

DOWN & DIRTY OFFROAD

Down & Dirty Offroad Club Regulations

Down & Dirty Offroad is a very diverse club consisting of members from all walks of life and age ranges. DDO adheres guidelines set by organizations such as Blue Ribbon Coalition and Tread Lightly. The “tear it up” and illegal off-road crowd need not apply. When it comes down to it, this is a club that loves to have fun, and will always go that extra mile to help out a fellow member.

Club Mission:

Engage all off-roaders alike in the Chicagoland area and provide them with a fun, social atmosphere while promoting social responsibility with a non know-it-all attitude. Drive open discussions and increase general overall knowledge of the off-road sport.

Joining Down & Dirty Offroad

Joining the club is simple. The only club requirements are that you possess a 4x4 truck or SUV, are willing to participate in events and you follow these steps:

- Read and understand both Club Regulations and Club Bylaws
- Read and understand Forum Rules
- Completely fill out Membership Application and provide all necessary information and submit to club Management
- Pay your \$30 dues in either cash or check made out to “Down & Dirty Offroad”

Advantages and benefits when you become a member:

- Promoting a safe off-roading environment
- Monthly trail runs & meetings during the season
- Knowledgeable members to help with your questions
- Willing to help install products on your vehicle
- Opportunity to meet new people and learn new skills in off-roading

What you get with your membership:

- 1-year official membership
- Club voting rights
- Access to Official Member’s Forum
- Participation in all club events
- Club discounts at retailers and off-road parks
- Vehicle decal
- T-shirt

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Off-Road Requirements:

While all makes and models of 4x4 vehicles can be admitted to join DDO, certain equipment is required in order to participate in official club off-road activities. To be included in each participating vehicle, the required equipment is:

- Front and rear recovery points
- 20,000lb tow strap with no metal hooks
- Working CB/antenna*
- Four-wheel drive
- Full-size spare tire
- Flag(if required by park)

*If new club members don't have a CB, they are allowed will be graced one event trip without it. A 2-way radio will be provided and delegated by trail leader.

While not necessary in all circumstances, additional recommended equipment includes:

- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit
- Tools (properly secured in vehicle)
- Extra parts (U-joints, shafts, ect.)
- Extra fluids
- Off-road jack
- Ratchet straps
- Zip ties
- Bungees
- Jumper cables

Off-Road Guidelines

To maintain a smooth-flowing operation while off-roading and promoting safety, these guidelines should be adhered during every off-road activity:

- Vehicles should be equipped with CB radios. DDO runs on channel 22.
- Seats and seatbelts are required for everyone in the vehicle. Seat belt use is required. Be aware of hand placement on open roll cages.
- No standing while the vehicle is in motion. Keep hands and feet inside while vehicle is moving. Don't ride on nerf bars or hang on a leaning vehicle.
- While in convoy to a trail run, headlights must turned on (state law), windshields up and no passing.
- Keep the vehicle behind you and in front of you, in sight. This works both ways. If you get separated, use the radio to ask the leader to hold up.
- Keep trails free of garbage. Take yours, and that which you find, home with you.
- Anyone found to be responsible for willful destruction or property will be held accountable for costs of repairs.
- Stay on dedicated trails. No short cuts or modifications unless authorized by your Trail guide and no illegal off-roading on private or state property.
- Try to always have a sense of humor, a good attitude and use common sense. Respect the land and be considerate to all.