
LAJOC 4WD CLUB INCORPORATED
O/A LONDON & AREA JEEP® OWNERS CLUB

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Article I - Name

The name of this organization shall be "London & Area Jeep® Owners Club", hereinafter referred to as The Club.

Article II - Mission Statement & Objectives

Mission Statement:

As an organization, we endeavor to provide socialization, knowledge, and family activities for Jeep® owners and recognize the historical significance of Jeep® vehicles.

Objectives:

To gain recognition in the community and promote a positive attitude we will comply with the philosophy and principals of Tread Lightly! at all events.

Article III - Membership

Recruiting new members into the club is one of the keys to ensure ongoing success and survival of the club.

1. Membership is open to those persons possessing legal ownership of any Jeep® vehicle. In addition unless specified any events organized by the club will only be open to Jeep® vehicles.
2. Any member operating a Jeep® vehicle must be in possession of a valid operators/drivers license and valid proof of insurance.
3. Each member will, at the time of application, and upon any change of personal mailing address, furnish the club membership coordinator or update their profile on the LAJOC website with current information regarding complete mailing address, including postal code. Each member may also choose, at his/her discretion, to furnish the club membership coordinator or update their profile on the LAJOC website with current information regarding modifications to his/her vehicle, parts for sale or needed, phone number, fax number, email address and license plate number. It is the responsibility of each member to notify the club membership coordinator as to whether or not they grant the club permission to share any and all information they furnish with other club members.
4. Each member will assume responsibility for ensuring that he/she as well as all of his/her passengers/guests signs and dates the club liability waiver immediately upon arrival at any club event. Additionally, each member will assume responsibility for ensuring that his/her passenger(s), should they wish to drive a vehicle at any club event, is familiar with club rules, regulations, club philosophies and is a licensed and insured driver.
5. Regular Members may bring guests to an event. The first event attended by the guest is free of charge. The fee for the second (and subsequent) event attended is \$ 10.00, or the guest can join the club as a Member at the current membership rate. The guest must sign a waiver and be familiar with and obey all club rules, regulations, and club philosophies

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and be a licensed and insured driver. If the guest has passengers in the vehicle, then article III, section 4. applies to them.

6. All paid up card carrying members have voting power within the club and have the opportunity to run for elected positions within the club after a full year of membership

Article IV - Dues & Fees

1. Membership is due annually, and the fee is \$53.00 for a household. A household membership includes one jeep per club event and unlimited family members residing at the same address. For every additional *participating* jeep per household, an additional fee of \$27 will be applied. This additional fee will also add one voting right per additional participating jeep.
2. Lifetime membership will be granted to any member that is 70 years of age or old and has been a member of the club for 20 years or more. The fee for a lifetime member is \$0.
3. Any new members joining the club after July 31st will be charged a pro rated membership fee that is calculated by the membership system automatically.
4. Each member will receive a membership card upon registering and may request additional cards for other family members. There is a \$1.00 fee plus applicable postage for replacement cards. New members will receive access to the membership area of the LAJOC website, a receipt, access to all club files on request and any current club member discount package if applicable.
5. Each new member will be given a copy of the latest club Rules and Regulations and are obligated to read and abide by them. Additionally, in order to be permitted to participate in any club sanctioned event or meeting, each member must sign a Responsibility and Indemnity Waiver. By signing the Responsibility and Indemnity Waiver, the member agrees that the club, officers, directors, promoters, sponsors and volunteers will not be held legally nor morally responsible for the member, member's vehicles, personal belongings, family or passengers during any club event.
6. The member is responsible to provide insurance in keeping with current law enforcement policies as detailed in the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario.
7. Dues/fees are due annually, payable by the end of February.
8. Any member not having renewed their membership by the end of February in the following calendar year will be considered lapsed and no longer a member in good standing.
9. Any member not in good standing, will not receive newsletters, mailers, telephone information, will be denied access to club member discounts and will have their access to the member area of the LAJOC website and closed Facebook group revoked.

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10. In the event that a N.S.F. cheque is received by the club for membership fees/dues, the member is responsible for payment in full of the amount of charge levied by the financial institution for the N.S.F. cheque and for the amount owing for membership fees/dues. If payment in full is not received within 30 days, the member will be deleted from the current mailing list. (Member will receive 1 telephone call).

Article V - Administration & Elections

1. The governing Board of Directors consists of 7 elected members of the club, including the President and Vice-President. Terms of office shall be two years.
2. Any by-laws that are altered/amended can be accepted by a majority vote, quorum of 4 out of 7, at any Board of Directors meeting.
3. The Secretary(s) are volunteer positions.
4. Treasurer/Bookkeeper and all Coordinator positions are volunteer positions.
5. Election of club officers shall take place every two years at the Annual Meeting, which takes place in November.
6. In order for a member to be eligible to vote, to run for a BOD position he or she person must be a member in good standing for one year.
7. A letter of intent must be submitted to a board member from both current office holders and any Regular member wishing to be considered for an appointment. These will be published on the LAJOC website before the November election, listing all candidates for office positions.
8. If only one letter of intent is received per position, then all electoral positions shall be deemed to be filled by acclamation.
9. In the event that a position can't be filled, the Board of Directors will canvas members to act as interim as available.
10. Elections to be carried out by secret ballot. There is one vote per paid membership.
11. Any regular area member in good standing can request a ballot and stamped return envelope in advance of the election in the event they are unable to attend. All sealed envelopes must be received by the date of the election to be valid. Sealed envelopes will be opened at the general meeting in plain view and the enclosed ballots will be counted.
12. A majority of the votes cast is necessary for election to an office. Two volunteers will count all ballots at the time of the election.

