



**Over The Hill Gang
By-Laws & Constitution
2016**

OVER THE HILL GANG
National Constitution and By-Laws
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We the Gang Members, in order to gain the enjoyment and benefits of the association of persons thirty or more years of age, commonly bonded by an interest in motorcycle activities, hereby constitute ourselves the “Over The Hill Gang Association”, declare this constitution and By-Laws as our governing law.

Our purpose shall be to encourage fraternalism, promote individual gang member riding proficiency, share our motorcycle knowledge and conduct our programs in such a manner as to advance the general interest of motorcycle activities among those sharing our interest and meeting our age requirements.

We trust that you will take continuing pride in being a member of the Over The Hill Gang and will personally assist us in furthering our Club objectives of racing for fun in a safe and sane manner.

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ARTICLE I

GENERAL

1.0 NAME: This organization shall be known as the “Over The Hill Gang” AKA OTHG.

1.0.1 The official web site of the OTHG South chapter will be www.othgmx.org

1.1 PURPOSE: To provide and encourage all forms of motorcycle activities for motorcycle riders having attained the age of thirty years or more or will be turning thirty within the calendar year.

1.2 MEETINGS: Regular business meetings will be held on a day designated by the Club E-Board. Meetings shall be conducted on a quarterly basis.

1.2.1 Meetings will be held in Feb, May, Aug & Nov

1.3 RULES: Roberts Rules of governing shall govern all proceedings, while the OTHG By-Laws shall govern overall club direction. Motions voted on and passed or rejected by the majority of the voting membership will stay in effect for a minimum of one year. Motion can be re-addressed by the E Board if it is determined that motion has a negative effect on the overall health and welfare of the club

1.4 AMENDMENTS: No amendments may be made to the articles of the National Constitution and Bylaws without prior approval from the Parent Chapter. In order for an amendment to the National Constitution and By-Laws, each chapter of the OTHG will receive one vote. In the event of a tie, the parent chapter will be the tie-breaker.

1.5 CHAPTER: Los Angeles (South) is the Parent Chapter of the “Over The Hill Gang Association”. Any subsequent chapters may join only after being recognized by the Parent Chapter and following its Constitution and Bylaws-

1.6 DISSOLUTION: Any OTHG Chapter may be dissolved and its activities terminated by a two-thirds vote of all chapter members. In the event the Club is dissolved and after payment of all invoices, claims and demands, any remaining assets of the Club shall be contributed to a non-profit organization with a similar mission.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

2.0 GENERAL: Gang Members shall be limited to those persons having attained an age of thirty or more years or will be turning thirty within the calendar year, Individuals not 30 years of age are invited and eligible to race “support”. Women must be at least twenty-five years of age or turning twenty-five within the calendar year.

2.1 DUES: The Club, by a majority vote, may levy upon the general membership such or other assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization within its objectives as set forth in the Preamble. Non-Payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for expulsion from the Club within the discretion of the membership.

2.2 COST: Yearly membership dues shall be \$35.00. Failure to renew will automatically terminate membership to the OTHG. The OTHG number 1 rider from the previous year will be allowed to rejoin the OTHG at no additional cost, membership dues shall be waived for the “previous” year’s E-board for their service the prior year

2.3 APPLICATION: Application for membership shall be submitted on an appropriate OTHG membership application to any E board member or Scorekeeper at a Club meeting, or OTHG function.

2.4 NEW MEMBERS: New Members must display the OTHG-provided red “E” sticker on all three number plates for two races prior to being assigned to a class. Master riders are not required to have any evaluation rides or races prior to entering any OTHG event.

2.5 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL: Members from the previous year must pay membership dues prior to the end of February of the new year. Failure to do so may result in a loss of the previous year earned number and points accrued from attending the Banquet.

2.6 PAST MEMBERS: Past members of the OTHG that rejoin after one or more years absence in the same skill level will not be required to do evaluation rides, those that choose a different skill level will lose Club privileges and must rejoin as an unclassified member.

