

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
OF THE  
OKC VELO CLUB**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

1. The name of this club shall be known as the OKC Velo Club. This name shall supercede all previous affiliated names (e.g. Oklahoma City Velo Club, Oklahoma City Cycling Association). The name OKC Velo Club, or its acronym, OKCVC, shall be the official and binding name of this organization.
2. The name of the club shall not be used in conjunction with advertising, promotion, or other function without the permission of the executive body of the club.

**ARTICLE II – MEETING LOCATION, MAILING ADDRESS**

1. This club shall have a regular location for its meetings.
2. The mailing address of the club shall be P.O. Box 21465, OKC 73156.

**ARTICLE III – OBJECTIVES**

1. The primary function of this organization shall be to promote bicycling safety and education in all avenues possible. To educate the public relating to bicycling the club shall hold demonstrations, public seminars, school programs and other educational venues.
2. The OKCVC also shall also use the sport of bicycle racing as a means to promote its educational purposes. In this regard the club shall promote and encourage the sport of bicycle racing on every level. This club shall in no way discriminate between riders licensed by the United States Cycling Federation and those not licensed.
3. The club shall maintain as a primary criterion the importance of good sportsmanship and safety. The club as part of its educational purpose shall actively support and promote the sport of bicycle racing by sponsoring a racing team or teams (as outlined below) and through the sponsorship of USCF-sanctioned races and through non-sanctioned, novice races.

## **ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT**

1. The following positions shall be created to govern the OKC Velo Club.
  - a. **President**: Shall be responsible for the oversight of the club; to insure that the intent of the bylaws shall be carried out; for the general wellbeing of the club; for the directing of club activities and its officers, members and associates; and for the development of ideas, programs and future goals to assure the perpetuation of the organization.
  - b. **Vice President**: Shall coordinate educational programs to further the educational purposes of the club; shall be available in the event that the president is unable to fulfill his term or absent; shall be responsible for club membership efforts; shall work with the president in initiating and carrying out educational club projects; shall be available for other duties as needed; and shall be a visible representative of the club.
  - c. **Secretary**: Shall be responsible for recording the minutes of each club business meeting;
  - d. **Treasurer**: Shall be responsible for the careful and prudent management of club monies and funds; and shall assist with club recordkeeping and secretarial duties.
  - e. **Racing Director**: Shall work with race officials, promoters, sponsors and planners in establishing racing events and in selecting races appropriate for OKCVC teams. Shall maintain rapport and official contact with other clubs and organizations.
  - f. **Directeur Sportif**: Shall work with club team members in establishing good racing practices; shall maintain skills and abilities in properly training and preparing teams and individuals for races; shall be available to all club members; shall have ultimate and final authority in an advisory capacity for team training and race tactics.
2. The above positions shall be considered as part of the Oklahoma City Velo Club executive committee, which may also include the following advisory positions:
  - a. Immediate past-president of OKCVC
  - b. Representatives from sponsors of the OKCVC
3. The executive committee shall consist of the individuals listed above. The executive committee shall act as the board of directors for the Oklahoma City Velo Club. The executive committee shall establish policy, goals and

objectives for the OKCVC. In addition, the executive committee shall be allowed to create such committees or positions to help them operate the club and to promote the needs and purposes of the club. Each term shall be for one year.

#### **ARTICLE V – ELECTIONS**

1. Each term as defined in Art. IV above shall be for one year.
2. Each officer of the club shall be selected by an election open to all paid members in good standing of the OKCVC.
3. Each election shall be by popular vote.
4. Elections shall be held annually on the first regular club meeting of the month of November. Elections shall be publicized no later than the prior October first meeting.
5. Election shall be by ballot cast during the meeting. Counting of votes shall be conducted during the meeting, with the new executive committee announced.
6. New officers shall assume duties as of the following January 1.
7. Terms shall expire at midnight, December 31.
8. In the event of any officer is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the executive committee shall name a replacement to complete that term. The office of president is exempt from this rule. In the event the president is unable to complete his or her term, The Vice President shall automatically assume the president's duties. The executive committee then shall name a new Vice President for the balance of the term.

#### **ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the Oklahoma City Velo Club shall be open to anyone without regard to race, creed, religion, sex, interest or affiliation.
2. Membership shall be conducted on a calendar year basis. All memberships shall expire as of midnight, December 31 and then shall be subject to renewal.
3. Only paid members in good standing may take part in club elections.
4. Non-members shall not be excluded from club meetings, although they may not take part in club business.

