

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS GOLDEN TRIANGLE GUN CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I --- NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc.; a private organization incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas, and affiliated with the National Rifle Association of America and sanctioned by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

ARTICLE II --- OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be to promote the art of shooting, and to give instructions in the use of firearms among citizens of the United States and residents of our community, with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to cultivate the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play, and self-reliance, which are essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism.

ARTICLE III --- MEMBERSHIP

Section A:

Any citizen of the United States over 18 years of age may become a member of the organization on the approval of the membership committee and/or Board of Directors.

Section B:

All applicants for membership shall be sponsored by a member in good standing or hold a **Valid** Texas Concealed Handgun License.

Section C:

All applicants for membership must fill out an application and submit this application to the Club Secretary. The club Secretary will transfer the application for membership to the Chairman of the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee will make a thorough investigation of the applicant. The membership Committee will have at least a 30-day study period after such application is submitted or if additional time is needed said additional time will be allowed. When prospective members have been approved by the Membership Committee, they must then be approved by the Board of Directors. If said application is opposed three or more members of the Board of Directors, then such application will be rejected. In the absence of an active Membership Committee, the Board of Directors will comprise the Membership Committee.

Section D:

All members are required to maintain a current membership in the National Rifle Association of America as a condition of membership in the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc.

ARTICLE IV --- DUES

Section A:

The initiation fee and the annual membership fee schedule shall be as proposed by the Board of Directors and approved by the club membership. Approval shall be as set forth in **ARTICLE X**.

Section B:

The annual dues, payable in advance, on or before September 1st of each year, shall be:

STANDARD MEMBERSHIP: \$75.00 Annually (Initiation Fee for New Membership \$75.00)

SENIOR (65 and older): \$65.00 Annually (Initiation Fee for New Senior Membership \$65.00)

JUNIOR (18 – 25): \$65.00 Annually (NO Initiation Fee charged for New Junior Membership)

Revision and Approval of the **Membership Dues** Schedule shall be as set forth in **ARTICLE X**.

A member, being in arrears on November 1, shall be denied the use of the range facilities, and having been duly notified, shall be delinquent and not in good standing and shall be dropped from the roster. To come back into the organization said member must apply as a new member, paying the initiation fee (if required). Reinstatement of a delinquent member without the required initiation fee may be approved by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Section C:

The annual dues of any member called to active federal military service shall be suspended for the duration of his tour of duty, and any unused portion of his current dues shall be credited upon his return, provided he has notified the Secretary of such military duty.

Section D:

Any member in good standing, whose health or employment causes him to change his permanent residence to another city shall, upon giving notice to the Secretary, be granted a credit, and upon return to the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc., be reinstated and that portion of unused dues applied to subsequent active membership.

Section E:

No portion of annual dues, or initiation fee shall be refundable to a member.

ARTICLE V --- MEETINGS

Section A:

Annual Meetings

The annual meeting of the club shall be held during the month of August each year. The Board of Directors shall set the date of such annual meeting. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter, and the officers shall be held over until their successors have been elected.

Section B:

Special Meetings

The special meetings of the club may be held at anytime upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Board of Directors or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meetings and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meetings shall be given to all officers and members in good standing, in writing by United States mail, not less than seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of such meetings. The place of such special meetings shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Section C:

Quorum

5% of the members of the club entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLE VI --- DIVISIONS

Section A:

In order to better serve the membership, the club shall be divided into divisions: namely - HighPower Rifles, Hunters and Plinkers, Smallbore Rifles, Muzzle Loading FireArms, Shotguns, and Junior Divisions where appropriate.

Section B:

Each division shall operate as a separate unit under the guidance of an Executive Officer and a committee composed of Chief Range Officer, Chief Statistical Officer and Supervisor. The Division Officers shall be elected by the individual voting membership of each division at an annual meeting of such division. The date of such annual meeting and election shall be within one (1) month following the annual meeting and election of the "Central Club". Notice of such meeting shall be sent to all members of the division in advance of the meeting.

Section C:

Election of Division Officers will be held at the annual meeting of the various divisions. The Statistical Officer will assume the duties of Secretary and Treasurer of the division. It shall be the duties of these officers to keep records of the respective divisions to be reviewed by the Secretary of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc., at least ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc.

Section D:

It shall be the duty of the committee of the respective division to determine the shooting program and matches to be conducted by that division. It shall also be the committee's responsibility to look after the property and ranges of that division.

Section E:

The President and the Secretary of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc. shall be ex-officio members of the committees of each division.