2.7 CONDUCT: All OTHG members are required to conduct themselves in a manner, which reflects in a positive image for the OTHG. All paid gang members will conform to the rules and regulations set forth by the OTHG.

2.8 FIGHTING: Fighting, whether physical or verbal will not be tolerated. Any fighting amongst members at an OTHG event will lead to those members being disciplined by the E Board. Discipline will range from verbal warnings to race suspensions to removal from the club. Each incident will be unique and will be dealt with in that manner.

2.9 INTERNET: The OTHG sees value in the use of a chapter web site and forum to promote the club and its activities. Any member found to be posting information regarding the OTHG on the club web site/forum or any other web site that is slanderous or negative toward OTHG and/or its members will have their posting privileges revoked. Members who continue to post comments on other web sites/forums that are negative and slanderous may have their membership revoked.

2.10 PENALTY FOR UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT: The E board will have the right to discipline any gang member whose conduct is not compatible with the Club Bylaws, or who is guilty of any infraction of the Rules and regulations of the Club. There will be no refunds to any member who is removed from OTHG membership.

2.11 LAWSUITS: Any individual who threatens to sue or attempt to sue for any reason shall have their membership revoked from all OTHG chapters. Any chapter that harbors a revoked member shall have their chapter immediately revoked from the Over The Hill Gang Association, INC. (OTHGA, INC.) The South Chapter Board shall have final say on all matters and if they deem revocation is in the best interest of OTHG, then they have the full authority to do so.

ARTICLE III NUMBERS AND RIDER CLASSIFICATION

OTHG Races shall be held on an average of at least twice a month. All rider birth dates are aligned to January 1st of the calendar year, so a rider is able to race in the next older age group from the beginning of the year that his birthday makes him eligible.

3.0 CLASS IDENTIFICATION: The Club is structured for a twenty-class system – the classes are as follows:

30+/38+/45+/52+/58 Beginner	Green Plates/White Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58 Novice	Yellow Plates/Black Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58 intermediate	Black Plates/White Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58 Experts	White Plates/Black Numbers/Letters
30+/38+/45+/52+/58 Master	White Plates/ Black Numbers/Letters

3.0.1 Beginning in 2016, there will be a 65+ class at all National events. As the class grows division of skill level will occur.

3.0.2 Local chapters may elect to run a 65+ class at local races. As class grows, division of skill level will occur.

3.0.3 65+ class racers will be scored the same as the Novice class

3.1 NOTE: Female club members are provided a 5-year offset for each age division.

3.1.1 Starting in 2016, Women must run Blue backgrounds with white or yellow numbers at all National events.

3.2 NOTE: Optional Backgrounds – With the exception of “red” backgrounds, riders are allowed to run any number/background color combination as long as they have applied the proper colored "G's" that are available at sign-ups. *This exception applies to local races only!*

3.2.1 National events are subject to the full background color rules listed under CLASS IDENTIFICATION.

3.3 NOTE: In addition to the above listed class identification, the number one rider for the chapter, as well as national champions, can elect to run the current SX and MX style “red” background with a white or black number/letter.

3.4 CLASSIFICATION: New members must race two “evaluation” races to determine rider classification. Riders may be reclassified at any time at the discretion of the Race Committee and/or the Race Director. If a rider believes he has been misclassified, he may request that his classification be re-evaluated. All decisions by the Race Director in regards to re-classification will be final.

3.4.1 Any rider racing in the Master’s class is exempt from the two-race evaluation process.

3.5 AGE MOVE-UPS: If a Member moves up in age classification but stays in the same skill level and has ridden at least 2 races within the calendar year, the rider is not required to reclassify.

3.6 NATIONAL MOVE-UPS: During OTHG National events, riders advancing to another class due to age or move-up/down will only carry points equivalent to or less than the current leader in that national points standing, and must have ridden two “local” events in that class prior to the nationals.

