

# Northern Stars

*Incorporated under the Societies Act of Canada*

## Canadian Constellation Policies and Other Helpful Guidelines

By forming a Canadian Provincial Constellation within the Northern Stars your Constellation Officers and members will need to understand the following policies and guidelines, which are beneficial to all.

1. Star Motorcycles are our rides of choice. And as such, all Northern Stars Council Officers (NSR"O"s) and Constellation Presidents and Vice Presidents must ride Star brand motorcycles.
2. All Provincial Constellations must adhere to the Copyright Information of the Northern Stars, available at <http://www.northernstarsrider.ca/copyright.html>.

Your Constellation may use the logo's and images from the main Northern Stars website, but they are not to be modified in any way without the expressed written permission of the Northern Stars Council Officers (NSR"O"s).

The logo's and images are to be used only for website development and items such as non sellable information packages or banners. This also applies to all custom Constellation logo's, in whole or in part, and images provided to you by the Northern Stars.

As you may know, the Northern Stars, as a Not-for Profit Society, has very limited operating funds to cover website hosting, CMA insurance, event hosting such as Cruise-In's etc... And, as such, the Officers (NSR"O"s) duly and respectfully request the following:

Northern Stars patches, rings, pins and stickers, or any other Northern Stars logo materials or merchandise may not be reproduced and or sold by any person/s or by any Constellation.

However, the Northern Stars definitely encourages you and your Constellation to produce and sell Constellation specific logo merchandise so that your Constellation may also raise operating funds.

3. The Northern Stars can (if you so choose) provide Small patches designed and made like the present small Northern Stars "patch" with your provincial Constellation abbreviation letters inside the presently incorporated "top banner".

Your Constellation would or should charge its members the exact same price per patch as the Northern Stars do for theirs.

Your Constellation would then pre-order the small patches for your Constellation members and once monies are collected to fill a minimum order of 20 patches, you would then place the order (with the Northern Stars) and pre-pay for the small Constellation patches at a reduced price. Contact us for your costs and details.

Your Constellation benefits from this in many ways;

- Your Constellation gets patches made "quickly".
- The Northern Stars identity is maintained throughout Canada.
- The patch quality is maintained.
- You save big dollars on artwork set-up fees.
- You can order smaller quantities. (20 minimum) at big cost savings.
- And, you get a few dollars per small patch for your Constellation account. .

4. Your Constellation / members may NOT place "ROCKERS" under or over the LARGE Northern Stars "patch". It is Northern Stars Policy to not allow "ROCKERS" under LARGE patches to avoid confrontation with the general public and other motorcycle groups who may interpret this as a display of ownership of a specific territory. It is the Northern Stars policy to possibly revoke and or disallow any Constellation Charter formed within the Northern Stars if this should occur. The Northern Stars wish to avoid any such confrontation with other motorcyclists and the general public.
5. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 3 above, the Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia Constellations have been granted written expressed permissions to vary the design of their Large patches. Their patches have been slightly modified to reflect the regional wishes of their Constellation members. You will notice however that their large patches still bear the resemblance of the large Northern Stars patch, and for that we are all very grateful as people can still easily identify their members as Northern Stars members throughout Canada.

National identity is paramount and as such, if your Constellation wishes to modify the large patch at its own expense, you will require the same written expressed permission as stated in paragraph 1.

6. The Northern Stars have a large amount of domain web space available. We can provide your Constellation with web space and an internal Canadian web address (sub domain like [alberta.northernstarsrider.ca](http://alberta.northernstarsrider.ca)) at a cost of \$20 per year. All constellations using our web space must have respectable content as deemed and monitored by the NSR "O"s. Cheap...and easy...if you so choose.
7. Your Constellation President and V.P. will be given direct access to a "private" folder on the main Northern Stars Delphi message forum. This folder is used for your Constellations' direct private contact with the Officers (NSR "O"s) of the Northern Stars.
8. Your Constellation Officers will also be given a list of current Northern Stars members in your area. This list can then be used in good faith for your Constellation development. Please respect your member's privacy and use the list wisely. It is the responsibility of your Constellation Officers to ensure your members' information remains private, and that the information provided to you by the Northern Stars is used wisely and not distributed without individual member consent.
9. Constellations always benefit from the support of the Northern Stars Officers and from the garnered support from Yamaha Canada.
10. "All Constellations in Canada are accepted / approved by the Northern Stars. Currently, we are accepting applications for those Provinces in Canada that do not have a Constellation. Also, we are only approving one Constellation per Province or Territory."
11. Constellations under the Northern Stars are not to charge membership fees.
12. No Northern Star National or Constellation Officer shall be an officer in another Motorcycle Association/Organization.

We offer an open exemption for Fire/Police/Ambulance/Military based Motorcycle Clubs for all positions except President & Vice President.

Anyone who is currently an officer of the Northern Stars and another group previous to March 1/09 you will not be forced to choose. You will be grandfathered / grandmothered at this point. The exception to this grandfather / grandmother clause is for the President or Vice President positions.

13. Non-star riding members will no longer require a sponsor to become a member of the Northern Stars. The exception to this is in Quebec, where they have requested that non-star members require a sponsor from a star riding member.

We are pleased to work with you while you set-up and continue to grow your Constellation. Feel totally free to contact us if you have any questions or if you need clarification on any of the above policies and guidelines. Let's grow together as proud Northern Stars. A family like no other.

Sincerely,

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Patricia Norris  
Director / President  
Northern Stars