

RUSTNUTS SOCIAL MOTORCYCLE CLUB

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1.1. Name: Rustnuts Social Motorcycle Club (hereafter referred to as "the Club").

1.2. Objectives:

The objectives of the Club are to promote the enjoyment of motorcycling, to foster goodwill and fellowship among its members, to promote safety and responsible riding, and to support the local community through charitable activities.

1.3. Vision, Mission, and Club Motto The Rustnuts Social Motorcycle Club is a family-oriented collective of like-minded individuals bonded by a passion for motorcycles and looking out for one another.

While currently based in Victoria, the Club aspires to grow with a view to establish active chapters across multiple states, unified under a shared Constitution and guided by the same values and structure.

Our mission is to support our members and their extended families while contributing to our communities and engaging respectfully with other motorcycle clubs across Australia. Future chapters, where established, will be governed by this Constitution and aligned by shared principles.

Our vision is to create a vibrant social motorcycle club for those who share our values and respect our community.

These rules only exist to guide members to expectations; they are not designed to ruin the fun.

1.4. Club Motto: *Rust till Dust*

1.5. In Short:

- To promote safe and responsible motorcycle riding
- To encourage camaraderie and friendship among members
- To support local charities and community events
- To participate in motorcycle rallies and events
- To uphold the reputation of the motorcycle community through positive representation and behaviour

2. MEMBERSHIP

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2.1. Any person over 18 years of age who owns a motorcycle capable of highway speeds and licensed to ride a motorcycle in their state. Who supports the objectives of the Club may apply for membership.

2.2. Application process: Prospective members must complete an application form (after attending at least 2 meetings and submit it to the Club Secretary. The application must be approved by a majority vote of the Club's Board of Directors.

2.3. Rights and responsibilities of members: All members are entitled to participate in Club activities and to vote on Club matters. Members are expected to adhere to the Club's bylaws and to promote the objectives of the Club. Members who violate the Club's bylaws or who engage in conduct that reflects poorly on the Club may be subject to disciplinary action.

2.4. Disciplinary actions: Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, verbal or written warnings, suspension or termination of membership, or expulsion from the Club.

2.5. Membership fees or dues: Membership fees or dues will be determined by the Club's Board of Directors and will be payable on an annual basis at or in the same financial year as the AGM

3. MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

3.1. Any person over 18 years of age who owns a motorcycle capable of highway speeds and licensed (Probationary Open or Full Open licence) to ride a motorcycle in their state. Who supports the objectives of the Club may apply for membership.

3.2. Introduction Phase

Any full, Nomad, or FNG member may recommend a prospective member. The nominee will be added to the Club's communication platform for (3) three months.

During this time, they must:

- Attend at least (2) two official Club meeting
- Attend a ride organised by a member of the club
- Be deemed safe and suitable for entry to the membership process

3.3. All applicants must be at least **18 years of age**, hold a valid motorcycle license(Probationary Open or Full Open licence), and either own or have regular access to a motorcycle.(no access to a motorcycle will be marked as a black spot against attendance).

3.4. Introduced people may apply to the Executive Board to be granted **Supporter Status**, if they cannot meet the requirements of full membership.

4. APPLICATION PROCESS

- 4.1. Applications must be submitted in writing to the Club Secretary.
- 4.2. The Executive Board will review the application. Including any background checks deemed necessary.
- 4.3. The applicant may introduce themselves at the meeting.
- 4.4. The Executive Board will vote to approve a **Trial Membership (FNG)**. A simple majority is required.
- 4.5. If approved, the applicant will begin a **12-month probationary period**, participating in events and meetings.
- 4.6. All new members regardless of previous relationships must complete this process

5. TRIAL MEMBERSHIP (FNG)

- 5.1. Trial members (FNGs) may not vote or hold executive positions.
- 5.2. Early review may occur at 6 or 9 months. Full membership may only be granted after 9 months minimum if all conditions are met.
- 5.3. FNGs must attend at least **50% of events and meetings** during their trial.
- 5.4. At the (12) twelve months mark, the Executive Board will conduct a final review and vote. **A unanimous patched member vote is required** to approve full membership.
- 5.5. If no vote occurs at 12 months, the FNG must:
 - Present to the Executive Board
 - Pay a 50% of annual club fee as a continuation fee
 - Enter a rolling **3-month review** cycle until a decision is reached
- 5.6. Allowable delays to the timeline include **injury, van use (if a chapter approved van or recovery vehicle exists), or distance**. These will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- 5.7 **Van use** - If a member is unable to attend an event or ride due to injury, accident, breakdown, stolen bike, they may drive the support vehicle. This will not count as a black mark on their attendance if the issue is only short term (3) three months.