5. Club membership may be perceived as a privilege and not a right. Membership is subject to the following:
  - a. Paid membership status
  - b. Proper and sportsmanlike conduct in meetings, on rides, and activities relating to club business.
  - c. Observance of traffic laws and all regulations and rules governing safe cycling practices
  - d. All applicable USA Cycling rules and regulations
6. Members are privy to all club functions with the exception of executive committee meetings. Any member may run for club office, take part in club functions including rides, races and social functions, and may serve on various committees at his or her discretion.
7. Any member may call for an election at any club meeting for the introduction of new business, the modification of old business, the election or replacement of officers and/or executive committee members.

#### **ARTICLE VII – CONDUCT AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS**

1. All members shall abide by usual and recognized standards of personal conduct.
2. All riders taking part in club educational activities, club rides, training events, and in races (unless otherwise specified by the race promoter or promoters), shall be expected to abide by all laws including all rules governing traffic on any road, street, highway, or any public thoroughfare. This includes the following:
  - a. Stopping at stop signs or stop lights
  - b. Yielding of right-of-way at posted intersections
  - c. Maintaining a proper place in traffic—not weaving in and out of traffic and between cars; staying to the right insofar as is practicable; and exercising general care and courtesy to maintain the general safety and wellbeing of rider and riders, and motorists and pedestrians.
  - d. Maintaining a safe manner in pace lines and pelotons and in other groups.
3. Rules of conduct shall be established and enforced by the executive committee board of the OKCVC.

4. Any rider or riders may be denied club membership or may have club membership revoked for flagrant or repeated violation of any above rule or rules.
5. The purpose and intent of the OKCVC is to include, not exclude, individuals. However, to maintain the integrity of the club, the above rules will be enforced.
6. Any rider or riders may be censured, reprimanded or be denied membership for any appropriate duration of time in accordance with the above provisions.
7. The executive committee will hear any and all appeals of suspensions or reprimands. The executive committee also shall have ultimate authority for the enforcement of these rules.
8. The executive committee shall have the power to add, delete or alter the provisions above (Art. VII-1 thru 8). Notification of change must be made at least 30 days in advance of enforcement and must be publicized to club members.

#### **ARTICLE VIII – RACING TEAMS**

1. Although the primary purpose of the club is to promote educational activities relating to cycling the club shall also have as one of its purposes to promote bicycle racing on every level.
2. In its effort to promote cycling the club shall maintain at least two pools of riders—one to be sanctioned as a team by the USCF, and one to be unsanctioned of a novice class.
3. The following definitions are made:
  - a. Amateur – licensed by the USCF, and a member of good standing with the same. Amateur, as defined by the USCF, is a licensed non-professional cyclist who receives no money and prizes valued in total of no more than \$200 for any single race or event.
  - b. Novice – an unlicensed rider, who is a non-professional.
4. The club shall establish a pool of money to be distributed to riders on a need basis. This money shall be used only for transportation and entry fees. No other use is permitted. Monies shall be distributed on past performance, type and distance of race, and location. Licensed riders will

receive priority, but unlicensed riders may in no way be denied access to funds.

5. Additional requirements for licensed riders are as specified in USCF racing regulations. All riders representing the OKCVC will have clean, neat attire and equipment in good condition.
6. All riders are required to wear helmets in all USCF-sanctioned events, non-sanctioned events, organized races and club training rides.

#### **ARTICLE IX – AMMENDMENTS**

1. These bylaws may be changed, altered, and amended by a vote of the members and executive committee. Any member may move to alter these bylaws, in accordance with Art, VI-8.
2. Amendments shall be added as amendments until such time when these bylaws are substantially revised or rewritten.
3. Any amendment of the bylaws will supercede any previous provision.
4. Amendments shall be considered as a separate section of the constitution and bylaws, and not as an article.

#### **ARTICLE X – CONTRIBUTIONS AND SPONSORSHIP**

1. The OKCVC shall actively seek contributions as well as monetary sponsors to help further its educational purposes and to build and promote the club and its projects. A sponsor should be reputable individuals or business with a valid interest in promoting the education of cycling related projects and the sport of bicycle racing.

The above and foregoing Bylaws were adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

OKC Velo Club

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
William Wylie, President