

Bylaws
HOOSIER CRUISER

ARTICLE I – NAME
THE NAME OF THE CLUB SHALL BE

HOOSIER CRUISER

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purposes of this club as organized are:

1. **SOCIAL.**
2. **TO EXPLORE**, maintain, preserve, and enjoy the inaccessible portions of the states of Indiana and Kentucky with our fellow club members.
3. **TO BE AVAILABLE**, when called upon, to help in emergencies where our 4-wheel drive vehicles and personnel are needed.
4. **TO SUPPORT** the Toyota Land Cruiser Association (TLCA).
5. **TO SUPPORT** the Indiana Four-Wheel Drive Association (IFWDA).
6. **TO ENSURE** that our children have the opportunity to enjoy 4-wheel drive events across our region.
7. **TO OPERATE** without profit, be nonpartisan and nonsectarian.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 – Voting Members: Persons seeking membership in this club, as regular voting members must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be sponsored by a club member in good standing.
2. Own a Toyota Land Cruiser or other Toyota 4-wheel drive vehicle.
3. Be a legally licensed driver of the State and at least 18 years of age.
4. Participate in club functions as follows:
 - A. Drive your 4WD vehicle in three club-sponsored functions, including one overnight 4WD trip.

OR

 - B. Attend three club general meetings.
5. Must agree to join the Toyota Land Cruiser Association, Inc.
6. Must show proof of adequate liability insurance.
7. Must submit a \$5.00 application fee with the completion of application form.

The above requirements must be met within a one-year period.

The prospective member will become eligible for vote upon completion of the above and approval by the Board of Directors no later than the next club meeting.

The prospective member will not be present during the discussion of his/her application and the process of the club members voting on the application.

New members are voted in by a 2/3 vote of the members present at the general meeting.

Section 2 – Associate Members: Associate members may join Hoosier Cruiser by nomination of the Board of Directors (BOD) and by a majority vote of the members. Any suitable person or business may be elected to associate membership in the club. Associate members shall pay the same club dues as regular club members, however they shall not be entitled to vote, or to hold any office of the club.

Section 3 – Honorary Members: Honorary members are nominated by the BOD and join Hoosier Cruiser by a majority vote of the club’s members. Any suitable person or business may be elected to honorary membership in the club. They will pay no dues, shall not vote, and shall not be entitled to hold any club office.

Section 4 – Charter Members: Those members listed herein are Charter Members of HOOSIER CRUISER and have been continuously since the club’s inception. Their membership is permanent and cannot be revoked. They shall be entitled to vote and to hold office in the club so long as their membership dues are paid and they are otherwise in good standing.



Section 5 – Dues: The yearly dues of each member and associate member of the club shall be set by the club, and payable at the January regular meeting or such a date as set by the BOD.

Dues must be paid within 30 days of the due date. Members who have not paid their dues after 60 days will be dropped from the mailing list. Members who have not paid their dues after 90 days will be dropped from the roster and may be re-instated only after a written request to the BOD and payment of all dues plus a \$5.00 late fee.

New member dues are due the day the member is voted into the club and are payable within 30 days of that date. TLCA dues are prorated by half-year, starting July 1.

Section 6 – Sale of vehicle: Upon the sale of a vehicle, the member *must* remove all club decals and TLCA decals and emblems. Additionally, any member leaving this club under unfavorable conditions must return all evidence of club membership.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

Section 1 – General Meetings: General meetings of the club shall be held at a time and place selected by the BOD. Changes to the time and place of the monthly meeting shall not be made unless notice is give to the members no less than one month before such action is taken.

Section 2 – Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be the April meeting of each year. The club Secretary will mail notice of each annual meeting to all members at least two weeks in advance. The club newsletter may serve as notice for the annual meeting.

The order of business at the annual meeting shall be:

1. Minutes of the previous meeting.
2. Reports of the Officers and Board of Directors.
3. Accomplishments of the past year and progress report.
4. Annual election of officers.
5. Vote on proposed Bylaw changes.

Section 3 – Special Meetings: A special meeting may be called by the BOD or whenever 1/3 of the voting members of the club shall make a written request to the President for the same. Not less than five days notification shall be given for the call of a special meeting.

Section 4 – Conduct of Meetings: All meetings shall be conducted according to parliamentary procedure, and open discussion from the floor on all measures is permitted and encouraged.

Section 5 – Board Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet at the direction of the club as necessary or when three or more directors call for such a meeting.

ARTICLE V – VOTING & QUORUMS

Section 1 – Definition of a Voting Member: Voting members are defined as having met the requirements of Article III, Section 1 and are identified on a membership application as applicant or spouse of applicant.

Section 2 – Who May Vote: Only voting members may cast votes for election of officers, changes to bylaws, and formal motions made at general meetings.