6. FULL MEMBERSHIP

6.1. Full members have voting rights and may hold office.

6.2. To maintain full status, members must:

- Attend **80% of events and meetings** per year
- Attend **minimum 2 Big 4 rides for your state**
- Pay dues annually or as arranged with the Treasurer

6.3. Failure to meet attendance will result in reassignment to **Supporter status**:

- Member must surrender front membership patch
- Supporter tag issued until requalification via the full FNG process (3.1-3.4)

6.4. Exceptions must be approved by the Executive Board. More than one absence requires a written explanation.

6.5. Nomad Member is a fully patched, active member who relocates interstate to a region without an active Rustnuts chapter.

6.6. Nomad Members Conditions of Nomad Membership:

- A member may retain full membership status as a Nomad provided, they:
- Remain active in club culture and communication

Comply with the same values and standards as all patched members

6.7. Meeting Participation.

- Must phone in (or use equivalent technology) to a monthly meeting of the nearest active chapter
- Must attend at least two meetings out of every three to stay eligible for club-only events (e.g. Big 4 Rides) via phone in or in person.
- Must attend (1) one out of the (4) four annual Big 4 Rides in person each year, until an annual run is established.

6.8. Supporter Membership

A Support Member is a recognised part of the Rustnuts SMC who aligns with the Club's values but is unable to commit to full membership requirements due to work, family, distance, health, or personal circumstances.

6.8.1. Eligibility for support membership

Support Membership may be offered to:

- Former full members who can no longer meet the 80% attendance requirement
- Trial members unable to progress due to external factors
- Trusted individuals sponsored by an existing full member and approved by the Executive Board

Family (kids, relatives and partners) are not considered support members

6.8.2. Rights and Limitations of support members

- Support Members are welcome at all public and social club events
- They do not have voting rights
- They may not hold executive board or club positions or represent the club officially
- They must wear designated Support tags TRUSTED or apparel and cannot wear the full club patch.
- Support Members are not eligible for BIG 4 rides
- Support members must pay their own way at club events and meetings

6.8.3. Responsibilities of support members

- Represent the club positively in all interactions
- Maintain respectful engagement with full members and uphold club values

6.8.4. Path to Full Membership

- Support Members may apply for full membership at any time
- A minimum of 3 months active engagement and board review is required. Followed by the full FNG process.
- Approval follows the same voting procedure as standard applications

7. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

7.1. Membership ends by resignation, expulsion, or non-renewal of dues.

7.2. Members violating Club rules may be expelled by a **two-thirds Executive Board vote**.

All patches must be surrendered upon termination.

8. UNIFORM & PATCH POLICY

8.1. Mandatory Club Vest

The Rustnuts Club Vest (all club members wear the same style) is the only approved and enforced uniform of the club.

Must be worn at all official rides.

High-vis safety vests are not permitted over the Club vest. Recommended attire for all rides is safety gear.

8.2. Safety Gear and Undergarments

- It is recommended members wear appropriate safety gear.
- No Helmet Covers are permitted.
- The club has no intention of dictating clothing, Official Club Merchandise is recommended but not enforced on big 4 rides.

8.3. Patch Layout and Restrictions

- No patches are permitted on the back of the vest. (unless approved by the board)
- Club-issued patches must be placed on the left front side of the vest in the approved configuration.
- Personal patches may only be worn on the right front side and must not be deemed offensive or illegal by the executive board.(majority vote)

8.4. Compliance

- The Sergeant-at-Arms is responsible for enforcement.
- Members not in compliance may be asked to correct their vest before participating in rides.

8.5. Disciplinary

- Breaches will be recorded by the club secretary and remain on file for (12) twelve months, after (12) months this will be removed and destroyed.

8.6. Appeal Process

Any member who receives a recorded disciplinary note regarding vest compliance has the right to appeal the breach.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board within 14 days of the breach being recorded.

