

MCSA BYLAWS

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ARTICLE 1, NAME:

The name of this organization will be MARTIN COUNTY SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION, INC., referred to herein as "MCSA" or "The Club".

ARTICLE 2, OBJECT OR PURPOSE:

The object or purpose of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and handgun shooting among United States citizens and legal residents of good repute, aiming to enhance knowledge of safe handling, use, and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be the further object or purpose to encourage the development of the characteristics of honesty, fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance; All being the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism for our country.

ARTICLE 3, MEMBERSHIP:

Any United States citizen or legal resident of good repute may become a Club member after (1) submitting the proper application, (2) paying current dues and initiation fees, (3) subscribing to the MCSA pledge, and (4) meeting all current membership requirements. Background checks may be performed at the discretion of the BOD. Members may be responsible for the cost or fee for conducting a background check. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY APPLICATION, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION.

No person prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition under Federal or Florida law will be eligible for Club membership.

REGULAR MEMBERS must be no less than 18 years of age, stay current with all applicable dues and fees, be an up-to-date member of the NRA, and meet all other Club membership qualifications, to include a background check if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

FAMILY MEMBERS may include the husband, wife, or a "significant other" of a Regular Member - henceforth referred to as an **ASSOCIATE MEMBER**. An Associate Member must be no less than 18 years of age. Associate Members will not have to submit an initiation fee, but may be subject to applicable fees for a background check. Associate Members must meet and maintain the same qualifications as a Regular Member and will have full range privileges - excluding voting privileges.

Family Members may also include the children and/or grandchildren of a Regular or Associate Member, henceforth referred to as **JUNIOR MEMBERS**. Junior Members must be less than 21 years of age. Junior Members less than 18 years of age must be accompanied by and supervised by a Regular or Associate Member.

Regular Members in good standing may seek exceptions to include additional familial or custodial relationships for Family membership. Each request will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors.

ALL NEW MEMBERS must be cleared to shoot at MCSA ranges by attending and successfully completing a Range Orientation conducted by a BOD member or qualified BOD designee. Range safety rules will be reviewed and explained to the new Members. Upon completion of the orientation, a Club Identification Card will be issued to the new Member.

New Members *and* existing Members may be required to comply with random firearm safety and marksmanship qualifications assessment in order to maintain Club membership. A BOD member or qualified BOD designee will oversee the qualification. Failure to qualify/re-qualify will result in the denial or revocation of Membership. A New Member or existing Member who fails to meet the qualification or re-qualification standards may appeal the revocation of Membership, in writing, to the Board of Directors, one time within 30 days after failing to qualify and Membership revocation.

Regular and Family Members are permitted to use the MCSA ranges any day during the times set by the Board of Directors. Ranges reserved for special shoots or competitions will not be available to Members during the event.

Club policy prohibits the use of the Range by non-members - except during scheduled matches or by permission of the Board of Directors. Guests of Members may be spectators only, unless they abide by the Guest shooter rules. (Article 13)

All Regular Members must maintain their Club and NRA Memberships. All Members must obey the Range Safety Rules, obey the Range Safety Officers enforcing the rules - whether they be on-duty or off, and obey rules pertaining to Guest Shooters in order to continue using the Range.

Regular and Family Members are responsible for staying current with all Safety Rules, to include using only permitted firearms and targets. Also, all Members are responsible for cleaning up all targets, target backers, brass cases, and any/all material they bring to the range.

Current Safety Rules are posted on the MCSA website, at each Range, and are available at the Range Office. Current Safety Rules can be mailed upon request.

The Board of Directors retains the right to review any/all Membership Applications and existing Membership for discretionary decisions on Membership.

The Board of Directors will, in its sole discretion, determine who shall be considered a Member in Good Standing. Membership privileges are extended to only those Members deemed to be in good standing.

Members may be suspended or expelled from the Club by the Board of Directors for violations of the rules by their Club Family Members or Guests.

ARTICLE 4, DUES:

New Regular Members will pay an initiation fee to be determined by the Board of Directors from time to time. Family memberships will require no additional initiation fees above and beyond that of the Regular Member.