3.7 UNCLASSIFIED RIDERS: Riders being evaluated will receive minimum points (25 points) per event for the first 2 evaluation races.

3.8 COMPETITION NUMBERS: Competition numbers will be assigned to all gang members in the order of their membership during the first year. At the end of their first year, numbers shall be assigned to the member of that Club Chapter according to their point standing at the end of the year, provided they are in the top 25 in final points (the Top 25 numbers are reserved). Numbers outside of the top 25 can be requested with preference given to the rider with that number the previous year provided the membership is submitted and paid for prior to the first race of the season.

3.9 RETIRED NUMBERS:

205 - Jim Henn

412 - Jim Holman

3.10 DISPLAYING NUMBERS: OTHG members must have their assigned numbers appear on three number plates in the required format and style as outlined in the CLASS IDENTIFICATION section, as well as the CHAPTER DESIGNATION section. A 2-inch minimum letter must also appear on three number plates signifying the Club Chapter.

3.11 CHAPTER DESIGNATION: All Members of the South Chapter of the OTHG must have the letter G after their assigned number. Sierra Chapter must exhibit an S, Reno Chapter must exhibit an R, the Bay Chapter must exhibit a B, and the Central Valley must exhibit a V. (Example - 100G, Southern California Rider) Letter must be a minimum of 2 inches in height.

3.12 IMPROPER DESIGNATIONS: If a Club member shows up at a race without his designated number, the member must run temporary OTHG numbers to be scored for that day (with Race Director approval/coordination).

3.13 SUBSTITUTE NUMBER PLATES: Members who are unable to run the proper background colors, numbers or the chapter letter designator must-notify the race director prior to practice. Failure to do so will result in a one-lap penalty.

3.14 COMING OFF INJURIES or DROPPING TO A LOWER SKILL LEVEL: Riders who come back from injuries or long layoff will be allowed to participate in a lower class for four (4) races, with the Race Director's approval. The rider must display the OTHG provided red "E" sticker on all three number plates for the four races to let the other riders in the class know the individual is being reevaluated and is not currently in contention for a podium position and will receive 25 points (minimum points). Riders that choose to race a National race during this four race period, may only race the National race in their original class (NOT in the lower class). After the completion of the four races, and if the rider still feels he/she is not ready to return to their original higher classification, the rider must petition the Race Director to remain in the lower class

ARTICLE IV INFRACTIONS

4.0 INFRACTIONS: The OTHG is here to promote safe and fun motocross racing. Any conduct that brings negativity and that is unbecoming a club member will not be tolerated. This includes, but is not limited to the race track and on web sites/forums. Any violations of the aforementioned rules and proper racing conduct will result in disciplinary action being taken against the offending member. Disciplinary action will be taken in a progressive manner.

- 1st Offense will result in a verbal warning
- 2nd Offense will result in 2 race suspension and a loss of 100 points
- 3rd Offense will result in the offending member being removed from the club. No refunds will be issued to the member being removed from the OTHG South Chapter.

Each incident will be reviewed by the E Board and a decision made on the discipline that offending member will receive. No one board member can make the decision alone.

4.1 E Board Authority: In the opinion of the E Board, any member(s) actions which bring negativity to the OTHG and will reflect poorly on the club may be removed from the club by a majority vote of the E Board.

ARTICLE V PROTESTS

5.0 PROTESTS: Protests must be filed within one hour of the alleged infraction. Protesters must consist of the rider affected by the infraction, IE: Must be in the same class or race of which the infraction occurred. Any member of the OTHG board can also file protests. If an E Board member is making the protest, they will be removed for any decision making process involved with the protest. At the discretion of the E Board, they may select a neutral member (in good standing) to fill in for the vacated E Board member in regards to voting on the specific issue. All decisions will be final.