Section F:

Each Division Executive Officer shall become a member of the Board of Directors immediately upon election by his division and shall serve on the Board continuously until a successor is elected as Executive Officer by said division, whereupon the new Chairman shall automatically take his place upon said Board.

Section G:

The Board of Directors of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc. shall add new divisions when needed.

ARTICLE VII --- OFFICERS

Section A:

The Board of Directors of the “Central Club” shall consist of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary Treasurer of the Central Club, The Executive Officers of the respective Divisions and three (3) Directors at Large.

Section B:

All officers, with the exception of the President, Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Officers of the respective divisions, shall be elected at the annual meeting. The President shall appoint a nominating committee at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting. In addition to the nominees selected by nominating committee, nominations for any office may be made from the floor.

(1) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a permanent officer of the “Central Club” and shall be appointed and/or terminated by the Board of Directors. His/her duties shall be compensated by a fee of not less than \$25.00 per month.

(2) All Board of Directors will have a free membership to the Club for out of pocket expenses.

Section C:

The affairs of the organization shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who shall have general supervision over the activities of the club. Board meetings shall be held every other month and at anytime by call of the President. Five (5) Directors shall constitute a quorum. No member less than 21 years or age shall be eligible to hold office.

Section D:

(1) Elected Officers of the “Central Club” may also hold office as a Division Executive Officer.

(2) An Executive Officer of a division may not hold the office of Executive Officer of any other division, concurrently.

Section E:

A person, before being nominated for the position of President or Vice-President, will have had to have previously served as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section F:

In the event of any vacancy, in any office of the “Central Club”, the Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VIII --- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section A:

(1) President -The President shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and of the Board of Directors. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

(a) The following standing committees may be appointed by the club President: Membership committee, Publicity Committee, Program Committee, Range Safety and Rules Committee and Newsletter Committee.

(b) In addition to the above committees, the club President shall have the power to appoint such officers and committees as he deems necessary to carry out the purpose and functions of the club.

(2) Vice-President - The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. He shall be a member of the Board of Directors. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees. He shall also be Chairman of the Membership Committee.

(3) Secretary -Treasurer - The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Secretary-Treasurer shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the organization by the National Rifle Association and by the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. He shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings, as required in Article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the organization and have custody of the books and papers of the club. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary-Treasurer. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues. Such money shall only be withdrawn with a check signed by either the President or Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Directors shall approve all bills submitted for payment. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an actual and accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at the meetings when requested and shall be responsible for an annual report to be presented at the annual meeting. The secretary-Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation and submission of all tax reports. The Secretary-Treasurer of the club shall be bonded by \$10,000 at the expense of the club.

ARTICLE IX --- SUSPENSION OR REMOVAL

(a) Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless a minimum fifteen (15) days written notice has been given to the officer stating the reasons for his removal and the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot for his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

(b) Any member may be suspended or removed from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless a minimum fifteen (15) days written notice has been given to the member stating the charges preferred and the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which time such charges will be considered. At such special meeting the member under charge will be accorded a full hearing.

(c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any other member in good standing. Charges shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts, relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits that are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen (15) days notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors and to the accuser and to the accused. Such notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

(d) Any member suspended or removed by the Board of Directors may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges and the supporting affidavits, will read or display the accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

(e) Any official or member of the club who has been suspended or removed by the National Rifle Association of America shall automatically stand suspended or removed from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association to the Club Secretary.

(f) The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or removed, showing charges and action taken.

**ARTICLE X --- REVISIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
GOLDEN TRIANGLE GUN CLUB, INC.**

The Constitution of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc., may be amended in either of the following:

(1) By a majority vote of the eligible voting members of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc. at the annual meeting, provided that at least one-tenth of the membership is present.

(2) By a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc., all Board members being present, under the following limitations:

(a) All members of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc. shall be provided with a written copy of any proposed amendment at least thirty (30) days in advance of the time at which the vote on such an amendment is to be taken by the Board of Directors.

(b) All members of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc. shall be provided with written notice at least thirty (30) days in advance of the time and place of any meeting of the Board of Directors of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc., at which time a vote is to be taken on any proposed change in the Constitution.

(c) If any member in good standing of the Golden Triangle Gun Club, Inc. shall present to the Board of Directors a petition bearing the signature of at least 10% of the membership in opposition to any proposed amendment to the Constitution and by-laws of the Golden Triangle gun Club, Inc., the Board of Directors shall not have the power to adopt such amendment.

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