The board will review the appeal and vote by majority.

The outcome of the appeal will be final and recorded by the club secretary.

If the appeal is successful, the original breach will be removed immediately from the member's record.

9. EXECUTIVE STRUCTURE AND CLUB POSITIONS

9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BIG TABLE)

9.1. Positions within the Club: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Road Captain.

9.2. Duties and responsibilities of each position:

- President: presides over meetings, represents the Club in public, and performs other duties as required.
- Vice President: assists the President, presides over meetings in the President's absence, and performs other duties as required.
- Secretary: keeps minutes of meetings, maintains membership records, handles correspondence, and performs other duties as required.
- Treasurer: manages the Club's finances, including collecting and managing membership dues and handling the Club's financial transactions.
- Sergeant-at-Arms maintains order at meetings and Club events, enforces the Club's bylaws, and performs other duties as required.
- Road Captain: plans and leads Club rides, ensures that all rides are conducted safely and responsibly, and performs other duties as required

9.3. Executive Experience Requirement:

To be eligible for nomination to the positions of President or Vice President, a member must have successfully completed at least one full term in any prior Executive Board position within the Club. This ensures the top leadership roles are held by individuals with proven experience in Club governance, operations, and values.

9.4. Election and removal procedures for officers and directors:

Executive board and Non-Board positions will be elected by a majority vote of the Club's membership at the Club's annual general meeting. Any Executive or Non-Board position may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Club's membership.

9.5. Board Approval Requirement

Any matters concerning the spending of club funds, proposed policy changes, or new suggestions brought forward to the Executive Board or National Executive Committee must

first pass an internal board vote. Only after this approval may the matter be presented to a quorum of the general membership for consideration or final vote.

9.6. Tie-Breaking Procedure – Hung Board Vote

In the event of a tied vote within the Executive Board where quorum has been met and no clear decision can be reached:

The most senior non-board Officer or Tail Gunner in attendance shall be called upon to cast the deciding vote.

Definitions:

"Most senior" refers to the individual with the longest continuous service in their respective Non-Board role.

In cases where both are present, the Officer will be given priority.

This procedure ensures a neutral tie-breaking method that respects club hierarchy and preserves decision-making flow.

Exemptions:

- The tiebreaker voter must not have a direct personal or financial interest in the matter being voted on.
- If no eligible tiebreaker is available, the motion shall be deferred to the next meeting.

10. Board Member Eligibility – Family Relations

10.1. To maintain transparency, fairness, and impartiality in Club governance:

No two immediate family members may serve on the Executive Board at the same time.

This includes, but is not limited to:

- Spouses or domestic partners
- Parent and child
- Siblings

10.2. If two related individuals are elected or appointed to separate board roles:

The most recently appointed shall be asked to step down or transfer to a non-board position

In special circumstances, an exemption may be requested and must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the full board, with both related members abstaining

11. NON-BOARD CLUB POSITIONS

11.1. While not part of the formal Executive Board, the following positions are critical to the function, safety, and presence of the Rustnuts Social Motorcycle Club.

11.2. Officers

- Report directly to the ****Sergeant-at-Arms**** and ****Road Captain****.
- Duties include:
- Corner marking during group rides
- Blocking for safety at intersections or hazards
- Other support roles as required at club events and rides

11.3. Tail Gunner

- Rides at the ****rear of the group**** on all pack rides
- Ensures all members reach the destination safely
- Must hold a current First Aid Certificate**
- Must be in active communication with the Road Captain
- In the event the Tail Gunner must stop with a rider, an Officer shall assume the rear position until the group is reunited

11.4. Social Media Officer (SMO)

Holds login credentials for all club Social Media platforms or equivalent communication systems

Responsible for:

- Maintaining the club's public and private social media presence.
- Posting updates, ride/event announcements both public and club exclusive, and official notices.
- Coordinating with members to collect and share approved media (photos, video, etc.)
- (1) One post weekly on each active social media platform.

11.5. Club Coach

The Club Coach is an experienced rider appointed to provide support, mentorship, and rider development for new or less confident members.

- Assist newer riders and FNGs with riding skills, confidence, and road awareness.
- Offer one-on-one or small group coaching sessions as needed.
- Provide private guidance on safe group riding techniques and formation etiquette.
- Support the Road Captain in identifying members needing further assistance.
- Promote safe, confident riding within the club through encouragement and mentorship.
- May not give disciplinary instruction but may refer concerns to the Road Captain or Sergeant-at-Arms.

