

OHIO NOMADS "STANDING RULES"

"Standing Rules" do not relate to parliamentary procedures, as do bylaws, but refer to operating procedures. Standing rules are adopted by a majority vote, are amended by a two-thirds vote without previous notice or by majority vote with such notice. This action may be done at any regular meeting by a vote of those present. Standing rules may be temporarily suspended for the duration of a meeting by a majority vote. Other rules that the chapter may not wish to put in bylaws may be created as needed by the chapter. While standing rules are not the same as bylaws, and should not be used to circumvent bylaws, and are easily changed; chapters should use discretion to insure that a rule is really necessary and not frivolous. *Reference: Robert's Rule of Order, 2011 Revised 11th Edition, sections "Standing Rules", "Committee on Standing Rules".*

1. INITIATION FEE: The initiation fee will be a one-time fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) which includes the first year of Chapter dues, name badges, 1 egg plaque. A digital copy of the Nomad "Bylaws", Nomad "Standing Rules" and the Nomads "Membership Roster" will be emailed to the new member.
2. DUES: Dues will be ten dollars (\$10.00) per year per self-contained recreational vehicle.
3. ARREARS: Dues are due by October 1 for the following year. As of November 30, membership dues are delinquent; after December 31 membership is canceled without further notice.
4. MINUTES: The Secretary will maintain a binder with minutes of each meeting. All motions will be highlighted for quick reference.
5. BUSINESS MEETINGS: Meetings will be called at the discretion of the President. Minimum of one (1) per year.
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Annual election of officers will be held at the September rally.
 - Election Procedures:
 - A. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of nominees of at least one candidate for each Chapter office at the business meeting immediately prior to the election of officers in September.
 - B. Nominations for any office shall be accepted from the floor after the Nominating Committee has made its report and prior to the close of the meeting when nominations are made.
 - C. Each office shall be voted on in the sequence listed in the National Bylaws.
 - D. The results of the election shall be announced prior to the close of the September meeting.

7. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

President: The President is the leader of the Chapter and presides at meetings of the Chapter member. He/she also chairs the Executive Committee.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President. He also coordinates Rally dates.

Secretary: The Secretary is responsible for keeping accurate and up-to-date records of Chapter activities and membership, and for various reports to the Chapter Membership and to the National FMCA Offices.

Treasurer: The Treasurer receives, safeguards and holds all Chapter funds in the name of the Chapter and is its Trustee and Fiscal Agent. Accurate records shall be kept and reports made to the Membership at each business meeting of the Chapter membership.

National Director: The National Director represents the chapter membership at FMCA national meetings and reports back to the chapter membership.

Alternate National Director: The Alternate National Director shall represent the chapter membership in the absence of the National Director.

Newsletter Editor: The Newsletter Editor is responsible for a written newsletter "Scope Ohio" that will convey news of interest to the Chapter Membership. This will include news of recent rallies and Chapter activities, individual member achievements of general interest, the well being of Chapter members and information of upcoming events. The newsletter will be emailed to all members having an email address. It will only be mailed via USPS to any member not having an email address. The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the President on a yearly basis.

8. REINSTATEMENT: For reinstatement a member must pay current annual dues, plus next years dues, plus any fee for badges if needed.

9. RALLY REGULATIONS: (See attached)

10. RALLY FEE REFUNDS: Any refunds will be at the sole discretion of the Rally Master.

11. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP LIMIT: None.

12. NAME BADGES: Name badges shall be worn during all rallies.

13. PETS: All pets must be on a leash and cleaned up after.

14. GUEST POLICY: It shall be the host member's responsibility to inform the guest of all chapter rules & policies.

15. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER(S):** Individuals or families who no longer have a self-contained recreational vehicle, or are no longer able to be an active member for extenuating circumstances (i.e., distance, health, age, etc.), may become Associate Members by paying a nominal fee of \$5.00 per year. Associate Members may not vote or hold chapter office. When able, Associate Members are encouraged to attend rallies to visit and socialize (*also tours, potlucks, dining out, etc., etc.*) with other rally attendees. A copy of the Scope Ohio newsletter will be emailed to the Associate Members.
16. **DISBURSEMENT OF CHAPTER FUNDS:**
- A. Chapter funds may be disbursed only for authorized Chapter purposes.
 - B. A written receipt of authorized Chapter expenditures must be presented to the Chapter Treasurer for reimbursement.
 - C. The Executive Committee shall be authorized to make expenditures of up to \$500.00 for a single item without prior approval of the general membership.
17. Generator use will be restricted from 11:00 pm to 7:00 am, or as defined by the RV park/facility where the rally is being held.
18. The National Director or if the National Director does not attend, the Alternate National Director, or a duly appointed representative of the chapter, shall receive \$400.00 toward expenses for attending the annual FMCA business convention. (\$300.00 effective 10/02/2004), (\$400.00 effective 10/18/2019)

This document supersedes and replaces Standing Rules dated 07/22/2017.

Approved by Ohio Nomads membership vote 10/18/2019.

Signed - Coral Jochig - President Date - 10/18/2019

Mary Alice Gust - Secretary Date - 10/18/2019

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