All Members will pay the applicable annual dues to MCSA. Annual dues are due January 1st of each year. Membership renewals will be mailed with the October Newsletter and posted on the MCSA website. Dues will be pro-rated at the rate of 25% per quarter for New Members not joining in the first quarter of the calendar year.

Any change in annual dues for Memberships will be set by the Board of Directors and approved by a majority of those Regular Members in attendance at the October General Membership meeting. If a quorum of Members is not attained at that meeting, the change in annual dues approved by the Board shall be deemed approved.

Lifetime Memberships are available. Fees for a Lifetime Membership will be determined by the Board of Directors. No part of a Lifetime Membership is refundable should the Member be discharged or leave voluntarily.

ARTICLE 5, MEMBERS MEETINGS:

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION:

The election of the Board of Directors of MCSA shall take place at the Annual Membership meeting to be held in January each year on a date and at a place and time to be determined by the Board of Directors. (the "election meeting"). If the election does not take place, due to a lack of a quorum, the election will be held within a reasonable time thereafter - but not more than 60 days later, and the standing officers shall holdover until their successors have been elected. Attendance at Membership Meetings, including the election meeting, is open only to Members in Good Standing. Guests of Members in Good Standing may attend only with prior approval of the Board of Directors.

An Election Committee will be appointed by the Board of Directors in October, prior to the January election. The Committee will consist of a minimum of one person and will be responsible for providing each candidate with an INTENT TO RUN FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORM. The form will be created by

the Board and contain such information that the Board deems appropriate. Members intending to run for a position on the Board of Directors must contact the election committee directly, complete and sign the INTENT TO RUN FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORM, and submit the completed form to the election committee at least 30 days prior to the January election. INTENT TO RUN FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORMS will not be accepted less than 30 days prior to the January election meeting. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor of the election meeting. The INTENT TO RUN FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS FORM, as well as the Board of Director's Qualification Outline, will be made available by the election committee to all MCSA Members upon request.

Board of Director membership will be determined at the election meeting by plurality vote. If there are no candidates for an open position, the Board of Directors may fill the seat by appointment.

A Candidate running for a Board of Director's membership must be a Club Member in Good Standing for at least one year.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF MEMBERS:

Regular Meetings of the Members of the Club, for the transaction of ordinary business, shall be held a minimum of four times each year at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. Attendance at Regular Meetings is open only to Members in Good Standing. Guests of Members in Good Standing may attend only with prior approval from the Board of Directors.

Notice of the date, time, and place of any Regular Meeting of the Members shall be given to all Directors and Members in Good Standing in writing via U.S. Postal Service, MCSA website posting, or via direct e-mail. Such notice will be given no less than 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

SPECIAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS:

Special Meetings of the Members may be held at any time upon the call of the President or the majority of the Board of Directors, or the written request of at least twenty (20) Regular Members. Notice of the date, time, place, and subject of any Special Meeting of the Members shall be given to all Directors and Members in Good Standing in writing via U.S. Postal Service, MCSA website posting, or via direct e-mail. Such notice will be given no less than 7 days prior to the scheduled meeting date, except in an emergency. Attendance at a Special Meeting of the Members is restricted to Members in Good Standing. Guests of Members in Good Standing may attend only with prior approval from the Board of Directors.

A quorum at any Membership Meeting shall consist of twenty (20) Regular Members in Good Standing with valid voting privileges.

ARTICLE 6, BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors shall have supervision and direct control of all Club activities. All BOD members must be willing to attend all meetings and be prepared to faithfully perform the duties of that office. Members of the Board of Directors are not entitled to receive monetary compensation for performing their normal duties, unless otherwise determined by a BOD majority vote.

NUMBER; QUORUM; TERMS

The Board of Directors (BOD) will consist of seven (7) Directors. A quorum of the Board shall consist of at least four (4) Directors.

Directors will hold terms of two (2) years in office. The election of four (4) Board Members shall take place on years alternate to the election of the remaining three (3) Board Members. All BOD members shall hold office until their successor is elected or appointed by the Board.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the BOD will be held at such date(s), time(s) and place(s) as the Board may determine - but no less than every other month.