ARTICLE VI SCORING PROCEDURES

6.0 SCORING: Each class will be scored separately, with points earned counted towards year-end total points. Total points are used to determine your riding number for the following year. Points are awarded as follows (as voted on Dec. 2006):

PLACE POINTS AWARDED

- 1 st 35 Points
- 2 nd 34 Points
- 3 rd 33 Points
- 4 th 32 Points
- 5 th 31 Points
- 6 th 30 Points
- 7 th 29 Points
- 8 th 28 Points
- 9 th 27 Points
- 10th 26 Points
- 11th 25 Points

6.1 Riders who finish 11th to last place shall receive 25 points. Points are based on your overall finishing position.

6.2 Starting in 2015 all National Event(s) points accumulated by OTHG South members will count toward the OTHG South chapter's #1 plate. Each National will be scored as two separate races. Dropping a National will result in two of six drops being used. Each day of the National that is missed will count for one drop.

6.3 All racers will be required to use "MyLaps" transponders to ensure accurate scoring. This applies for local as well as National events.

6.3.1 Any member who rents a transponder and loses or damages it while in his or her possession will be responsible for any cost incurred by the OTHG to repair or replace the lost transponder.

6.3.2 Failure to pay for a lost or damaged transponder will result in the member being suspended from any and all racing activity until payment has been made.

6.4 Full points shall be based upon the following class differentiations:

Master	3 riders make a full class
Expert	3 riders make a full class
Intermediate	4 riders make a full class
Novice	5 riders make a full class
Beginner	5 riders make a full class

6.5 DNF's: Any rider who does not complete the entire moto will be scored as a DNF. Finish will be based on his/her number of completed laps, plus one moto point.

6.6 DNS's: If a rider is unable to complete one lap and be scored, they will be scored as a DNS. This rider shall receive last place points, plus two moto points.

6.7 BIKE CHANGES: Club members are permitted to change bikes after the first race, if they have mechanical problems. If your bike becomes disabled during a moto, you may not get another bike and continue the race.

Example - If in the first moto there are 3 riders, a DNF would finish in 3rd place plus 1 point totaling 4 points. The second race placed 1st, with 1 point, he/she would get a total of 5 points for the day. This would keep him from taking 1st overall away from the rider who got 1st and a 3rd. Overall standings are determined by combining the finishes in moto 1 and 2. In the event of a tie, the second moto finish will be used to determine the tie-breaker.

6.8 POSTING RESULTS: Results of each moto, as well as the overall finish for the days races will be posted near the Clubs sign up area following a reasonable period of time. No Club member is to approach either the scorekeepers or promoters regarding the results. Penalties for the above listed infractions vary from docking the rider a lap to expulsion from the event and/or gang.

6.9 DROPS: Year end points totals are based on finishing positions throughout the year. Riders who were able to race every race throughout the course of the year will have the 6 lowest scores removed from their accumulated point's total. Riders who were unable to make all the races throughout the course of the year will have the number of missed races and the lowest finishes combined until a total of 6 events have been thrown out. If a rider has already missed 6 events throughout the course of the year, he has no worries; no additional races will be thrown out. The club banquet and club picnic are both worth 35 points each and are considered droppable events.

6.10 POINTS SCORING SYSTEM: See attached sheet.

ARTICLE VII NATIONAL EVENTS

8.0 NATIONAL RACE RULES: See National Race By-Laws

ARTICLE VIII ELECTIONS

8.0 ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER: Elections must be conducted under the Roberts Rules of Order. Nominees for office must either be present when nominated, or have agreed to serve in writing. To ensure continuity, nominations will occur in September with final nominations along with the election ballot being provided to the membership in October.

8.0.1 Ballots shall be distributed at a designated race in Oct or via US Mail if a current member (in good standing) makes that request.

8.0.2 All requests for mail in ballots must be in writing to a designated club member via email or in person at least 7 days prior to the voting deadline. Designated OTHG member will be selected by the E Board and made public knowledge 14 days prior to voting the deadline.

8.0.2.1 All mail in ballots must be postmarked by a designated day established by the E Board. Any mail in Ballot(s) received within 3 days of the voting deadline will be valid ONLY if the postmark is prior to the voting deadline.

