



#### Becoming a Dykes on Bikes® Portland Chapter Patch:

1. Contact [Secretary@DykesOnBikesPortland.com](mailto:Secretary@DykesOnBikesPortland.com) and [President@DykesOnBikesPortland.com](mailto:President@DykesOnBikesPortland.com) and alert them that you wish to become a “Prospect”
2. Fill out digital online form; submit form  
<http://www.dykesonbikesportland.com/membership.html>
3. Like DOB Portland Chapter on FB: <https://www.facebook.com/DykesonBikesPortland>
4. Subscribe to @DykesOnBikesPortland on Twitter and like DOB Portland Chapter on FB  
<https://www.facebook.com/DykesonBikesPortland?fref=ts>
5. Come to the next DOB Meeting, here is where you will find them:
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DykesonBikesPortland/events>
  - \$110.00 (this is a write-off.) This is an annual fee and may increase with the number of years of support and/or on an annual basis; No matter when you patch in, this \$110 is NOT pro-rated and will count for that calendar year only. In January of the following year, you will need to pay \$110 for that particular calendar year. Each January there will be a “Buy-in” due.
6. The cost of the DOB MC patch is \$50; the Portland Chapter patch cost is \$20.00; and the club Title patch(es) are \$7.00 each; the entire amount of money will be due at your patching in day. Make checks out to DOB PDX (this is a write-off)
7. You will need to fulfill the following requirements to earn your “Active Patch” AND to remain as an “Active Patch”:
  - A. Attend 7 of the regular Organization business meetings, **five of which must be consecutive. (If you miss one of the 5-in-a-row, you will need to start over)**. This means attending 7 meetings out of approximately 12 meetings per year. The number of meetings may vary depending on the number of scheduled meetings per year—but there will always be a minimum of 11; if a meeting is cancelled or if there is no meeting that month, it does NOT interfere with the consecutive meetings you have accumulated.
  - B. If a meeting is a “Pass”, you will receive this meeting as a count toward your Active Patch Status
  - C. Attend at least 6 of the planned, scheduled, and Mandatory/sanctioned DOBPDX group rides/events per year, as a rider, passenger, or in a support vehicle.
  - D. Attend various LGBTQ events that the DOB PDX attend—each year may be different; some are open to patches only. Each meeting will be labeled as to who may attend.

- E. Attend and work annual DOB PDX Fundraisers
- F. Purchase your patches the day of achieving Patch Holder status
- G. Mentor Prospects by showing enthusiasm for the Organization, encouraging prospects to volunteer, educating Prospects about the Bylaws and P&P, and being positive in responses to questions.
- H. Attend the Mandatory Pride NW Pride Ride each year and must wear your cut or prospect cut with the patches displayed as set by DOB Portland
- I. Attend the Mandatory Pride Rides throughout the state
- J. Attend the Komen Race For the Cure Run
- K. Cannot be late to meetings—if you are late, Board can decide whether to remove meeting as a count toward your Active Patch Status
- L. It will take a minimum of 7 months to complete the Prospect Application Process
- M. Various duties assigned by Officers/Board; this could be anything from ordering and picking up food for lunch to washing bikes to other errands.
- N. Organize and lead ONE ride per year and submit this to the ride planning party
- O. Must help with LGBTQ events that our sponsors create
- P. Must respect MC protocol and the Officers/Board—not respecting Officers/Board, the decisions that are made by Officers/Board, or not respecting your fellow Patch, may result in a written warning and may eventually lead to your termination of your Patch Status; which may mean termination of the DOB PDX MC. Creating havoc, dissention, or spreading false information about Officers/Board, Board decisions, Patches, or protocol is grounds for immediate termination
- Q. Sign annual waiver, commitment, and other docs sent out by the Officers/Board of DOB PDX
- R. Must sign off on Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, riding documents, and any other document presented by the MC, that has been Board/Officer approved

**Once you are an “Active Patch” you will be responsible for the above list plus the following—EACH YEAR:**

- A. Active Patches are required to Ride in Pride NW Pride parade and display the club patch on a black vest. Only an Active Patch is allowed to wear the club patch, if this rule should be violated it may result in the dismissal of the Patch. (This means your significant other too!) The club patch is trademarked and therefore remains the property of the club. Should the Patch decide to leave or be removed from the club the patches must be returned—UNDAMAGED-- to: Jackie Wheatley, CPA, Rainbow Accounting, 2403 SE Monroe St., Milwaukie, OR 97222 503-445-1576 Jackie@RainbowPDX.com (even though you paid for your Patches; the patches remain property of the Dykes On Bikes® Portland Chapter); there will be no refund. If you choose not to return patches, you may face a lawsuit and be required to reimburse DOB PDX for all fees associated with this lawsuit; you will need to pay a \$2500 fine plus the expenses incurred by DOB PDX to get the patches back from you. Please be advised that we have a set precedent: “DOB PDX Chapter vs Santiago 9-8-2015; case #15SC10503 Multnomah County”. DOB PDX will come for our patches to the full extent of the law

- B. \$5.00 dues each meeting (that is minimum of 11 meetings per year) Patch dues are non-refundable. You will be invoiced at in January annually for your Dues + Buy IN (Dues may increase on an annual basis)
- C. It is the Patch's responsibility to seek out, read, and understand all Club Bylaws, Policies & Procedures, group riding rules with respect to hand signals and to be properly endorsed by the state in which the member resides. Please find the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures on our website: [www.DykesOnBikesPortland.com](http://www.DykesOnBikesPortland.com)
- D. Recruit one rider per every two years as an "Active Patch"
- E. If you choose to leave the MC, you must remove all patches, from your cut, related to Dykes On Bikes® Portland Chapter and return them—UNDAMAGED—with a written letter as to why you are resigning from the MC. There will be no refund on patches. The patches need to be mailed with a tracking/receipt OR dropped off in person to:  
Jackie Wheatley, Rainbow Accounting, 2403 SE Monroe St., Milwaukie, OR 97222  
503-445-1576 Jackie@RainbowPDX.com
- F. Sign annual RIDE WAIVER, COMMITMENT, PLEDGE, OTHER DOCUMENTS—these will be sent to you via DocuSign in January of each year and will be good for the entire year
- G. Have your bike in good standing: safe and insured
- H. NO drinking or illegal drugs while on rides