

SWEETWATER RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB

BYLAWS *(Revised & Approved March 2026)*

1. Name

1.1 Name

The name of this organization is the Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club, referred to in these bylaws as “**SRPC**” or “**the Club.**”

2. Purpose

2.1 Primary Purpose

SRPC promotes organized rifle, shotgun, pistol, and revolver shooting among citizens of the United States, emphasizing:

- Safe firearm handling
- Proper firearm care
- Improved marksmanship
- Education supporting responsible firearm ownership
- Protection of the constitutional right to keep and bear arms

2.2 Character and Values

The Club fosters honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, teamwork, and self-reliance.

2.3 Community Involvement

SRPC supports local charitable and civic activities through volunteer efforts and monetary donations approved by a majority vote of the membership.

2.4 Political Activity

(A) The Club shall not endorse or oppose any political candidate or political party.

(B) The Club may endorse or oppose legislation, policies, or propositions that relate directly to SRPC's stated purpose.

(C) Candidates may address the Club, provided all candidates for the same office are offered equal opportunity.

2.5 Annual Contributions

(A) The Club may award four \$1,000 scholarships, one to a student from each Nolan County high school.

(B) Twenty percent (20%) of net profits from the annual Gun, Knife, & Coin Show may be allocated for charitable donations.

(C) The Board may recommend charitable donations; final approval rests with the membership.

3. Basic Policies

3.1 Club Character

The Club is non-commercial, non-sectarian, and non-partisan.

3.2 Use of Name

The Club's name, or the names of members acting in their official capacity, shall not be used for commercial, partisan, or inappropriate purposes.

3.3 Cooperation with Other Organizations

SRPC may cooperate with organizations that share similar objectives.

4. Membership

4.1 Eligibility

Any U.S. citizen age 18 or older may apply for membership.

4.2 Application Process

A prospective member shall:

- Complete a membership application
- Pass a background check

- Submit initiation fees and first-year dues

4.3 Initiation Fees

4.3.1 Fee Structure

- (A) An initiation fee must accompany each membership application.
- (B) The \$75 initiation fee consists of \$25 for the background check and \$50 for the first year of dues.
- (C) The Executive Committee may adjust this amount by majority vote.

4.3.2 Delinquency Reapplication Requirement

A member who becomes one year delinquent must reapply for membership, pay the current initiation fees, and undergo a new background check.

4.4 Good Standing

A member is in good standing when dues are current, and no disciplinary action is pending.

4.5 Membership Materials

Upon admission, members receive a membership card, the current range gate combination, and a copy of the bylaws and range rules.

4.6 Denial or Cancellation

Membership may be denied or canceled for cause.

5. Dues

5.1 Annual Dues

5.1.1 Dues Requirements

- (A) Annual dues must be paid no later than the last day of the member's anniversary month.
- (B) The anniversary month is the month in which the member was originally admitted.
- (C) The current annual dues are \$50.
- (D) The Executive Committee may adjust this amount by majority vote.

6. Officers and Their Election

6.1 Officers

The officers of SRPC are:

- **President**
- **First Vice-President**
- **Second Vice-President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer** (*may be combined with Secretary*)
- **Range Officer**
- **Executive Officer** (*immediate past president, ex officio*)
- **Board of Directors**

6.2 Executive Committee

6.2.1 Composition

The Executive Committee consists of the President, the First Vice-President, the Second Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Range Officer, the Executive Officer (*immediate past president*), and the six-member Board of Directors. The Executive Committee has general supervision and control of all activities of the Club.

6.2.2 Authority and Meetings

- (A) The Executive Committee shall meet at least quarterly.
- (B) Seven members will constitute a quorum.
- (C) The Committee shall plan Club projects.
- (D) The Committee shall approve special projects requested by subcommittees.
- (E) Officer resignations may be accepted by majority vote.
- (F) Vacancies may be filled by majority vote.

6.3 Board of Directors and Elections

6.3.1 Terms of Office

- (A) All executive officers shall be elected to **one-year terms**.