8.0.2.2 Any mail in ballots received after the designated cut-off date or those with a postmark later than the established deadline will not be counted. All ballots shall be destroyed and have no impact on the outcome of the election.

8.0.2.3 The E-board retains the right to allow voting by Text messaging in elections that they determine it be appropriate. Use of text messaging will be considered on a case by case basis, and is not considered the normal way of business.

8.0.3 The final election ballot tally and the announcement of the following year's board will occur at the November meeting to provide an opportunity for the incoming board to coordinate with the outgoing one before the end of the outgoing board's term.

8.1 OFFICERS: The Officers of this Club consist of, at a minimum or some combination thereof, President, Vice - President, Race Director, Secretary/Editor, Treasurer, Web Director, Race Statistician and SGT-at-Arms.

8.2 TERM: Officers of this Club shall be elected to serve for a term of one year. (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31).

8.3 BOARD OBLIGATIONS: Officers shall, at the expiration of their terms, relinquish to their successors all items belonging to the Club. Every Officer will be held to the conduct of the OTHG with no exceptions. All officers will conduct themselves with the professionalism that the members of the OTHG deserve.

8.4 BANQUET: The outgoing board members shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the upcoming banquet. This will be the only responsibility the outgoing E Board members will have in the new year. I.E. 2014 E Board is responsible for planning the 2015 Banquet.

8.5 VACANCIES: Vacancies that occur between annual elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the withdrawal or resignation of any officer.

8.6 IMPEACHMENT: Officers can be removed by a three-fourths vote of the total general membership.

8.7 NOMINATIONS: Any member who participated in less than 50% of the club races is ineligible to be nominated for any board position.

8.7.1 Any potential candidate must have raced the South National as part of their 50% participation.

ARTICLE IX DUTIES

9.0 THE PRESIDENT: As chief officer of the Club, shall direct its business in a timely manner, preside at all meetings of the Club, appoint standing and special committees to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Club. He/she shall call meetings of the board as is necessary to conduct club business, supervise the duties of all other officers and maintain a properly functioning organization.

9.1 VICE PRESIDENT: Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence in a timely manner, schedule Race dates, Additionally, the current year VP will schedule races through the first quarter (March 31) of the following year to ensure the OTHG has scheduled races while still ensuring a reasonable transition period for a new VP (as applicable) to have sufficient time to “learn the ropes” and “contacts” associated with scheduling races, etc.

9.2 SECRETARY/EDITOR: Shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Club and provide to general membership in a timely manner, produce the Club Newsletter on a monthly basis and ensure timely delivery to membership requiring such and perform any other duties assigned by the President.

9.3 TREASURER: Shall receive all moneys of the club and deposit such moneys in the Club account in a timely manner, co-sign all checks with the President (or appointed designee), make remittances as required, pay bills, maintain a detailed record of all receipts and disbursements and demands. Pay track workers at the end of the day’s racing. In addition, the treasurer will perform any other duties as assigned by the President. At the end of his term, the treasurer shall deliver and present for audit to the incoming board all books and records of the club.

9.4 RACE DIRECTOR: Shall oversee race day activities to include practice/race schedule, riders are participating within their assigned classifications (practice/race), and post activities to include rider advancement and race committee coordination in a timely manner.

9.5 RACE STATS: Shall tally all points from OTHG events and provide to appropriate OTHG personnel (editor/web master) in a timely manner, maintain the gang membership rolls, and perform any other duties assigned by the President.

9.6 WEB DIRECTOR: Shall maintain the Club website in a timely manner and perform any other duties assigned by the President. Will also work with the E Board to promote the OTHG in a positive manner.

9.7 SCOREKEEPERS: Although not “official” OTHG elected board members, they shall administer sign up duties, scorekeeping requirements, as well as other administrative functions as deemed appropriate by the board. The OTHG board members shall oversee the Scorekeepers’ duties.