11.6. Appointment:

Appointed by the Executive Board based on riding skill, leadership, and willingness to teach

12. Club Position Tenure and Eligibility Requirements

12.1. All Executive and Non-Board Club positions shall be subject to the following conditions:

12.2. Term Limit: All positions, whether elected or appointed, shall be held for a maximum period of (2) two years. At the conclusion of this term, all positions shall be declared vacant and must be voted on or reappointed at the next eligible club meeting. Individuals may re-nominate or be reappointed for additional terms.

12.3. Licence Requirement: Any member holding an Executive or Non-Board position who loses their motorcycle licence for any reason shall immediately forfeit their position for the remainder of their elected or appointed term.

This condition reinforces the Club's core value of safe and responsible riding and ensures those in leadership positions maintain a high level of personal accountability and lead by example.

This clause applies to all positions club-wide, including but not limited to: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Road Captain, Sergeant-at-Arms, Officers, Tail Gunner, Club Coach, and Social Media Officer.

13. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (NEC)

13.1. Composition:

- Sitting Presidents from all active chapters
- One elected National Chairperson (voted by chapter Presidents)
- One appointed National Secretary (ratified by chapter Presidents)

13.2. Functions:

- Oversees national-level planning (e.g. Big 4 rides)
- Approves new chapter formations
- Enforces national constitutional alignment
- Mediates inter-chapter disputes
- Ensures branding and values are consistent Club-wide

13.3. Operation:

- NEC meets quarterly (in person or virtually)
- Quorum requires 51% of chapter Presidents present
- All NEC decisions are binding across chapters

14. FORMING A NEW CHAPTER

14.1. To establish a new Rustnuts SMC chapter:

- A minimum of **five (5) fully patched members including Nomads** is required
- A founding President and Sergeant-at-Arms must be nominated
- A written request for chapter formation must be submitted to the NEC
- NEC approval by majority vote is required

14.2. Approved chapters will receive:

- Digital and physical branding resources
- Onboarding support from the NEC
- A copy of the national Constitution

15. BOARD ROLE, CLUB POSITION LIMITATIONS AND TRANSITIONS

15.1. A member may only hold **one club position at a time**, where chapter membership numbers allow.

15.2. Smaller chapters may approve temporary dual roles if needed. These must be reassessed at the AGM or when new members join.

15.3. A **training or transition period** of up to 3 months may be observed when leadership changes occur, allowing outgoing and incoming officers to collaborate. If agreed necessary by both parties.

15.4. Members may not hold executive positions in more than one chapter simultaneously without NEC approval.

Proposed Additional Role:

15.5. NEC Auditor

The NEC shall appoint a neutral member to serve as Auditor, who may not hold a dual role as Treasurer or President of any chapter.

15.5.1. Duties.

- Conduct an annual audit (or on request) of all active chapters
- Review policy compliance, membership logs, bank statements, and financial transactions
- Report findings to the NEC, with recommendations for correction or commendation
- Work in collaboration with each chapter Treasurer and Secretary during audits

15.5.2 Powers:

- May request access to club financials, official communication records, and event attendance logs
- May issue compliance warnings or request NEC review of chapter procedures

15.5.3. Term & Appointment:

- Appointed by two-thirds NEC majority
- Serves a 12-month term, renewable by vote

16. MEETINGS

16.1. Meeting Frequency

Monthly chapter meetings shall be held during the last week of each month. Venue, Time and Date to be discussed and agreed upon at the preceding meeting. Pre-meeting rides are encouraged but not mandatory.

16.2. Special meetings may be called by the Chapter President or upon request by any (3) three active members.

16.3. National Executive Committee (NEC) meetings shall occur quarterly, virtually or in person, and require representation from at least 51% of active chapters.

16.4. Quorum & Procedure

- A quorum for chapter meetings requires **one-third of the active full members**.
- Voting shall follow parliamentary procedure, with each full member holding one (1) vote.
- In the case of a tie, the Chapter President shall have the casting vote.
- Minutes shall be recorded by the Chapter Secretary and distributed to members within fourteen (14) days.
- A summary of each monthly meeting shall be included in the Club's digital newsletter and/or group communication channel or via email.
- Minutes will include attendance records for year to date of all members.

