



2025
VASA OHV Club Charter Agreement
Due by February 28, 2025

This Charter Agreement is made and entered into on January 1, 2025, by and between _____, a duly organized club in the state of Vermont, and Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association (VASA), a statewide organization dedicated to promoting responsible OHV riding, hereinafter referred to as "VASA."

1. Mission and Purpose

- 1.1 The Club agrees to uphold and promote the mission of VASA, which is to foster safe, responsible, and environmentally conscious OHV riding.
- 1.2 The Club shall work to recruit and encourage OHV riders to ride in Vermont.
- 1.3 The club shall assist in educating OHV riders and the general public on code of conduct, trail policies, and applicable laws.

2. Membership Requirements

- 2.1 The Club shall be comprised of members who are also members of VASA.
- 2.2 All Club members must maintain current VASA trail access decals to utilize VASA designated trails.
- 2.3 A trail access decal expires at the end of the calendar year and must be renewed annually.

3. Club Responsibilities

- 3.1 The Club agrees to operate in accordance with VASA's bylaws, policies, and regulations.
- 3.2 The Club shall promote OHV safety through events, educational activities, and rider safety courses, encouraging family participation.
- 3.3 The Club will maintain and improve OHV trails in its designated area, including conducting necessary repairs, updating landowner permission forms, and "signing" trails according to VASA policy.

3.4 The Club agrees to promote VASA's all membership campaigns and encourage the purchase of trail access decals.

4. VASA Responsibilities

4.1 VASA shall provide resources and support for the Club, including administrative guidance, trail store, and access to insurance coverage.

4.2 VASA recommends pursuing 501(c)(3) status for greater fundraising opportunities, but 501(c)(7) status can be used if it better aligns with the club's goals and activities.

4.3 VASA will offer technical support for trail management, member recruitment, and safety education initiatives.

4.4 VASA agrees to maintain an accurate and Up-To-Date roster of its members and share this roster with clubs upon request.

4.5 VASA agrees to provide trail maintenance upon request, contingent on its trail maintenance schedule. If VASA is unable to perform the requested maintenance, it will help facilitate support with external organizations to ensure the completion of maintenance projects in accordance with the trail program policy.

5. Financial Agreement

5.1 The Club will receive a portion of the proceeds from the sale of VASA trail access decals as agreed upon by VASA, for the maintenance of trails and club activities.

5.2 The Club agrees to submit annual financial reports to VASA for review and to ensure compliance with nonprofit regulations, if needed, at the request of an auditor.

6. Term and Termination

6.1 This agreement shall remain in effect unless terminated by either party or at the conclusion of the calendar year.

6.2 Either party may terminate this agreement with 30 days written notice to the other party.

6.3 In the event of termination, the Club shall return all VASA property and cease to operate as a chartered club under VASA.

7. Amendments

7.1 Any amendments to this Charter Agreement must be made in writing and agreed upon by both parties.

8. Governing Law

8.1 This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

Signature Page

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Club Representative Signature

X _____

VASA Representative Signature

X _____

Club Representative Printed Name

X _____

VASA Representative Printed Name

**Upon signature, this VASA OHV Club Charter Agreement will remain valid until the end of the calendar year, 2025.*



CLUB CONTACT LIST

CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name

Club Mailing Address

PRESIDENT

Name

Phone

Email

VICE PRESIDENT

Name

Phone

Email

SECRETARY

Name

Phone

E-mail

TREASURER

Name

Phone

Email

TRAILS

Name

Phone

Email

MEMBER AT LARGE

Name

Phone

Email

VASA REPRESENTATIVE

Name

Phone

Email

ALT VASA REPRESENTATIVE

Name

Phone

Email



Code of Ethics

Introduction:

The Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association is committed to promoting safe, responsible, and sustainable OHV riding practices. This Code of Ethics outlines the principles and standards that all members, participants, volunteers, and staff are expected to adhere to while engaging in OHV related activities.

1. Safety First:

- Always prioritize safety in all OHV related activities.
- Wear appropriate safety gear, including helmets, goggles, gloves, and protective clothing.
- Adhere to all local, state, and federal laws and regulations governing OHV use.

2. Environmental Stewardship:

- Respect and protect the environment while riding OHVs.
- Stay on designated trails and avoid off trail riding, which can damage sensitive ecosystems.
- Avoid disturbing wildlife and natural habitats.

3. Responsible Riding:

- Ride within your skill level and capabilities.
- Respect other riders, hikers, bikers, and users of shared trails.
- Yield to non-motorized trail users and give them ample space.

4. Trail Maintenance and Preservation:

- Participate in trail maintenance and preservation efforts.
- Report any trail hazards, erosion, or environmental damage to the appropriate authorities.

5. Ethical Conduct:

- Treat all individuals with respect, dignity, and courtesy.
- Avoid reckless or aggressive riding behavior that may endanger yourself or others.
- Refrain from using OHVs under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

6. Representing VASA:

- ATV clubs often serve as ambassadors for VASA within their local communities. This can involve participating in events, promoting safe and responsible ATV riding practices, advocating for the interests of ATV riders, posting on all social media channels, and representing VASA in a proper way that is free of alcohol (drinking or promotion), drugs, political agendas, religious beliefs, racism, bigotry, etc...



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7. Compliance:

- Comply with all rules, policies, and guidelines established by the Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association.
- Cooperate with law enforcement, land managers, and other regulatory agencies.

8. Continuous Improvement:

- Continuously seek opportunities for learning and improvement in OHV riding skills and safety practices.
- Stay informed about changes in OHV regulations and best practices.

9. Accountability:

- Hold yourself and others accountable for upholding the principles and standards outlined in this Code of Ethics.
- Report any violations of this Code of Ethics to the appropriate authorities within the organization.

10. Promotion of the Code:

- Promote awareness and adherence to this Code of Ethics among all members, participants, volunteers, and stakeholders of the Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association.

Effective Date:

This Code of Ethics shall be effective as of January 1, 2025.

Review Date:

This Code of Ethics shall be reviewed annually on November 15 and may be revised as necessary.

Acknowledgment:

By becoming a member, participant, volunteer, or staff of the Vermont ATV Sportsman's Association, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the principles and standards outlined in this Code of Ethics.

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Printed Name: _____

Club Name: _____