

## Gator 4x4 Constitution

### Article I

1. This organization shall be known as Gator 4x4.
2. The Gator 4x4 colors are Orange and Black.

### Article II

#### Objectives

1. Gator4x4 is an organized not for profit organization.
2. Gator4x4 is in existence for the purpose of:
  - a. Providing social and recreational activities for its membership.
  - b. Education in the art of responsible off-road driving.

### Article III

#### Membership and Dues

1. All members, guests, and family must be familiar with and abide by the Gator 4x4 club constitution.
2. Each membership includes the immediate family and/or significant other, however, voting power is restricted to those members 16 years or older.
3. All members must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly fashion during club activities. Any member disgracing himself, or others in the public eye, acting in a dangerous fashion, or breaking constitutional rules, will be immediately subject to expulsion from the club, subject to decision by the President and his staff.
4. The majority of club leadership must approve application for membership.
5. Applicants for membership must be at least sixteen years of age and must hold a valid drivers license.
6. Dues for this organization shall be \$25.00 per year. Membership extends from October to September. New members joining in the months of June to September will be assessed dues of \$15 for the first year only.
7. Each member shall receive a club logo decal with their paid membership.
8. Dues and monies collected will be used for club purchases and expenditures for club activities, such as the buying of club t-shirts, hats, etc.
9. Past Presidents will carry the title of Ex-President. Additionally, Gator 4x4 Members who have been in club Office positions from 1 September 03 to 1 October 03 will carry the title Founder and hold permanent club membership.

### Article IV

#### Club Officers

1. The Gator 4x4 club Officer positions are as follows:
  - a. President – shall preside over membership and officer meetings and shall be present at all events when possible. He shall be the executive officer and shall set the club agendas and provide direction. The President is responsible for scheduling and planning. The President has the tie-breaking vote.
  - b. Vice President – shall, in the absence of the President, serve in that capacity. He shall assist the President as necessary.

- c. Secretary – shall maintain club records. The Secretary is responsible for roll call when appropriate and to determine the number of voting members present. He shall be able to report club activities and standings to any member requesting information.
  - d. Treasurer – shall keep accurate and complete records of the funds and accounts of this organization, shall collect all dues and maintain a record thereof. He shall make disbursements from funds of the Gator 4x4 as directed by the majority vote of club officers.
  - e. Gator4x4 Leadership may appoint individuals or committees as necessary for specific tasks on a voluntary basis.
2. Election of Officers.
- a. The membership shall meet and elect officers once a year.
  - b. The new elected officers will take office in October of the following fiscal year.
  - c. Elected officers must be 21 years of age or older, or have 2years active participation with the club and be 18 or older, with 4x4vehicle ownership.
  - d. All elected officers may run for that position again the following year. The President has a two concurrent term limit.
  - e. In the event of a vacancy of an office, there will be a special election to fill that position.
3. Impeachment
- a. Any officer of Gator4x4 may be impeached by a 2/3 majority vote of the active membership.
  - b. As a result of impeachment the officer will be forced to step down but will still be considered a member of Gator4x4.

## Article V

### Voting

1. Voting can only be done during a regularly scheduled, official meeting.
2. Elections shall be decided by a majority vote of a quorum of 2/3 of the active membership. Active membership is defined by attending a meeting or an event within the last two months.
3. Members must be present and personally submit votes in writing.
4. The Gator 4x4 constitution can only be changed with majority of present member vote.

## Article VI

### Events

1. Gatherings/Meetings will be held once a week.
2. Club Officer meetings will be held twice a month unless stated otherwise by the President: the President must give club Officers a week advance notice.
3. Major events or trips will be conducted once a month.
4. All dates/event times are subject to change.

## Article VII

### Conservation

1. Littering will not be tolerated.
2. Vehicles must stay on designated trails.

#### Article VIII

##### Substances

1. All applicable federal, state and local laws are to be followed by Gator4x4 members. If these violations occur the member/members will be asked to leave the activity/trail ride and/or reported to authorities. Repeat offenders will be stripped of their Gator4x4 membership.
2. Alcohol will only be permitted at campouts or other non-motorized activities.

#### Article IX

##### Responsibility

1. Personal safety and vehicle welfare is the responsibility of each individual. Gator 4x4 Officers and Members are not to be held responsible for vehicle damage or personal injury. Vehicle manufacturers and landowners are not to be held responsible for vehicle damage or personal injury. All members must also inform their guests of the club rules and inherent risks associated with club activities.
2. It is the responsibility of each individual to act in accordance of “local laws and regulations”.
3. Members and any guests must have an emergency contact/medical form on file with the Gator4x4 leadership to attend an event. Guest may complete the form the day of the event, as long as it is completed before the event takes place. In the rare case that your vehicle is separated from the leadership carrying these forms, Gator 4x4 also recommends that a copy of the emergency contact/medical form is kept in the vehicle you are riding in for your protection.