17. Big 4 Ride Qualification – Attendance Requirement

17.1. To uphold unity, safety, and member commitment across all Rustnuts chapters, the following attendance requirement shall apply to all patched members — including FNGs, Full Members, Nomads and Nomad FNGs — seeking to participate in Big 4 Club-Only Runs:

All patched members must attend (2) two out of every (3) official chapter meetings either:

- In person
- Via phone-in or approved communication technology

17.2. Enforcement

- Attendance will be tracked by the Secretary or appointed Officer.
- Members failing to meet this requirement may be excluded from Big 4 ride participation unless granted exemption by majority board vote.

17.3. Exemptions:

- Can be requested due to health, family, work, or distance
- Must be submitted to any Executive Board Member for active chapter before the event

18. National Financial Contributions & Chapter Autonomy

18.1. Funding sources: The Club shall be funded through membership fees, donations, and fundraising events.

18.2. Financial records: The Treasurer shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of the Club's income, expenses, and assets, and shall make these records available to members upon request.

18.3. Disbursement of funds: The Board of Directors shall approve all Club expenditures. The Treasurer may disburse Club funds only with the approval of the Board of Directors, and only for Club purposes.

18.4. Bank accounts: The Club shall maintain one or more bank accounts in the name of the Club, and all Club funds shall be deposited in these accounts. The Treasurer shall be responsible for managing these accounts, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

18.5. Audit: The financial records of the Club shall be audited annually by an independent auditor, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The auditor shall report the results of the audit to the Board of Directors and to the membership at the Club's annual general meeting.

18.6. Budget: The Board of Directors shall prepare an annual budget for the Club, which shall be approved by the membership at the Club's annual general meeting.

18.7. Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets shall be distributed in accordance with the Club's bylaws and with applicable laws and regulations.

18.8. Chapter Autonomy

- Each chapter shall remain financially autonomous, managing its own membership dues, fundraising, and expenditures through a chapter Treasurer and local Board.
- No chapter shall be required to pay levies, dues, or fees to any other chapter, including the founding (Mother) chapter.

18.9. NEC-Sanctioned National Events

- For NEC-sanctioned national events (e.g., Big 4 rides, President's Run, national charity projects), each chapter will contribute a portion of funding proportionate to its percentage of the total national membership base.
- Contributions shall be calculated and requested by the NEC Treasurer and must be approved by a majority of chapter Treasurers before being collected.

18.10. Transparency and Oversight

- All chapters must make their financial records available for NEC audit upon request for cross-chapter event funding.
- NEC will maintain a separate ledger for national funds used exclusively for approved NEC events and operations.

19. BYLAWS

19.1. Additional Rules and Guidelines

- Chapters may adopt additional rules and operational guidelines as needed, so long as they do not conflict with the Club's Constitution or National Executive Committee (NEC) policies.
- Local bylaws must be documented and made available to all chapter members.
- Any local rule affecting national identity (e.g. uniform, branding, patches, or protocols) must be submitted to the NEC for review.

19.2. Amendments

- Any member may propose a change to chapter-level bylaws at an official meeting.
- A **two-thirds majority vote** of the members present (with quorum) is required for approval.
- National constitutional amendments must be submitted to the NEC and approved by two-thirds of all chapter Presidents.

20. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

20.1. National Representation and Reproduction

- All use of Rustnuts logos, insignia, slogans (including "Rust till Dust"), or patch designs for merchandise, social media, or promotional material must be approved by the Executive Board and recorded with the NEC.

- Chapters may use Club IP locally for events or fundraising but must not modify core symbols or slogans.
- All national-level designs or promotions must be submitted to the NEC for approval before public release.

21. DISCIPLINARY

21.1. Investigation: If a member of the club is alleged to have violated the club's bylaws or engaged in conduct that reflects poorly on the club, the Board of Directors or an appointed disciplinary committee shall investigate the matter.

21.2. Notification: The member shall be notified in writing of the alleged violation or misconduct and provided with an opportunity to respond in writing or attend a hearing.

