

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 thirteen (13) Trustees. There are four offices of the Board: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Except for the office of President, one Trustee may hold two offices. The number of Trustees 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 be 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 Board shall conduct business as a group. The Secretary will prepare agendas with the assistance of the other three 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 and additional orientations/certifications, as required. Board members may 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 called work day shall be \$25.00. (This fee may be waived on a case-by-case basis as the situation may justify.)

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, show proof of membership in the National Rifle Association and be of good moral and ethical character.

Section 2

All prospective members will undergo a range orientation/safety briefing conducted by a Board member before paying dues and being issued a Gate Fob.

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 Gate Fob to another or for allowing NRA membership to lapse.

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 club shall be \$250.00 per year. Club dues are payable by December 31st of each year. A late fee of \$50 will be assessed if payment is not received by December 31. **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:

July through Sept.	\$250
Oct. through Dec.	\$350 which will include the next year's dues
- B. Active duty military personnel first year's dues will be reduced by \$100.
- C. Active duty military personnel who are deployed during the year will be credited \$20 toward the next year's dues for each full calendar month of their deployment during the membership year.

Section 3

Membership dues, contributions, or gifts made or paid to LRSA are not refundable or transferable.

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 as much as 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

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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 President's 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 shall send notices to the Board of any meetings; send notices to all members for membership renewal; record and publish the minutes of any meeting; contact personnel that have requested membership, schedule and perform the range orientation, safety briefing and will issue a Gate Fob.

Section 4

The CFO will collect and bank dues and monies collected and write checks for club obligations.

Section 5

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

Section 6

Elections for the four offices 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. Club membership shall not exceed 300 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 to be ineligible to own a firearm, he/she shall be dismissed from the club.

Section 2

Each member of the club must be a current 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 Gate Fob deactivated and/or 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 Gate Fob 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 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 current members of the NRA. The club may also affiliate with other shooting organizations such as SCSA, USPSA, IDPA, CMP and SASS by a majority vote by the Board.