(B) The Board of Directors shall consist of **six members**, each serving a **three-year term**.

(C) Board terms shall be **staggered**, with **two Board positions elected each year**.

6.3.2 Election Schedule

(A) Elections for all executive officers and for the two Board positions whose terms are expiring shall be held at the April annual business meeting.

(B) Individuals elected shall assume office immediately upon certification of the election results.

6.4 Nominating Committee

6.4.1 Duties

(A) The Nominating Committee shall nominate one eligible person for each office to be filled.

(B) Only individuals who have consented to serve may be nominated or elected.

7. Duties of Officers

7.1 President

Presides at all meetings and coordinates the work of officers and committees.

7.2 Vice-Presidents

Assist the President and perform presidential duties in the President's absence.

7.3 Secretary

Records or supervises the recording of minutes.

7.4 Treasurer

Presents monthly financial statements and maintains financial records.

7.5 Range Officer

Oversees Club ranges and ensures compliance with match rules and safety procedures.

7.6 Executive Officer

Serves as advisor for one year.

7.7 General Duties

All officers shall deliver all materials to their successors within ten days of election.

8. Meetings

8.1 Regular Meetings

Regular meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month.

8.2 Voting

Each member in good standing has one vote.

8.3 Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President, a majority of the Executive Committee, or at least 20% of members.

8.4 Referendum

A simple majority of members present decides all issues.

9. Committees

9.1 Appointment

The President may appoint committees.

9.2 Membership

The President is a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

9.3 Standing Committees

- Range Committee
- Silhouette Committee
- Trap Committee
- Gun Show Committee

10. Suspension or Expulsion

10.1 Removal of Officers

- (A) Officers may be removed by a two-thirds vote.
- (B) Fifteen days' written notice is required.
- (C) The officer shall receive a full hearing.

10.2 Suspension or Expulsion of Members

- (A) Members may be suspended or expelled for cause.
- (B) Fifteen days' written notice is required.
- (C) The member shall receive a full hearing.

10.3 Filing Charges

- (A) Any member may file written charges.
- (B) Charges are filed with the Secretary.
- (C) Fifteen days' written notice is provided to all parties.

10.4 Finality

Decisions to remove, suspend, or expel are final.

11. Range Rules

11.1 Governing Rules

Competitions follow NRA, IHMSA, or ATA rules.

11.2 General Range Rules

- Firearms may not be handled or discharged by anyone under the influence of alcohol, impairing drugs, or illegal substances.
- Any member in good standing is considered a Safety Range Officer (SRO) while on the range.
- No one may go forward of the firing line unless all firearms are unloaded and grounded.
- Firing at airborne targets is prohibited except during trap, skeet, or other approved sporting clay activities or events.

- Firing across the range is prohibited.
- Firearms may only be loaded on the firing line.
- Unsafe firearms must be taken out of use immediately.
- Members must display their membership card.
- Non-members must be accompanied by a member.
- Backstops must be used; shooters must clean up debris.
- Shooting at glass or trash barrels is prohibited.
- Trespassing or vandalism will be prosecuted.

11.3 Posting and Enforcement

Range rules shall be posted at all gates and shooting locations.

12. Conflict of Interest

12.1 Purpose

This policy protects the integrity of SRPC's decision-making.

12.2 Definition

A conflict of interest exists when personal, financial, or organizational interests could influence judgment.

12.3 Duty to Disclose

Conflicts must be disclosed to the Executive Committee.

12.4 Recusal

Individuals with conflicts shall abstain from discussion and voting.

12.5 Documentation

All disclosures and recusals shall be recorded in the minutes.

12.6 Violations

Failure to disclose may result in disciplinary action.

12.7 Annual Review

The Executive Committee may conduct an annual review of potential conflicts.

13. Amendments

13.1 Amendments

Proposed amendments must be submitted 30 days before a meeting. A two-thirds vote is required for adoption.

14. Liability

14.1 Liability

The liability of officers and directors is limited to the assets of SRPC. The Club shall indemnify officers and directors to the extent permitted by state law.