

- The **Chief of Staff** shall keep all record of meetings, conduct all correspondence, and issue any necessary notices to members.

- The **Treasurer** shall keep all monies and pay all bills. The Treasurer will prepare and present a report of the club's finances at each annual business meeting.

- Additionally, the **Executive Committee** shall insure that the legal affairs of the Club are in order and that it is adequately protected by liability insurance. Upon approval by the Executive Committee, issues of general interest to the Club may be voted upon by the general membership.

6. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once every quarter.

7. In the event an officer has to step down for some reason and cannot complete his/her term of service, the president, in consultation with the other officers, will appoint a temporary replacement from the club membership until the next annual election of officers at the business meeting in December.

ARTICLE V

GENERAL CLUB MEETINGS

1. GC3 shall hold an annual business meeting open to all club members each December. This meeting will include reports from officers on club activities, business, membership, finances, etc. Annual elections of club officers will also be held at this annual meeting. To allow for maximum participation, the date, time, and location of this meeting will be announced well in advance.
2. Any club officer or executive committee member can, when necessary, call additional meetings.

ARTICLE VI

CLUB BANK ACCOUNT

1. The club shall maintain a checking account at Regions bank. The account is to carry authorized signatures of the **Executive Committee**.
2. All expenses shall be pre-approved by the President and Treasurer.
3. At the discretion of the executive committee, a savings account may be established in the same establishment as the checking account.
4. In the event of the club's dissolution, the highest remaining officer shall nominate a committee of a minimum of two people, but not to exceed three. Each committee member shall nominate three "not-for-profit" organizations of his or her choice. The nominations will be presented to the current membership for a vote. A money order or cashier's check will be issued to the elected organization equal to all remaining funds of GC3 after all outstanding accounts payable have been satisfied. The secretary and treasurer will then close the books as

necessary. At such time, it shall be the responsibility of the treasurer or, if necessary, another officer to notify all appropriate agencies as to the dissolution of the Club.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these by-laws are permitted and shall be presented at any general meeting of the club, including the annual business meeting. Amendments must be presented to the Secretary in writing. They will be read aloud and then discussed. Normally, voting on such proposed amendments will take place through a show of hands of club members, unless someone requests a paper ballot. A passing vote (a majority) will allow the amendment to take effect immediately following its acceptance and confirmation by the President.