Special meetings of the BOD may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand in writing to the Secretary by at least four (4) members of the Board.

Notice of the date, time, and place of any Regular or Special Meetings of the Directors shall be given to all Directors and Members in Good Standing in writing via U.S. Postal Service, MCSA website posting, or via direct e-mail. Such notice will be given no less than 2 days prior to the scheduled meeting date, except in the case of an emergency.

REMOVAL

Directors may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Directors or by two-thirds (2/3's) of the Regular Members in attendance at a Special Meeting of the Members called for that purpose.

Notice of the date, time, place of any Special Board Meeting or Special Meeting of the Members for the purpose of removing a Director shall be given to all Directors and Members in Good Standing in writing via U.S. Postal Service, MCSA website posting, or via direct e-mail, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of such meeting.

At the Special Board Meeting or Special Members Meeting, a ballot on the action shall be given a full hearing. Written Notice of results may be given via the next Club Newsletter, posting on the Club's website, via e-mail, or a special postal mailing - all at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

If less than a majority of the Directors resign or are removed, then vacancies on the Board caused by removal, resignation, death or incapacity may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Board members. An appointment to the Board will be for the remainder of the term or the next election, whichever is sooner.

If more than four (4) Board Members resign or are removed from the Board, then the vacancies will be filled by a vote of the Members. A Special Meeting of the Members will be called and new Directors will be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next Election Meeting as provided in Article 5. The special meeting to fill the vacancies shall occur not less than 15 days and not more than 60 days from the time that more than four (4) Directors are removed or resign.

ARTICLE 7, OFFICERS:

The Executive Officers of The Club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. Officers must be Directors and will be determined by a plurality of the Board at an organizational meeting to be held no later than seven (7) days after the Election Meeting (see Article 5).

The BOD may also create, eliminate, or combine any office position(s) as long as such action does not in any way conflict with Florida State Statutes.

Duties, assignments and responsibilities of BOD officers will be determined by the collaborative efforts of the Board of Directors and will be adjusted and defined as the majority of the BOD so decides.

Provided however, that the Treasurer may not disburse funds in excess of \$10,000 for any one purpose, except for the payment of insurance premiums, without the prior approval of Board and the approval of a majority of those Members voting at a Regular or Special Meeting of the Members.

Officers serve at the pleasure of the Board and the Board of Directors may remove any Director from office, in its sole discretion.

ARTICLE 8, SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION:

Any Member may have their Range privileges suspended immediately upon a violation of any Range Safety Rule if it is determined to be in the best interests of the Club, its property, or its Members. The suspension may be imposed verbally by any Member of the BOD, a duly appointed Match Director, or Range Safety Officer. Any Member that has been suspended will leave the Range immediately. The suspension will remain in effect until the next Regular Meeting of the Executive Board- no later than 30 days after the suspension date. The Board shall review and make a determination of results.

Any Member may be suspended or expelled from the Club for any cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the BOD present at any Board meeting at which a quorum is established. A minimum of fifteen (15) days written notice of a Board Meeting at which a Member's suspension or expulsion will be considered shall be given to such Member by the Secretary. This Notice shall state the nature of the violation/infraction, plus the date, time, and location of the meeting. All charges will be accorded a full hearing before a final action is taken.

Charges against any BOD Member or Club Member may be presented by any Member in Good Standing. Charges must be in writing, clearly stating the pertinent facts and be accompanied by affidavits or exhibits which are to be used as evidence. Said charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary will give a minimum of fifteen days' notice of the meeting to each Board Member, the accuser, and the accused. The notice shall include, in writing, a description of the charges along with the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

Any Member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal to the Membership of the Club. An appeal must be in writing and given to the Secretary, who will notify The President. The President will call a Special Meeting of the Members for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary will give a minimum of fifteen days notice of the meeting, in writing, to the BOD, the accuser, the accused and all Members of the Club who are in good standing via the next Club Newsletter, Club website, e-mail, or a special mailing - all at the discretion of the Board. The notice shall include the date, time, place, and reason for the meeting. A written statement of the suspension shall be given to the Members.