9.7.1 Scorekeepers shall be paid at the end of the days racing activity by the Treasurer. Under no circumstance shall the scorekeepers pay themselves. If the club treasurer is not available, payment will be made from a designated E Board member at the request of the chapter president.

9.8 FOUNDERS: The founders of the Parent Chapter of the “Over The Hill Gang Association” are Mr. Erik G. “Rotten Rick” Hallmark and Mr. Edward L. “Edgy Eddie” Rucker, May 21, 1974

ARTICLE X
FORMS/SUGGESTED TOOLS

10.0 TOOLS: Tools used for capturing race day costs, scoring spreadsheet, race cost/schedule matrix, and other suggested tools shall be made available in this document to ensure a smooth transition for new board members and/or during changes of board member responsibilities.

OTHG Gang Buck Pay Outs

In Class	Payout
1	\$5
2	\$5
3	\$10
4	\$10
5	\$15
6	\$15/\$10
7	\$15/\$10
8	\$15/\$10
9	\$15/\$10/\$5
10	\$15/\$10/\$5
11	\$15/\$10/\$5
12	\$15/\$10/\$5/\$5
13	\$15/\$10/\$5/\$5
14	\$15/\$10/\$5/\$5
15	\$15/\$10/\$5/\$5/\$5
16	\$15/\$10/\$5/\$5/\$5
17	\$15/\$10/\$5/\$5/\$5
18	\$15/\$10/\$5/\$5/\$5/\$5

Points Scoring System

Points are based on number of **classified** riders from all Chapters.

The lowest six (6) event's points will not be counted towards the race seasons total points (AKA Drops)

No points are awarded to other chapter riders.

New Member Evaluation

Reclassification 2 Rides 25 points each
 4 Rides 25 points each

Finish	Points
1	35
2	34
3	33
4	32
5	31
6	30
7	29
8	28
9	27
10	26
11	25
12	25
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31	25
32	25
33	25
34	25
35	25
36	25
37	25
38	25
39	25
40	25
	25

Full Points are as follows

Master 3 Riders
 Expert 3 Riders
 Intermediate 4 Riders
 Novice 5 Riders
 Beginners 6 Riders
 Women A and B 7 Riders

Masters Points

3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33
34	33	
33		

Experts Points

3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33
34	33	
33		

Intermediate Points

4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32
34	33	32	
33	32		
32			

Novice/Beginner Points

5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32	31
34	33	32	31	
33	32	31		
32	31			
31				

Women A & B

7 Riders	6 Riders	5 Riders	4 Riders	3 Riders	2 Riders	1 Rider
35	34	33	32	31	30	29
34	33	32	31	30	29	
33	32	31	30	29		
32	31	30	29			
31	30	29				
30	29					

This Constitution, Bylaws and Preamble accepted by the Gang Membership of this

Parent Chapter of the "Over The Hill Gang Association" on May 21, 1974.
Revised and Updated March 1, 1989 by Mitch Langjahr O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated May 7, 1991 by Walt Olson O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated January 7, 1992 by Louie Springer O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated August 15, 1996 by Kyle C. Parsons O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated May 17, 1997 by Rob Townley O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated December 9, 1998 by Jim Pierce O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated August 15, 1999 by Dave Rodriguez O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated October 12, 2000 by Jim Pierce O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated January 2, 2001 by Jeff Mason O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated January 21, 2002 by Mike Fanelli O.T.H.G.A. President
Revised and Updated December 30, 2003 by Jim Pierce O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated January 10, 2007 by Mike Fanelli O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated February 28, 2008 by Mike Fanelli O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated February 18, 2009 by Art Flores O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated May 20, 2010 by Chuck Cook O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated April 15, 2011 by Jeff Hamblin O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated July 8, 2013 by Art Flores O.T.H.G. President
Revised and Updated January 20, 2015 by the OTHG South E Board