

CENTRAL FLORIDA SPORTING CLAYS, INC.

By-Laws

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By-Laws of the

Central Florida Sporting Clays, Inc.
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Article I. Name

1. The name of this organization shall be the Central Florida Sporting Clays, Inc., hereinafter referred to as “the Club.”

Article II. Objectives

1. The objectives of the Club shall be to:
 - a. Encourage the organized and responsible shooting of sports of rifle, shotgun and pistol.
 - b. Promote safe gun handling and proper use of firearms.
 - c. Foster good sportsmanship, camaraderie, friendship, recreational and social interaction by and among the Members. Discourage rude behavior.
 - d. Acquire, own, lease, dispose of or otherwise control such real and personal property as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the objectives of this Club.
2. The Club may supplement these objectives with other such activities as may be deemed appropriate by the membership.

Article III. Membership

1. All Applicants for Membership shall complete the prescribed application form and submit it, along with all required initiation fees and dues, including proof of membership in a Pro Second Amendment Organization such as the NRA, GOA, or NAGR for consideration by the Board of Directors.
2. An individual who has met the requirements for any of the classes of Membership, and has been recommended for membership by a member of the Board of Director shall be considered in a Probationary Status for a period not exceeding one (1) year.
3. Classes of Membership:
 - a. **Individual:** Any person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and eligible to own, possess or use firearms under the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America and is a Member of a Pro Second Amendment Organization is eligible for Individual Membership.

- b. **Student:** Any full time student attending an accredited Florida college or university over the age of seventeen (17) and under the age of twenty-six (26) is eligible for Student Membership. Student Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold office. For military personnel, for each year of active-duty service in the United States military, the Club will extend one (1) year of Student Membership eligibility (age 26 + 1 year for each year of active duty). A Student Membership is not renewable. A Student Member will need to reapply and provide required documentation each year showing that they are still a full-time student. All Student Members are in a Probationary Status and may be suspended at any time for due cause by the Board of Directors.
 - c. **Snowbird:** 100% of Initiation – 50% of Dues – 100% of Loading Fee. This is based on only being present at the Club for 6 months per year. Snowbirds do not have voting rights and cannot serve as Board Members.
4. Based upon a satisfactory investigation of the applicant’s qualifications for Membership and completion of club safety class, the Board of Directors shall grant an applicant Membership in a probationary status for a period not to exceed one (1) year. No applicant is to be denied Membership because of race, religion, color, sex, or national origin.
 5. If, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, the investigation of an applicant suggests that the applicant may not meet the criteria for Membership, the Board of Directors’ may deny the applicant membership in the Club. Such determination by the Board of Directors shall be final.
 6. Each Member in a probationary status shall be provided with access to these By-Laws as well as access to the rules and regulations of the Club and shall indicate in writing, on a form provided by the Board of Directors, his or her willingness to abide and be governed by all such by-laws and rules and regulations.
 7. The Board of Directors may, within one (1) year of the granting Membership in a probationary status, may withdraw Membership in a probationary status for due cause. In the event of such termination, only the initiation fee paid shall be refunded.
 8. Upon completion of one (1) year of Membership in a probationary status, the Member shall assume regular Membership status.
 9. Every adult Member shall load the machines at least one time each year. The Board of Directors may, at its sole discretion, establish a monetary contribution that a Member may pay in lieu of this required volunteer service.

Article IV. Dues, Assessments, Initiation Fees

1. Changes in dues, initiation fees and regular assessments may be proposed by the Board of Directors by giving no less than fourteen (14) days' notice to the membership and shall become due and payable upon a majority vote of members in good standing, present and voting at a Regular or Special Meeting.
2. Dues and assessments for the following calendar year shall be due and payable on or before January 31st of the following year. Notice of such dues shall be e-mailed to Members and posted at the club, and such publication shall constitute adequate notice to members of such dues. Dues not received by January 31st of the following year shall be subject to a \$50 late fee. Dues not paid by February 28th will terminate membership in club and would require an individual to rejoin as a new member, with the initiation fee in effect at that time.
3. Any person who has had their membership terminated for non-payment must reapply for membership and pay the initiation fee in effect at the time of reapplication.
4. Any Member experiencing a difficult personal situation such as financial, health or other circumstance, may apply in writing to the Board of Directors for extension, or payment arrangement or waiver of the dues and assessments or a leave of absence with a waiver of dues and assessments. The Board of Directors may, upon written request of a Member and for good and sufficient cause, grant a leave of absence with a waiver of dues for a period not exceeding two (2) years providing the member is in good standing and is not in arrears for dues or assessments. A Member who enters the Armed Service of the United States of America or is activated from a reserve status shall not be required to pay any dues or assessments and shall be carried on the rolls as a Member in good standing during the period of active military service. The decision of the Board on such matters shall be final.
5. In the event of an emergency, a special assessment may be levied against all Members except as provided for herein. A Special Committee appointed by the President shall first recommend the amount of any such assessment to the Board of Directors. Upon recommendation for a special assessment by the committee, the President shall give no less than ten (10) days written notice to all Members of the proposed special assessment and of the time, place and date of a Special Membership meeting at which Members will be asked to approve such special assessment. Approval of a special assessment shall require the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of Members in good standing, present and voting at said special meeting. Upon such approval the special assessment shall become due and payable. Failure to pay this assessment as set forth by the Board of Directors will result in termination of membership as provided for in these By-Laws.