Section 3 – Quorum at General Meetings: For the purpose of voting at general meetings all voting members present shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 – Quorum at BOD Meetings: At the Board of Directors meeting, a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum and votes of the directors present shall prevail.

ARTICLE VI – MANAGEMENT

The management of the club shall be vested in the President, the Secretary/Treasurer, the TLCA Delegate, the Associated Delegate, and the Membership Chairperson. These members constitute the Board of Directors. Additional offices may be created with a modification to the chapter Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 – The President, Secretary/Treasurer, TLCA Delegate, Associate Delegate, Membership Chairperson, and Event Coordinator will be elected by a vote of the club members at the annual meeting in April of each year. Terms are to be limited to two consecutive one-year terms for each office held.

Section 2 – Club Officers are elected by voting in-person at the annual meeting or by mail vote. Mail votes must be received not later than 6 p.m. on the day of the Annual Meeting. The BOD will determine conditions and methods of the mail vote.

Section 3 – In the event of a vacancy in any office, the BOD will appoint a member in good standing to fill the vacancy until the next general election.

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Section 1 – Powers of the BOD: The Board of Directors will have the power to manage all affairs of the club including all questions relating in any manner whatsoever to the club, and to make all contracts necessary for the proper transaction of all business. A veto of any BOD action will be by simple majority of voting club members. Any general member may initiate a veto action by a motion, carried by a majority vote of members at a general meeting.

Section 2 – Participation: Any officer of the BOD who fails to attend three consecutive BOD meetings shall be deemed resigned. The remaining members of the Board can adjust considerations to this clause as necessary.

Section 3 – Specific Powers of the BOD: The BOD shall have the following specific powers:

1. Appointment of Delegates (non-TLCA).
2. Making rules for the conduct of members at Hoosier Cruiser events.
3. Suspension or expulsion of a member for conduct in violation of club rules.
4. Fixing and enforcement of penalties for violation of club rules.
5. Prescription of rules for the admission of strangers and guests to the privileges of the club.
6. Calling of special meetings.
7. Prescription of additional duties for officers not set forth in the Bylaws.

PRESIDENT:

The President shall preside over all meetings and board meetings. He/she shall have the duty of carrying out the policies and decisions of the delegates. The President shall have the responsibility of enforcing all laws and regulations of the club. The President shall, with the Secretary, sign all written contracts and obligations of the club. The President will have the power to appoint committees whenever necessary.

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

The Secretary/Treasurer will keep the minutes of each club meeting and a record of each club event or function. He/she will insure that all books, records, or recordings of the club are kept in the location designated by the BOD. In addition, he/she will deposit all funds of the club in a bank as designated by the BOD. At each meeting, the Secretary/Treasurer will read aloud a report of the status of all club monies and debts. The general members will then approve this report. The Secretary/Treasurer will not be responsible for money or funds the club pays out through checks or vouchers, which have been signed by the President.

TLCA DELEGATE:

The TLCA Delegate shall represent the club at all regional and national functions. He/she shall report on all activities of the TLCA and its regional chapters. If travel to the regional or national TLCA meetings is not possible due to funding this delegate will confer with a representative from the regional and/or national TLCA for the news and events. If travel to a regional or national meeting is not possible due to a conflict, the BOD shall elect a temporary replacement. Hoosier Cruiser will pay all travel of the TLCA Delegate to such meetings provided that the funds are available and the BOD approves the travel.

ASSOCIATE DELEGATES:

The Associate Delegate shall attend all pertinent events and meetings across the general geographic region of Hoosier Cruiser. A delegate shall be elected for Indiana and a second delegate may be elected if membership outside Indiana is sufficient to support such a delegate.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN:

The Membership Chairman shall ensure all members of Hoosier Cruiser are kept up-to-date regarding club functions and events. Additionally, this officer is responsible for the recruitment of additional members, associate members, honorary members, and sponsors.

EVENT COORDINATOR:

The Event Coordinator is responsible for the coordination of all club functions (not meetings). The officer shall ensure that active, fun, and safe events are held regularly in order to ensure club participation. The Event Coordinator (and Safety Committee) will conduct all vehicle safety inspections prior to a vehicle being approved for use in a club function or event.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

The following committees shall be formed no later than the first Annual Meeting.

1. Safety
2. Search and Rescue
3. Program
4. Bylaws

The elected committee chairman shall appoint his/her committee using volunteers from the club's general membership. A committee shall be no fewer than three and no more than five members, including the chairman.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be made at each Annual Meeting or at a meeting called for that purpose by a 2/3 vote of all members present. The Bylaws Chairman shall receive all proposed changes no later than the last General Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting. A written report of all proposed changes shall be available to all voting members no later than two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting. Changes to the existing bylaws require a simple majority vote of all voting members present at the Annual Meeting.