

Drag Racers Association of Florence Bylaws

ARTICLE I – Name and Purposes

Section 1. **THE NAME** of this club shall be D.R.A.F., also known as Drag Racers Association of Florence. It shall be a non-profit organization incorporated under the laws of the State of South Carolina.

Section 2. **THE PURPOSE** of D.R.A.F. shall be:

- 1.To generate a membership of neighbors and friends to mutually increase the pleasure and popularity of the sport of drag racing.
- 2.To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of drag racing.
- 3.To develop a fraternal spirit among drag racers and other racing enthusiasts.
- 4.To promote favorable public relations through racing safety in cooperation with respective race promoters.
- 5.To encourage conduct which will promote a positive image of drag racers to all.

Section 3. **DEDICATION:** D.R.A.F. is dedicated to the proposition that:

- 1.The sport of drag racing is America’s most exhilarating sport.
- 2.The sport of drag racing is here to stay.

ARTICLE II- Membership

Section 1. **CLUB MEMBERSHIP** is open to anyone showing interest in drag racing and club. A membership is defined as either one person at least 7 years of age but not older than 18 years of age for junior class, and at least 16 years of age for other classes.

a)TCR-ages 13 to 17. Per IHRA Rules.

Section 2. **REQUEST FOR MEMBERSHIP** shall be made to the secretary.

Membership is contingent upon agreement by the applicant to abide by the club bylaws and rules, and payment of the requested membership dues. Any person who had been reprimanded by IHRA or any other organization or club, or who had a serious criminal background, may not join D.R.A.F., unless approved by a majority vote of board members. D.R.A.F. will not discriminate because of race, color, religion, or any other criteria that would be considered discriminatory.

Section 3. **MEMBERSHIP MAY BE TERMINATED** by action of the Board for non-payment of dues, safety violations, cheating, or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the Board to be prejudicial to the best interest of the club.

Section 4. **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP** dues are \$20.00 per person.

1. Membership will entitle the member to hold a specific car number. If membership account is not current, your car number will be forfeited.
2. Membership will allow you to compete for D.R.A.F. points with an additional fee of \$100.00 to race for the title of D.R.A.F. champion.
3. Membership dues of \$20.00 must be paid prior to the first round of the first race to claim points. You cannot go back and claim points prior to your payment. Your points will begin with the next points race following your payment to run for the championship. In order to claim the points, \$100.00 must be paid before the start of eliminations of the fourth scheduled race.

Section 5. **MEMBERSHIP VALIDITY** to remain a member in good standing in D.R.A.F. all members must:

1. Be a good sportsman and promote sportsman-like conduct, recognizing that people judge ALL drag racers by our actions.
2. Obey all Club Rules and Requirements as herein stated and otherwise may be set forth by the Board and agreed upon by the majority vote of the club.

Section 6. **VOTING** on club issues

1. Each active member who is at least 18 years of age is entitled to one vote to decide issues affecting the club.
2. Club issues may be decided by simple majority vote of those members who are present at one official club meeting.
3. Voting which may be of confidential matter will be done via a secret ballot.
4. Voting at the end of the year may be accomplished online at Drafclub.org

Section 7. **WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY** is required

1. Each member will be required to sign a general waiver of responsibility each year with membership. The waiver would ensure no board member, or club officer could be held responsible for any accident or incident related to racing.

ARTICLE III- Management

Section 1. **Club management** shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Board Member for every 10 members of D.R.A.F. These officers will constitute the Board.

Section 2. **Nominations** for officers and board members shall be open to the members during the regular meeting in September.

Section 3. **Elections of officers** will be by majority vote of the members on drafclub.org during the month of October.

1. Officers shall officially take office on January 1st and hold office for a period of one year.

2. Term of office for all positions shall not exceed five consecutive years.

Section 4. **PRESIDENT** shall preside over all meetings of the club, and is expected to manage the business of perpetuating the club's purposes, responsibilities, and traditions. He/She shall appoint committees as authorized by the Board.

Section 5. **VICE PRESIDENT** shall assume the duties and power of the president during the absence or temporary incapacity of the president. He/She shall assume additional responsibilities as authorized by the Board.

Section 6. **SECRETARY** shall keep all club records other than financial, including meeting minutes, membership roster, committee member listings, and documents of historical value. He/She shall send and/or post meeting notices and carry out all the usual secretarial functions of the club. The secretary shall ensure that all club records are retained and archived for future reference, unless agreed upon by the board and members.

Section 7. **TREASURER** shall keep all financial records and accounts of the club, receive dues for membership, pay bills, and generally be responsible for monitoring the financial health of the club. He/She shall be responsible for maintaining accurate and timely records of accounts and for preparing and presenting a treasurers report at each meeting and quarterly reports to the board as requested by the club.

1. Withdrawal of funds for any purpose shall be by check/debit card, signed by the treasurer or the president and are subject to prior approval by the board.
2. All payments over \$500.00 are to be approved by the board by majority vote.

Section 8. **OFFICERS POWER** all officers shall have such other powers as assigned by the bylaws, the members, or as required by law.

ARTICLE IV- Official Meetings

Section 1. **General Meetings** will be held on the first Monday of every month. A minimum of five members of club management must be present to hold an official meeting.

Section 2. **Board Meetings** any member can be present at the Board meetings, but does not have any voting rights.

1. Special meetings may be held throughout the year with prior announcement of such meetings to the general members via the D.R.A.F. Facebook page and/or e-mail.

Section 3. The **Board** may meet at the discretion during the interim between meetings.

Section 4. **FISCAL YEAR** D.R.A.F.'s fiscal year will begin January 1st and end December 31st of each year.

ARTICLE V- Club Races/Points

Section 1. **CLUB RACES** will be planned and organized by the Board.

1. D.R.A.F. will hold 11 points races a year, weather permitting. Club members will count their best 8 points races. In the event that the 11 points races cannot be held, club championship will be determined by the points earned until one week before the bracket finals.

2. For members to claim their points you must be in Good Standing with the club, have paid your membership dues (\$20), have paid the additional \$100.00 (or sold \$100.00 in raffle tickets) to run for championship, must attend at least 50% of the

annual club meetings, & must participate/volunteer at one of our scheduled club events.

Section 2. **PREPARATION** each member shall be responsible to pay his/her own expenses. Also, members shall see to it that their race cars are adequately prepared and are in compliance to all safety regulations and general D.R.A.F. racing rules and regulations, and cars are in good working condition.

Section 3. **CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE** all club members will assume responsibility for proper racing conduct and discipline. Drinking and driving is particularly dangerous in the sport of drag racing. Any members who abuse this practice shall be eliminated from racing by majority vote of those present at the event, and stands to lose his/her membership in D.R.A.F.

ARTICLE VI- Dissolution

Section 1. If dissolution of D.R.A.F. should occur all outstanding debts, if any will be paid. Any and all remaining funds and assets will be donated to another drag racing club or charity.

ARTICLE VII- Amendments

Section 1. These bylaws must be reviewed by the Board annually and amended as deemed appropriate, and presented to the members for the majority approval.

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