Article V. Officers, Directors, Board of Directors

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of such number of directors as the Board of Directors may set, from time to time, by resolution, provided that there shall never be less than three (3) directors.
2. To be a Director, an individual must be an active member of the Club for not less than one (1) year, must be in good standing on the payment of all dues and fees owed to the Club, and shall not for the prior twelve (12) months nor currently have any disciplinary issues regarding compliance with the Clubs rules.
3. Officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
4. The current President shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors shall provide the general administration of the Club business, shall supervise and control Club activities, and shall formulate and enforce Club Rules and Safety Regulations.
6. Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at least annually or as called by the Chairperson or by resolution of four (4) or more members of the Board of Directors. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Except as otherwise provided, a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Directors present and voting shall be required for action by the Board.
7. If an elected Office or Director fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without due cause acceptable to the Board of Directors, the office may be declared vacant by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. An Officer or Director failing to attend a majority of meetings in one (1) calendar year without due cause acceptable to the Board of Directors shall be ineligible for election to office the following year.

Article VI. Duties of Officers and Directors, (Board of Directors)

1. **President:** The President shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Club and shall preside at all meetings. The President shall be an ex officio Member of all committees and shall perform all other duties as normally pertain to the office. The President shall prepare and deliver an annual report outlining the status of the Club to the Membership at the Annual Meeting and shall provide the Secretary with a copy of the report.
2. **Vice President:** The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President at the President's request or in the President's absence. The Vice President shall perform other duties as assigned by the President and/or the Board of Directors.

3. **Secretary:** The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Club. The Secretary shall notify the Members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify the Members of General, Special and Annual Meetings.
4. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Club, placing them in such banks or investment vehicles as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Authorized signers for all withdrawals and all checks shall be from among the Officers of the organization. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and shall render a monthly report of all receipts and disbursements to the Board of Directors and shall submit a written report for the year at the Annual Meeting. The Treasurer shall make available all books and records for a financial review at least once each calendar year, and at other times as directed by the Board of Directors.
5. **Directors:** The President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint additional Directors as is necessary to provide any other duties to further the objectives of the Club. Directors are charged with promoting and encouraging participation in the activity they represent.
6. All Officers, Directors, and Chairpersons shall maintain records as prescribed by these ByLaws and shall turn over all records to their successors within ten (10) days of their leaving office.

Article VII. Meetings

1. **Meetings shall be of three (3) types:** General, Special and Annual. Notice of the purpose, date, time and place of all meetings shall be provided to the membership no less than fourteen (14) days prior to such meeting.
2. **Quorum:** A quorum for such meetings shall consist of at least 20% of the Members of the Board of Directors, one of whom shall be President or Vice President.
3. **General Meetings:** There shall be a minimum of one (1) General Meeting each calendar year. The Board of Directors shall set the date, time and place for General Meeting.
4. **Special Meetings:** Special Meetings may be called by the President, the Board of Directors or by petition of five percent (5%) of the Members in good standing and eligible to vote. The petition requesting such a meeting and stating the purpose of such a Special Meeting shall be presented in person or by certified mail to the Secretary of the Club who shall then notify the Membership within fourteen (14) days of receipt of such request, setting forth the time and place of the meeting as well as the proposed agenda. Special Meetings may be called for reasons such as a proposed capital expenditure, a

threat to the well-being of the Club, proposed disciplinary action, By-Law amendments, or for any reason beyond the scope of usual and normal business.

5. **Annual Meetings:** An Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held within 90 days of each new calendar year for the purpose of electing Officers and Directors, and for presentation of Annual Reports to the Members. Any business normally conducted at a General Meeting may also be conducted at the Annual Meeting.
6. **Meeting Rules:** All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the most current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, as may be modified or abridged by the Chairperson, in their sole and exclusive discretion.
7. **Notice:** Unless provided for otherwise herein, adequate notice to the Membership may be accomplished by an e-mail to Members and/or posting on club property.

