

United States Rifleman's Association (USRA)

BY-LAWS (v.3, Submitted, 9/25/11)

Article I – Name

The name of this organization shall be the United States Rifleman's Association (USRA)

Article II – Purpose

The United States Rifleman's Assoc., pledges itself through it's membership; to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States; To promote the principles of true Americanism for the common welfare of our Nations Heritage via the reverence of the Nation's Founders, the sacrifices made and the heroism portrayed while safeguarding Liberty and Freedom throughout our Nation's History; To educate the people in the safe, lawful and accurate use of firearms; And to develop among its members, the Rifleman's Mindset, whose qualities of leadership, loyalty, cooperation, mindfulness, and good sportsmanship are essential to good citizenship.

Article III – Membership

Membership shall be open to all law abiding Citizens of good repute, without regard to sex, race, creed, color or national origin, whose application is approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership shall be denied to any person who is a member of any organization which has attempted or has advocated the overthrow of the United States Government, or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence.

Article IV – Dues

The annual dues of this organization shall be \$20.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for those Under 21. No member in arrears shall be eligible to vote or receive any benefits offered by USRA.

Article V – Board of Directors

This Organization shall be governed by the Board of Directors. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to determine the long-term strategies of the Organization, and the approval/disapproval by simple majority vote, recommendations of the Executive Committee during regular Board Meetings.

Prior to State Chapters, Membership of the Board shall be determined by the

Adult Membership during the regular annual meeting. The Board shall consist of a minimum of 10, and a maximum of 25 members. The term of commitment to the Board shall be 3 years, with elections of Board Membership staggered so that no more than one third of the Board shall be up for reelection at any given election. The Executive committee, via lottery, shall determine which 1/3 of the Board Members not currently holding Office to be up for reelection at the end of year 1, and year 2, in order to establish the staggered elections.

Once State Chapters have been organized, the individual States adult Membership shall elect their representatives, who in turn shall elect the Board of Directors at the regular annual meeting.

Removal of Board Members due to dereliction of duty or behavior injurious to the Organization, can be accomplished with a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, after charges have been made, and the accused is given an opportunity to defend their actions.

Article VI - Officers

The elected officers of this organization consisting of; the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, once fully vetted, shall be duly elected by the Adult membership, in good standing, at the regular annual meeting or at a special meeting called by the Executive Committee for the purpose of electing officers.

All officers must meet the requirements of "Active Instructor" in order to be eligible to be elected into an Officer position. Appointed positions within the Board and or the Executive Committee, may be created as demand dictates.

Term of elected office shall be 2 years, with no more than 1/2 of the Executive Committee replaced during any regular election. At the end of year 1, the Vice-President and Treasurer shall be up for reelection, in order to establish the staggered elections.

Removal of Officers due to dereliction of duty or behavior injurious to the Organization, can be accomplished with a 2/3 vote of the Board of Directors, after charges have been made, and the accused is given an opportunity to defend their actions.

Article VI – Duties of Officers

President: The President shall preside over all regular or business meetings of the organization including the Executive Committee. He shall appoint all special committees and shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees.

Vice-President: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his

absence or at his request.

Treasurer: The Treasurer, under the supervision of the President, shall have charge of all funds of the organization. He shall deposit such funds in the bank designated by the Board of Directors in a joint account requiring the signature of both the Treasurer and the President for any withdrawals or payments from such account. He shall pay all bills contracted by the club and approved by the Board of Directors. He shall keep an accurate record of all transactions and shall render a detailed report whenever requested by the Board of Directors and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.

Secretary: The Secretary, under the supervision of the President, shall conduct the organizations correspondence. He shall notify all members of special and annual meetings and shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings. He shall maintain the minutes of all Board meetings and committee meetings . All applications for membership in the organization shall be made to the Secretary. He shall collect all fees and dues, turning the same over to the Treasurer and taking his proper receipt therefore.

Article VII- Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the above Elected Officers plus those chosen by the Board of Directors for a minimum of 5, maximum of 7, duly elected members plus the four most recent and currently available Past Presidents, for a total maximum of 11 Executive Committee members. Vacancies in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or Special Meeting called for that purpose.

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to administer the daily affairs of the organization as directed by the Board of Directors including; the vetting of applications for membership, the designation of depositories for the club's funds, the establishment of financial and administrative procedures, the initiation of disciplinary procedures and such other matters as are normally the duty of an organization's Executive Committee. In addition, the Executive Committee shall determine standards for the safe and effective instruction of marksmanship, based on the recommendations and final approval by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII- Meetings

Meetings of the organization shall be held on the call of the President. 2/3 of the Executive Committee membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

It is recommended that at a minimum; The Executive Committee meet bi-monthly, and the Board of Directors meet quarterly. In addition, an Annual General Meeting shall be established for the purpose of elections.

Article VIII – Withdrawal of Membership

Any member whose conduct shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors to have been injurious to the **interest and or welfare** of the club may be suspended or expelled from the organization. Such vote shall not be taken without giving the offender two weeks’ notice of the charges against him and affording an opportunity of being heard in his defense. He may appeal from a decision of the Board of Directors to the club at a special meeting called for that purpose, but it shall require a 2/3 vote of those present to reverse the Boards decision. A complete report shall be given whenever a member is expelled, showing charges and actions taken.

Article IX - Standards of Instruction

Standards of Instruction shall be reviewed annually for their effectiveness and safety. This review shall be conducted by the Executive Committee, with their recommendations presented to the Board of Directors for final approval.

Article X – Amendments

Any Amendment to these By-Laws may be presented by the Executive Committee at any meeting of the Board of Directors. A quorum as well as 2/3 vote of the members present shall be necessary for adoption.

Adopted on this day, September 25th, 2011

President- William H. Essling

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Secretary- Daniel S. Hendrickson

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