

**TYLER ROD AND GUN CLUB
BY-LAWS
TYLER COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

MISSION STATEMENT

- A) To provide education, training and safe proper usage of firearms, for the youth and adults of the community utilizing the best practices and principles available.
- B) To promote sportsmanship, recreational, and organized competitive rifle, shotgun and pistol shooting.
- C) To promote the conservation of wildlife, forests, streams and the use thereof, including the observance and enforcement of rules and regulations regarding wildlife, forests, and streams.
- D) To cooperate with other organizations and individuals in efforts to preserve the rights guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.
- E) The Club is supported by and maintained by the yearly Dues paid by the Membership.

ARTICLE I

NAME AND LOCATION

The Name of this Organization shall be the "Tyler Rod and Gun Club".
Principal location of the club is 155 Shiloh Road, Friendly, WV., 26146.

ARTICLE II

MEETINGS

- A. Meetings will be held every 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Meetings shall begin at 8pm.
- B. The following must be present to constitute a quorum; President, or in their absence, Vice-President or 2nd Vice President and one other officer, either the Secretary or Treasurer, and a minimum of five (5) members in good standing.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

A. Annual membership dues will be \$30.00 per year and accepted from July 1 til August 31.

B. The normal initiation fee shall be the sum equal to two (2) times the yearly dues.

C. A new member may join the club in June by paying the current initiation fee, which shall be the sum equal to two (2) times the annual dues, plus one year's dues for the 13 months of the current year subject to approval by the club membership.

D. A new member may join the club in December or thereafter by paying the current initiation fee and a sum equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ the annual dues subject to approval by club membership

E. Three black balls or more in a ballot for membership shall disqualify said applicant. Once disqualified, the applicant shall not be permitted to submit another application for a period of three months from the initial meeting.

F. From September 1 to September 30, dues and late fees will total \$40.00. From October 1 to October 31, dues and late fees will total \$45.00. From November 1, to November 30, dues and late fees will total \$50.00. From December 1 to December 31, dues and late fees will total \$55.00. After January 1 of the following year members who have not paid their dues and late fees shall be considered delinquent and removed from the club roster.

G. A person within one year of being removed from the club roster may be reinstated by paying one years dues of \$30.00 plus a penalty equal to one years dues (\$30.00) for a total of \$60.00. This allows reinstatement to members without paying the initiation fee again.

H. A member's dependent child who is at least 15 years of age but not yet reached their 16th birthday may join the club by paying only the yearly dues. Upon the 16th birthday, all initiation fees and dues must be paid to become a member in good standing subject to the approval by the club membership.

I. A member in good standing having paid a regular membership for 10 consecutive years and has reached the minimum age of 60 will be offered a lifetime membership.

J. An active member of the military service shall be carried as an honorary club member (without dues) until discharged.

K. Honorary members shall not share in any club property.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

A. Election of officers will be held the last regularly scheduled meeting in June of each year. Officers to be elected shall be; President, Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President Secretary and Treasurer. Officers are exempt from payment of club dues for the duration of their term.

B. President: The President shall reside over regularly scheduled meetings and have the ability to vote only in the event to break or create a tie vote.

1. The President is automatically a non-voting member of all committees either elected or appointed. Any committee consisting of three (3) members may have the Chairman of said committee appointed by the President. If a committee has more than three (3) members, the committee members shall elect their own chairman.

C. Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President; The Vice-President or 2nd Vice-President shall reside over the regularly scheduled meetings upon the absence of the President. At this time they shall have all the duties and/or responsibilities of the President.

D. Secretary; The Secretary is responsible for taking clear and concise minutes of all regularly scheduled meetings. In the event of an absence of the Secretary at a meeting, the President may request or appoint another officer or member in good standing to take the minutes of that meeting and forward them on to the Secretary.

E. Treasurer; The Treasurer is responsible for the recording and accounting of all monies acquired from dues and other means by the club. They are responsible for presenting an accurate report of all income and expenditures at all regularly scheduled meetings.

ARTICLE V
COMMITTEES

A. The Tyler Rod and Gun Club will have ~~two~~³ standing committees, the House Committee and the Activity Committee, and Kitchen Committee

B. House Committee; Terms of the House Committee shall be three (3) years. The House committee will consist of five elected members having staggered terms of three (3) years in duration, so that a maximum of two new committee members will be elected each year. One alternate committee member will be elected by the club membership each year. Vacancies during a term will be filled by the alternate and a new House committee alternate will be a non-voting member with the exception of voting a proxy for an absent member and must vote in agreement with the absent member.

