

Siklista Houston Cycling Group

Club By Laws

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Article I. Name

The name of the organization shall be the **Siklista-Houston Cycling Group/Team**, hereinafter referred to as the “**Club**.”

Article II. Mission Statement

The Club is an organization dedicated to promote the fun, fitness, and the passion of cycling along with other cycling related activities.

Article III. Membership & Dues

Admission

Membership is open to all cyclists who express a desire to join the club, pay a modest annual membership fee, and willing to abide to all Club by laws. New members must express a written desire to apply by filing out a membership application form and must enter into a 30 day probationary period. Only after the 30 day probationary period is over can the membership dues be collected.

Benefits

Being a member of the Siklista gives the cyclist a number of benefits that includes but not limited to;

- The ability to purchase an exclusive club jersey
- A significant discount on sales and services from our Club sponsors
- Voting privilege to the Club General Elections
- Exclusive invitations to the Club Sponsored Social and Cycling events (Family Picnics, Christmas Party, etc)
- Participates in all club rides and other organized events or sporting races

Membership Fee Amount, members shall pay dues in an amount determined by the Executive Committee. Membership dues shall be payable annually on or before Jan 31st. Dues collected after January 31st will be considered late and will include a \$2 surcharge. Any dues not paid after March 31st is considered delinquent.

If a new member is admitted after March 31st, dues will be prorated \$2 per month through December 31st of that year

Membership shall be suspended for failure to renew if annual dues have not been received within first 90 days of the year, but promptly reinstated retroactively to the membership upon payment of any delinquency.

Delinquency, Termination, & Renewal Process

Membership may be terminated at any time for good cause as determined by a 2/3 vote of censure by the Executive Committee. Written notice of termination of membership shall be forwarded by the assistant director to the former member by certified mail within 10 days of the action of the Executive Committee. Within 10 days of receipt of such notice any member whose membership has been terminated shall advise the assistant director by return certified mail of his/her protest of the termination and the assistant director shall place on the agenda of the next general membership meeting to be held at least 15 days from the filing of the protest, the issue of restoration of membership. Membership shall be restored upon majority vote of the membership at the meeting, provided that a quorum is present.

Exemptions

The club takes into consideration financial hardships of some cyclists that cannot meet the burden of paying annual membership dues. These include but not limited to active college students, high school & elementary students. These riders will be admitted and listed under the roster of the club with all the benefits including the ability to purchase a club jersey. ***However, these riders will not have the privilege of voting in any general club elections.*** If a particular rider is going through a unique circumstance that prevents him/her from paying membership dues, he/she must submit a letter of exemption to the club Executive Committee. The club Spokesperson will then present this to the advisory board for consideration

Article IV. Siklista Official Colors

The official Siklista colors are Red, White, Blue, & Yellow. All future club uniforms must include these colors. Color schemes may vary depending on the design. The Yellow will be represented as an **emblem in the shape of the sun as seen in the Filipino Flag** and be displayed prominently somewhere in the uniform.

Article V. Meetings & Events

Membership meetings shall be held on the *bi annually* and the time and location determined by the Executive Committee. Meetings shall be announced in the Siklista website and other Club communications. The event can only be declared a meeting if a quorum is present.

A **quorum** shall consist of fifteen (15) dues paying regular members.

Advisory Board meeting are scheduled on a quarterly basis and as often as a "need to meet" arises to address certain business concerns of the club provided a 7 calendar days notice is provided via email or announcement on the website.

The membership meeting for the month of December shall be known as the **Annual Meeting**, the purpose of which shall be the Election of Officers, the filing by the Director of the Report of Club Activities, the filing by the Assistant Club Director of a financial report and the Presentation of Awards by responsible officers. Notice of the Annual Meeting shall be published in the Siklista website at least fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the meeting.