Article VIII. Elections

1. Officers and Directors shall be elected at the Annual Election Meeting. Officers and Directors shall serve a term of one (1) year. Officers and Directors shall remain in office until their successors assume office at the start of the next calendar year.
2. At least two (2) months prior to the date of the Annual Election, the Board shall email club members requesting anyone wishing to serve as a Director please submit their name by December 31st to be put on the ballot at the annual meeting.
3. Candidates receiving a majority of votes cast shall be the winners. Nominees for elected office must be present at the election to be considered. This condition may be waived for due cause by a vote of the Membership present.
4. The Board will vote on positions within the Board.

Article IX. [OMMITED]

Article X. Suspension, Expulsion, Removal from Office

1. In the event it is alleged that a Member of this Club has violated these By-Laws or other rules and regulations of this Club or has acted in a manner that is detrimental to the well-being of this Club, the Board of Directors shall hold a hearing to consider the allegations, evidence and the statement(s) of the witness(es).
2. All such allegations must be in writing, included any recorded audio or video evidence, and signed by the person(s) alleging such wrong doing. A Member charged under this Article shall be notified by Certified Mail at least fourteen (14) days prior to such a hearing of the time, place and date of said hearing and shall be provided with a copy of

the charges, evidence and witness(es) bringing the complaint. The Member so charged shall have the right to one (1) extension of no more than fourteen (14) days from the original date of hearing if so requested in writing to the Secretary. The Member charged shall have the right to another Member as counsel, to question the complainant and witness(es) appearing against him/her and to mount an appropriate defense.

3. In the event that the Board of Directors finds that the Member is guilty as charged under Article X, Section 1, it may suspend the Member's Club privileges for a set period of time as determined by majority vote of the Board or expulsion from the club.
4. Failure of a Member to remain a Member in good standing of a Pro Second Amendment Organization shall result in suspension from this Club.
5. Due cause for expulsion shall be two (2) or more suspensions of privilege within a three (3) year period for conduct detrimental to the Club or for conviction by any State or Federal Court of a felony or a crime of violence or Court Judgement barring the member from owning or handling firearms.
6. Due cause for suspension of a Member's Club privileges shall include, but not be limited to a failure to pay dues, debts and/or assessments; removing Club property from land or ranges leased or owned by the Club without permission; appropriating for personal use property owned by the Club; willful damage to Club property; continued careless and unsafe handling and use of firearms; refusal to obey a lawful command of a Range Officer or failure to maintain a Pro Second Amendment Organization as provided for in these By-Laws.

Article XI. Amendments

1. **By the Board of Directors:** Proposed amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at a Special Meeting of the Board called for that purpose after giving the Membership notice of such amendment not less than ten (10) days prior to any such Special Meeting.
2. **By the Membership:** Proposed amendments to these By-Laws may be made by a committee appointed to make such recommendations, by written petition of ten percent (10%) of Members in good standing. Upon receipt of a proposed amendment to the By-Laws, the Secretary shall, within thirty (30) days, call a Special Meeting of the Membership. The call for Special Meeting shall show the date, time and place of the meeting and the exact wording of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws. Amendments shall require two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing, present and voting at such a Special Meeting.

Article XII. Miscellaneous

1. In the event of the sale of less than one hundred percent (100%) of the property or assets of the Club, the proceeds shall remain with the Club to be used in whatsoever manner will best serve its interests and objectives.
2. The Club shall not endorse candidates for Local, State or Federal elections, nor shall it take an active role in supporting or defeating any legislative activity except when such activity represents a direct threat to the well-being of this Club or is in contradiction to the stated objectives of this Club.
3. If and to the extent these By-Laws, the Articles of Incorporation or any policy or rule of the Club is ambiguous, the Board of Directors may resolve any such ambiguity in their sole and exclusive discretion. Such determine shall be final for all purposes.
4. There will be no shooting or handling of firearms on club property after consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Article XIII: Guest Policy

1. A Guest is a non-member whom a member invites to make use of club facilities. A release form must be completed and signed by both the guest and a member. The form, along with the guest fee, must be put in the envelopes provided in the club house. A Member who invites a Guest is responsible for the Guest's safe gun handling and shooting procedures. To that end, the Member shall accompany the Guest at all times while shooting.
2. A Visitor is a non-member who comes to the club facilities of his or her own volition to determine whether he or she wishes to join the club. It is incumbent on Members to welcome Visitors, show them the facilities and encourage them to become Members.
3. Those participating in a tournament activity that has been scheduled under the auspices of an official sanctioning body for a particular discipline or by one or more of the Club's discipline Directors shall not be counted toward Guest visits.
4. Tournaments/activities may be open (meaning to the public) at the Director's discretion without express invitation.
5. Upon arrival at a shooting venue, each Guest shall sign a Non-Member Waiver of Liability Form. In the case of groups of minor Guests, an adult representative of the group shall sign the Waiver of Liability for each guest. Any member that brings a guest on property without completing a waiver form and paying the \$15.00 guest fee is subject to termination from the Club.