C. All motions involving the spending of club monies will be referred to the House Committee for their recommendation before being voted upon at a regularly scheduled meeting. Exceptions and inclusions as follows:

1. Motions voted on and approved by the general membership or considered by two officers to be of an urgent nature may pass the House Committee approval stipulation.
2. Expenses relating to general maintenance/repairs for the Club House, Trap, Pistol, and Rifle Ranges, costing less than \$500.00 can be processed with the approval of two officers.
3. Check written for club expenses exceeding \$500.00 must have two (2) officer signatures.
4. When buying or selling club property or borrowing more than \$1000.00, all members in good standing shall be notified.

D. Activity Committee; The Activity Committee shall be appointed by the President yearly and will organize and present club activity suggestions to the general membership for discussion and approval.

ARTICLE VI

CLUB ACTIVITIES

- A. The President shall appoint members to be responsible for most club shoots, sanctioned or otherwise.
- B. During scheduled club activities or shoots, no other shooting station(s) shall be used without the approval of the activity committee or President.
- C. In the event of law enforcement training, the Activity Chairman or President should be notified at least a week in advance of such activity and be approved by said Activity Chairman or President. Those present at such training shall be required to also check the sign in/out sheet located in the display case at the front of the clubhouse for members safety.

ARTICLE VII

CLUB RULES AND PENALTIES

- A. Members are allowed one (1) non-family guest over the age of 18 at any given time for all ranges and bunkers
- B. A member elected or appointed, to any office or House Committee, if absent four (4) regularly scheduled meetings straight can be replaced by the membership present, unless absence is due to sickness, work or vacation but must notify the club.
- C. A member in violation of the by-laws shall have a hearing before the House Committee. Any disciplinary action shall be presented to the general membership for a vote and require a 2/3 majority decision.
- D. All paperwork, keys and/or other club property shall be transferred to the newly elected officers by July 1.
- E. A member with delinquent dues and/or fees shall not participate in any private club activities.
- F. A member arrested and convicted of any fish or game violation will be punished by the club membership.

G. Use of bottles, cans, or explosive targets for target practice or destruction of club property is strictly prohibited.

H. Use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illicit drugs on club property is strictly prohibited. Persons doing so shall be disqualified from all shooting activities, including archery, and the handling of firearms.

I. Fighting or violence on club property is prohibited.

J. Hunting on club property is for MEMBERS in good standing only. NO guests, NO family.

J-1. Exception: A licensed member, 18 years or older, may be accompanied by a hunter under the age of 15, but must remain near enough to render advice and assistance.

K. All hunters MUST check in and out on the sign in/out sheet posted in the front display case of the clubhouse each and every day that they hunt on club property. NO exceptions.

L. Members will be permitted one (1) portable tree stand on club property during hunting season only. All club hunting areas are on a 1st come, 1st serve basis, regardless of where tree stands are located. All tree stands must be removed from club property at the end of deer season each year.

M. ATV's, UTV's (side by sides), or other modes of transportation other than a registered vehicle, will be permitted beyond the clubhouse ONLY with a permit issued by the officers. In order to apply for a permit, you must provide insurance information and fill out a request form annually.

N. In the event that the Club By-Laws do not specify, define or cover certain issues, conflicts or questions, "Roberts Rules of Order" shall apply.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS AND NOTIFICATION

A. Copies of the by-laws shall be printed with one copy to be posted on the bulletin board at the clubhouse, in the display case at the front of the clubhouse, and the officers and members shall each receive a copy. Any new member shall be given a copy of the by-laws upon their approval for membership. Any member in good standing may request a copy of the by-laws at any time.

B. To amend the by-laws of the Tyler Rod and Gun Club, a motion must be made at a meeting with the by-laws changes read. The changes must be brought up at the next regular meeting and written into the minutes of that meeting. At the third meeting, the changes must be brought up on the floor to the general membership again, then and only then, can a vote be taken. A two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members present is needed to adopt the changes.

These by-laws are certified by the members in good standing and officers of the Tyler Rod and Gun Club this 16th day of December, 2021.

Mark J Campbell, President

They are to be considered the current and only enforceable by-laws to date.