

# Beautiful Eastern Association of Snowmobile Trails



## *Safe Operating Procedures*

### **SOP - 9: ALL TERRAIN VEHICLES**

The following hazards may occur during the use of the ATV:

- Collisions, roll-overs: Critical injury
- Fire / Explosion (fueling / leaks): Critical injury
- Frost bite, Hypothermia
- Burns

#### **Safe Operating Procedure**

The right to use an ATV owned by the BEAST must be pre approved by BEAST Leadership.

- The proper Personal Protective Equipment to be worn is set out by the manufacturer and in the Occupational Health and Safety Legislation
  - Dot or SNELL approved helmet
  - Appropriate clothing and footwear for cold temperatures
- Complete a daily circle check of the ATV. (See: ATV Circle Check)
- ATVs are to be used for the manufacturer's designed purpose only
- Only operate the ATV in a sitting position
- Passengers are allowed on the ATV ONLY as per manufacturer's guidelines
- Operate the ATV at a speed that allows you to maintain control at all times. Drive slowly over rough terrain and avoid stumps and other obstacles.
- Use extreme caution on steep inclines and edges where ground could give way
- Before connecting any equipment to the ATV set the brake and turn OFF the machine
- Ontario Health and Safety Act mandates "Operators of vehicles, machines, and equipment to assign a signaler (spotter) if either of the following applies: ○ The operator's view of the intended path of travel is obstructed ○ A person could be endangered by the vehicle, machine, or equipment, or by its load
- Reverse on a vehicle or equipment should be minimal. Spotters are required in congested areas and uncertain terrain
- If reasonable, areas should be quarantined when operating vehicles or equipment to protect the general public from altercations
- Moving a guest on an ATV must be authorized by Leadership

- Beware of the following hazards:
  - Pedestrians / Animals
  - Grooming vehicles
  - Terrain
  - Weather
  - Fencing
- Fueling must follow the Fueling SOP

Repairs to the ATV must be performed by qualified personnel, using O.E.M. parts or equivalent

- Report and mechanical problems to your supervisor