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13. Any club member that wishes to challenge the vote may do so at the time of the election. Any count with a difference of only 5 votes will be recounted in the presence of the membership.
14. All governing Board of Directors and elected club officers shall meet regularly during the course of their term. Regularly defined as once per calendar month.
15. Any or all governing Board of Directors and elected club officers may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of a telephone or video conference in which all persons participating in the meeting are able to communicate with one another, and such participation shall constitute presence at the meeting.
16. Failure of any board member or club officer to attend 3 consecutive monthly meetings per calendar year, by means of a telephone or video conference or in-person, without prior notice to the club President or Vice-President shall be considered conduct unbecoming of a club official.
17. The Board reserves the right at the soonest possible meeting to such conduct to vote whether or not such member will continue or not in their official club position.
18. The club official in question reserves the right of appeal. The appeal shall be determined by a vote of 7 of his/her peers, chosen at random. The peers must be members of the London and Area Jeep® Owners Club. The vote of the board shall be successfully appealed if 5 of the 7 peers agree that the member in question is competent to continue on in his or her position.

Article VI - Violations

1. If there is a concern with a member (at a club-sanctioned event) please bring it to the Board of Directors first. The problem will then be discussed and the directors will proceed if deemed necessary.
2. Serious Offenses: Any member (at club sanctioned events) in violation of: The Highway Traffic Act, i.e. Careless or dangerous driving, negligent driving offenses or impaired driving and substance abuse, will not be tolerated at any time. Members in violation of any of these infractions will receive one written warning only. The next offense will result in dismissal from the club membership with no reimbursement of membership dues.
3. Minor Offenses: Any member found to be in violation of the (15) fifteen established club rules and regulations will be issued a written warning letter/violation form at the discretion of the current Board of Directors. All Board Members must review any letters of warning being sent out to a member. A quorum of 4 out of 7 Board Members are required for the letter to be sent. Each member can receive (2) two written warning with no penalty; upon receiving a (3) third written warning within a one year period, the member will be dismissed from the club with no reimbursement of membership dues.

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4. Any future membership will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors. If membership is allowed back into the club, ANY infraction would result in permanent dismissal with no reimbursement of membership fees."
5. Each member has the right to discuss the infraction and ensuing violation/notification with the Board of Directors.
6. If he/she wants to appeal the decision, then we will randomly pick 7 members (The Peer Review Board will be chosen at the nearest membership meeting. The names of the members who are attending that meeting will be put on a ballot and drawn that night.). They will listen to the appeal and make their decision.

Article VII - Committees

1. The Board of Directors has the power to appoint and dissolve committees deemed necessary to carry out the work of the club.
2. Any or all governing Board of Directors and committee volunteers may participate in a board-appointed committee meeting by means of a telephone or video conference in which all persons participating in the meeting are able to communicate with one another, and such participation shall constitute presence at the meeting.

Article VIII - Amendments

1. Any paid up Regular member in good standing may propose a change in the Constitution and by-laws. It must be submitted in writing to the Secretary and signed by the member provided that at least one-month notice is given prior to the Annual Meeting. Approval will be by motion of two-thirds majority of votes cast at the Annual Meeting.

Article IX - Indemnification

1. In consideration of being permitted to participate in any event sponsored by, promoted or directed by the club, each member hereby releases the club, officers, directors, promoters, sponsors and volunteers of all liability for any loss or damage on the account of injury to the member, the member's passengers and/or family, or their property or resulting in the death of the member, whether caused by the negligent act or omission of the club or individual members, or otherwise participating in such an event. Each member will be required to read and sign a responsibility waiver.
2. The member agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the club, directors and officials from any loss, liability, damage or cost they may incur due to such participation by the member, whether caused by the club's negligence or otherwise and agrees to assume full responsibility and risk for any bodily injury, death or property damage from the club's negligence or otherwise while the member is participating in club events.

Article X - Dissolution

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In the event that this organization is dissolved:

1. All borrowed equipment, tools, etc. shall be returned to the lender.
2. All loans and outstanding debts shall be paid in so far as funds are sufficient.
3. All current members to be notified by best practical and economical means.
4. Any club equipment, solely owned by the membership shall be auctioned off at the time of the dissolution.
5. Any remaining funds shall be donated to a local charity as decided by the Board of Directors at the time of the dissolution.