At the Special Meeting of the Members, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits. The Secretary will then read the minutes of the Executive Board meeting at which the charges were heard and acted upon. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the Members in Good Standing who are present. A two-thirds (2/3's) vote shall be required to reverse the action taken by the Board of Directors. Any Director or Member of the Club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association of America (NRA) shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from MCSA immediately upon receipt of official notice from the Secretary of the NRA.

An expelled Club Member shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of the "current year's membership dues", only. A Lifetime Member is not entitled to a pro rata refund in any amount.

ARTICLE 9, MATCH RULES:

All Rifle, Pistol, and Revolver competitions held by the Club will be governed by the rules and regulations of the National Rifle Association of America and/or the Range Safety Rules of the Martin County Sportsmen's Association, Inc., as determined by the Match Director.

ARTICLE 10, RANGE SAFETY RULES:

All Members shall abide by the Range Safety Rules set forth by the Board of Directors and published as a separate document. It is the responsibility of the Member to read, keep current with, and understand all Range Safety Rules. Range Safety Rules are periodically updated and are available to all Members on the MCSA website, at the Range, at any General Membership Meeting or by mail if requested in writing by a Member. Also, Range Safety Rule updates may be published in the Club's newsletter.

ARTICLE 11, AMENDMENTS:

An amendment to these bylaws may be proposed for approval by the Board of Directors at any duly noticed meeting of the Board. Amendments proposed by the BOD will be sent to each Club Member via the Club's newsletter, MCSA website, e-mail or, at the Boards discretion, the U.S. postal service - a minimum of 10 days prior to the Members' meeting at which they will be voted upon. A two thirds vote by the Members present will be necessary for the adoption an amendment. The NRA will be notified of approved bylaw amendment(s) by the Secretary.

ARTICLE 12, MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

All Members are required to wear their MCSA Membership Card while at the Range so that the card is easily visible to any other Member. Members without a valid MCSA Membership Card will be asked to leave the Range.

ARTICLE 13, GUESTS:

Though MCSA is a private Club, a Member in Good Standing may bring a guest. Guests must abide by all Range Safety Rules. A Guest must be under constant supervision of the sponsoring Member. The Member will be held responsible for any/all violations committed by their Guest. The sponsoring Member must insure the Guest is signed In/Out according to MCSA guidelines. The Member cannot shoot at the same time as the Guest is shooting, and when the Guest is shooting, the Member must stand behind the Guest and observe.

Guests participating in a Special Event or Competition Match that has been approved by the BOD may be allowed to shoot only while under the supervision of a Match Director or qualified, Board approved special designee. The Guest Policy may be changed/updated at the Board of Directors' discretion.

ARTICLE 14, SPECIAL EVENTS:

All requests to sponsor a Special Event or Competition Match must be made in writing by the Sponsor to a Member of the Board of Directors. A request must be submitted at least one month prior to the event, must include a complete description of the event, including dates and times needed. Approval or denial will be given to the Sponsor, in writing, following the Board of Directors' review, within ten days after receipt of the request. Reply will be via U.S. Postal Service or e-mail. A denial may be appealed by the Member sponsor at the next Regular or Special meeting. After an Event, full information on each Non-Member participant shall be filed with the Club Secretary by the Sponsor as soon as practical.

Applicable fees will apply to all Special Events and Competitions, with a 10%, non-refundable deposit due at the time of application approval. The President or his designee will provide the sponsor with a fee schedule. Full payment must be made 10 days prior to the start of any event or competition match. Failure to comply will result in denying the special event or competition to commence.

ARTICLE 15, M.C.S.A. PLEDGE:

I certify I am a United States citizens or a legal resident of good repute and that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose, or one of its purposes, the overthrow - by force or violence - of the government of the United States or any if its political subdivisions, and that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence or a felony, and if admitted to Membership, I will follow the rules and bylaws of the Martin County Sportsmen's Association, Inc. and will fulfill the obligations of Good Citizenship.

ARTICLE 16, CONCLUSION:

Let it be acknowledged that these BYLAWS have been approved and adopted by the Martin County Sportsmen's Association, Inc. and shall replace all previous bylaws that existed prior to its adoption.