

LITTLE RIVER SPORTSMAN'S ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Constitution and Bylaws

In order to enjoy the pleasures and benefits of sport and competition shooting, fishing and other outdoor activities; we have formed the Little River Sportsman's Association and enact this Constitution and these Bylaws to govern and regulate these activities among our like-minded associates and friends in the South Georgia area. It shall be our purpose to bond together to enjoy these activities and to share information promoting the safe handling of firearms, to assist others in the skills of ammunition reloading, and to help train the youth in this area in the safe handling of firearms.

Article I

Governance

Section 1

The Little River Sportsman's Association, Inc. shall conduct business through a Board of Trustees, consisting of three officers: the President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and ten (10) additional Board members for a total of thirteen (13) Trustees. This number may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of the Board members. To fill a vacancy, replacement Board members shall be selected by a nomination from a Board member and a majority vote of the Board members. To eligible for nomination the nominee must be a current member of the Little River Sportsman's Association for not less than three consecutive years. No member of the Board shall receive a salary or any remuneration.

Section 2

A quorum must be present to conduct business. A quorum shall consist of seven members.

Section 3

A Board member may be removed if he/she misses more than two consecutive meetings or for malfeasance, misfeasance or if he/she loses the legal right to own a firearm, or by a two-thirds vote of the other Board members. Elections for officers shall be held at the second annual meeting each year.

Section 4

The officers of the club shall conduct business as a group. The Secretary/Treasurer will prepare agendas with the assistance of the other two officers; The Board will approve all developments and improvements to the shooting range and may contract for work from external agencies.

Section 5

The Board members will assist or control club activities such as Work Day activities, competition activities, shotgun activities, and orient new members into the club. Board members will be issued keys for all storage facilities.

Section 6

The Board may waive dues for special meritorious service or labor of club members.

Article II

Meetings

Section 1

The Board shall meet at least twice a year to conduct business relating to the upkeep and improvement of the club. The meetings shall be held in March and October. Other meetings may be called as required.

Section 2

At least one Work Day for all members of the Club shall be held where the range is cleaned up, repairs made, and improvements performed as necessary on the shooting range. All club members are required to participate in these work days or pay a \$25.00 fee. This fee may be increased or decreased by a majority vote of the Board. In case of extreme problems on the range, the Board may call for additional workdays as needed. The fee for missing any additional called work day shall be \$25.00.

Article III

Membership

Section 1

All persons interested in outdoor sporting activities and the use of firearms as a sport are welcome to apply for membership in the Little River Sportsman's Association, Inc. hereinafter called the club or LRSA. Membership may be obtained by submitting a completed application to the Secretary/Treasurer, show proof of membership in the National Rifle Association and be of good moral and ethical character. Applicants must show they are legally entitled to own a firearm by possessing a valid concealed weapon carrying permit or passing a background check to purchase a firearm (i.e. have no criminal record of a felonious nature). Upon proof of status, active military and law enforcement personnel are exempt.

Section 2

All prospective members will undergo a range orientation meeting conducted by a Board member before paying dues and being issued a key. If an applicant for membership is new to the area (I.E. recently being assigned to Moody Air Force Base) and knows no member, he/she must be interviewed by a member of the application committee before range orientation.

Section 3

Members of LRSA may sponsor new members. Should that new applicant be accepted for membership the sponsoring member shall receive a \$25 credit towards the next year's dues. Board Members are not eligible for this consideration.

Section 4

Members may be dismissed from the club for vandalism, refusing to practice safe shooting procedures and techniques, lending a key to another or for allowing NRA membership to lapse.

Section 5

Members who are 80 years old and have been a club member in good standing for 10 or more consecutive years may purchase a Lifetime membership in the club at a cost of \$1,000. Said member must maintain NRA membership or risk revocation of the life membership.

Article IV

DUES

Section 1

To finance the activities of the Little River Sportsman's Association within its objectives, membership dues shall be required of each member. The dues for membership renewal in the Little River Sportsman's Association shall be \$250.00 per year. Club dues are payable by December 20th of each year. **Any member not renewing by February 1st will be required to make a new member application and be required to pay all new member fees including the initiation fee.**

Section 2

New members are required to pay at time of acceptance \$350 as their first year's dues.

A. Dues for new members will be pro-rated as follows:

Jan. through March	\$350
Apr. through June	\$300
July through Sept.	\$250
Oct. through Dec.	\$350 which will include the next year's dues

B. Active duty military personnel and active law enforcement personnel's first year dues will be reduced by \$100.

Section 3

Membership dues, contributions, or gifts made or paid to the Little River Sportsman's Association are not refundable or transferable and are not deductible for Federal income tax purposes.

Article V

Membership Support

The club through appropriate committees or knowledgeable members, will render support to any person or group of people who desire knowledge of safe operation of firearms and will do all possible to enhance the shooting sports and gun safety among members of the public.

Article VI

Amendments

The constitution or bylaws may be amended by a vote of the majority of trustees at any meeting should a quorum be present. The amendments may come from a Board member or a member of the club; if submitted by a member of the club, the proposed amendment must be in writing and signed by the member.

BYLAWS

Article I

Governance

The Little River Sportsman's Association Inc. shall conduct business through a Board of Trustees, consisting of three officers, one of whom shall be the president; one a vice president and one the Secretary/Treasurer. Two officers must co-sign all checks written on club accounts.

Section 1

The President shall preside over and conduct any meeting of the Board of Trustees as a body and plan and lead activities of all membership functions.

Section 2

The Vice President shall perform all of the Presidents duties should the president be absent and assist the president in performing his duties and other duties as may be assigned by the president.

Section 3

The Secretary/Treasurer shall send notices to the Board of any meetings; Send notices to all members for membership renewal; Collect and bank dues and monies collected and write checks for club obligations. The secretary shall record and publish the activities of any meeting.

Section 4

Robert's rules of order shall govern all organization meetings.

Section 5

Elections for the three officers governing the Board shall be held at the October meeting.

Article II

Membership

Section 1

Membership shall be open to all people who are eligible to own firearms and have been approved by the membership committee. Club membership shall not exceed 250 members. This number may be increased by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees. If any member shall be convicted in a court of law of a felony or is found by a legal court not eligible to own a firearm he/she shall be dismissed from the club.

Section 2

Each member of the club must be a member of the National Rifle Association.

Section 3

Any member, who causes damage to the range or operates his firearm in an unsafe manner, shall be issued a warning. If the member is found guilty of performing the same acts in the future he/she shall be summarily dismissed from the club and his/her key returned. If the acts are deliberate in nature no warning need be given before expulsion from the club. In any case the offending member shall pay for any damage caused by his/her actions.

Section 4

Offenses for which a member may be expelled from the Club include, but are not limited to: lending or giving his key to another (either a member or nonmember), purposely damaging club property, failure to follow safety rules, putting at risk other shooters by careless handling of firearms, consumption of alcoholic beverages on range property, being under the influence of alcohol or drugs on range property, and failure to pay dues.

Article III

Meetings

Two Board meetings shall be held each year, one in March and one in October. If a necessity arises for additional meetings, any Board member may request such a meeting by notifying the secretary (in writing with the reason) who shall then set a time and date and give written notices to all Board members two weeks prior to such a called meeting.

Article IV

National Affiliation

The Little River Sportsman's Association shall be affiliated with the National Rifle Association with all members being required to be members the N.R.A. The club may also affiliate with other shooting organizations such as IPSC, IDPA, CMP and SASS by a majority vote by the Board.