21.3. Hearing: If the member chooses to attend a hearing, a disciplinary committee shall be appointed to conduct the hearing. The committee shall consist of at least three members, none of whom shall be involved in the alleged violation or misconduct. The committee shall hear evidence from the member and any witnesses and determine whether the alleged violation or misconduct occurred.

21.4. Decision: The disciplinary committee shall issue a written decision within 14 days of the hearing. The decision may include disciplinary action, such as a verbal or written warning, suspension or termination of membership, or expulsion from the club.

21.5. Appeals: The member may appeal the decision to the Board of Directors within 14 days of receiving the decision. The Board of Directors shall consider the appeal and issue a final decision within 14 days of receiving the appeal. The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

21.6 National Matters

- In cases involving inter-chapter disputes, allegations of misconduct by Chapter Presidents, or violations of national policy, the NEC shall take jurisdiction.
- A National Disciplinary Panel, comprising one representative from three unaffected chapters, shall oversee hearings. The decision shall be final and binding.

21.7 Confidentiality

All disciplinary investigations and hearings must be treated with strict confidentiality by all parties. Breaches of confidentiality may result in further disciplinary action.

21.8 Patch Handling

Any member under review for serious misconduct must surrender their vest and patches to the Sergeant-at-Arms until a decision is rendered. If cleared, they will be returned immediately.

22. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

22.1. The Club encourages its members to resolve disputes between themselves in a respectful and cooperative manner.

22.2. If a dispute arises that cannot be resolved between the parties involved, the following procedure will be followed:

- The parties will submit the dispute in writing to the Club's Board of Directors.
- The Board of Directors will appoint a committee of three members to investigate the dispute and make recommendations for resolution.
- The committee will report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors within 30 days of its appointment.
- The Board of Directors will review the committee's report and make a final determination on the dispute.

22.3. Any member who is dissatisfied with the Board of Directors' determination may request a review by an independent mediator or arbitrator.

22.4. The costs of mediation or arbitration will be shared equally by the parties involved in the dispute.

22.5. The decisions of the independent mediator or arbitrator will be final and binding on all parties involved in the dispute.

26.6. Inter-Chapter or NEC-Related Disputes

- Disputes that involve more than one chapter, NEC officers, or national policy interpretations must be submitted directly to the NEC for resolution.
- The NEC shall establish a temporary review committee consisting of three neutral chapter representatives.
- The committee must present its findings and a proposed resolution to the NEC within 30 days.
- A final vote by all NEC chapter presidents shall determine the resolution.

27. AMENDMENTS

27.1. Chapter-Level Amendments

- Any full member may propose a change to their chapter's bylaws.
- The proposal must be presented at a scheduled chapter meeting.
- A **two-thirds majority vote** of attending full members (with quorum) is required for adoption.
- Changes must be documented and provided to the NEC for record-keeping.

27.2. National-Level Amendments

- Any chapter may propose a constitutional or national policy amendment.
- The proposal must be submitted in writing to the NEC and tabled for discussion at the next NEC quarterly meeting.
- Approval requires a **two-thirds majority vote** from all NEC chapter presidents (not individual members).
- Once approved, the amendment becomes binding across all Rustnuts chapters.

27.3. Emergency Amendments

- The NEC may introduce emergency amendments to protect the Club's reputation or legal standing.
- Emergency amendments require unanimous NEC approval and must be reviewed and confirmed at the next full national vote.

28 AFFILIATED SISTER CLUB

Affiliated Sister Club (Women-Led)

28.1. Future Alignment

In recognition of the evolving motorcycle culture and our inclusive values, the Rustnuts SMC proposes the potential establishment of an affiliated, autonomous sister club led entirely by women.

28.2. Structure and Governance

- The sister club will operate under the Rustnuts national identity while maintaining operational autonomy.
- It will follow the Rustnuts Constitution, core values, national protocols, and branding standards.
- Upon formal recognition, the sister club shall receive representation on the National Executive Committee (NEC).

28.3. Mission and Intent

The purpose of the sister club shall be to:

- Create a safe and empowering community for female riders
- Collaborate with Rustnuts chapters across the nation
- Advance shared goals of safety, camaraderie, and positive representation

28.4. Approval Process

- Any proposal to launch the sister club must be submitted to the NEC.
- Approval requires a two-thirds majority vote from the NEC.
- The formation process will follow the existing Rustnuts chapter establishment requirements.