Article VI. Executive Officers and Presidents Priore

The Club is governed by a group of officers who are responsible in steering the club towards its goals and purpose. The officers serve as ambassadors of the organization and cycling advocates to the general public. The roles and responsibilities of these officers are outlined below.

Executive Officers

The Executive Officers (EO) is composed of five members of the Club. ***It shall be the governing body of the Club and shall make operational and policy decisions for the Club and act by majority vote, except as otherwise provided herein.*** EO has to be club members for at least ***three years***. The term limits of these members and qualification are 2 years. Each of the EO member is required to attend the ***minimum of at least three of the four quarterly club meetings***.

Qualifications of the Executive Officers

1. Must be a bona fide member of the club
2. Must be an active member of the club for at least 3 years

3. Must possess good moral character, sound judgment, and be willing to assist the club leaders with decisions regarding club matters

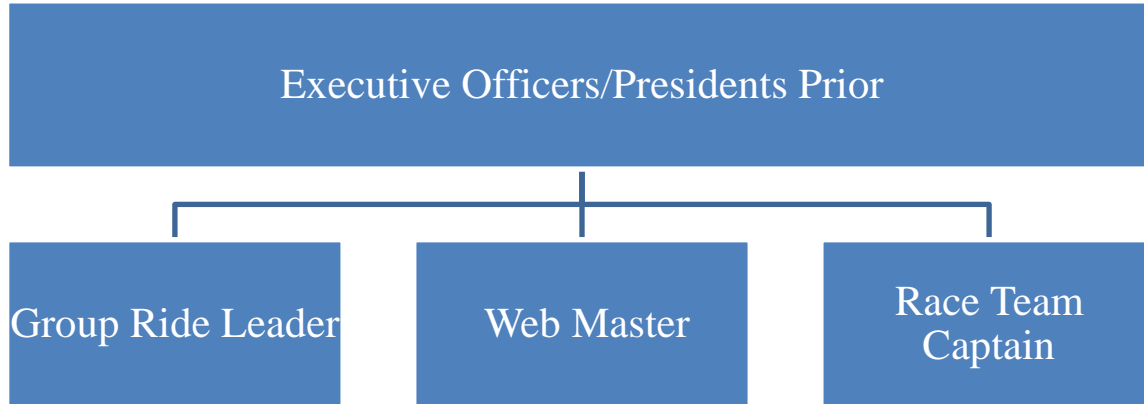
Presidents Priore

The Presidents Prior (PP) shall consist of all **Past Club Directors in the Club**. PP serves as an Advisory Council to the Executive Officers. Its main objective is to recommend, coach, and mentor the Executive Officers on how to address Club concerns. PP members will not have the chance to vote nor execute on policies and procedures. Presidents Priore will be the Consigliore to the Executive Officers

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3. Must possess good moral character, sound judgment, and be willing to assist the club leaders with decisions regarding club matters
4. Must be prior Club Directors or Original Siklista Club Member

Article VII. Organizational Chart



Article VIII. Club Rides

Weekly Saturday club rides are published in the Siklista website and is posted by the web master (or his designee) on or no later than Thursday of that said week. The ride posting will include the following elements: ride start time & location, distance, stop locations, & route description. The Sunday rides are more informal and are decided by the riders who show up on Sunday morning. The decision on where & when to start the ride rest upon the consensus on the members themselves and arbitrated by the club director or his designated officer. Special events can also be arranged upon requests by any club member, discussed, & voted upon by the officers and members present.

Article XIX. Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by any member of the executive committee at any membership meeting and should be voted upon by active members within 15 calendar days, provided that written notice of the proposed amendment is given at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting.

All Amendments are to be presented and approved by the executive committee provided that a **majority number of** members of the executive committee are present. In the event that an officer cannot attend, verbal or written consent by the said officer must be acquired and provided to the committee. The committee can then proceed in doing two of two things; (1) defer the meeting until all members are present or (2) allow the officer to vote in absentia.

All amendments will be published in the on the Siklista Website.