

BY-LAWS

OF

ORIGINAL PENNSYLVANIA 1000 YARD BENCHREST CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be ORIGINAL PENNSYLVANIA 1000 YARD BENCHREST CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of this corporation shall be to act as a sanctioning body for 1000 yard shooting and the encouragement of organized rifle shooting among residents of the United States with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such participants of improved marksmanship and the safe handling and proper care of firearms. It shall be the further object to purpose to forward the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are the essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism,

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

I certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America, that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force or violence of the Government of the United States of America or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence, and that if admitted to membership after the probationary period, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship. I fully understand that there are certain dangers and risks associated with the facilities and activities of this club and I fully assumed he risks and dangers involve for and in consideration of being allowed to participate in any and all club functions. I waive, release, covenant not to sue, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the organization from any claims, actions, suits, cost, expenses, damages or liabilities, including attorney's fees for personal injury, property damage, accidents, illnesses, death or any incidental damage that may arise from my use of the facilities or from my participation on or observation of the activities. I assume these risks for me and/or for my minor child of my own free will. I acknowledge that I intend by my signature that this be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

ARTICLE IV – DUES

- (a) The member's annual dues and life member dues to the club shall be an amount established annually by the Board of Directors.

- (b) No member of the club whose dues are in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this club.
- (c) Voting will be limited to the Thousand Yard Benchrest member who is the named main member on the application. This member must be current with their dues. Associate members will not have voting privileges.
- (d) The main authority and sole management of the original Pennsylvania 1000 Yard Benchrest Club, Inc. will be solely by the members in good standing within the club.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- (a) Annual Meeting: Subject to the provisions set forth below, the date of the annual meeting of the Club shall be established by the Board of Directors. 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 hold their titles, offices and official responsibilities over until their successors shall have been elected.
- (b) Annual Meeting: The annual membership meeting of the club shall be held at the last regular scheduled match of the year.
- (c) Regular Meeting: The regular business meetings of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Special Meeting: A special meeting of the club may be held at any time 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 meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors fails to fix a time and place for a meeting within five days of the receipt of the demand in writing for a meeting signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote, said members demanding such a meeting may fix the time and place of such special meeting.
- (e) Quorum: The lesser of 25 persons or 20% of the members of the club entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARICLE VI – OFFICERS

- (a) The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Target Chairperson, two Assistant Target Chairpersons, Statistician, Assistant Statistician, Pit Chairperson, two Assistant Pit Chairpersons, Range Master, two Assistant Range Masters, Public Relations Officer and Assistant Public Relations Officer, who acting together shall constitute the Board of Directors. No member shall be eligible to hold office for the first 2 years of membership. All directors should hold office in this shooting club only. Officers shall be elected by majority vote by secret ballot of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the club. They shall hold office for 1 year or until their successors is elected. All officers shall remain in office through the banquet shooting match.
- (b) The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the club.
- (c) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Board may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing to the Secretary, by three members of the Board.
- (d) Seven members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- (e) A vacancy on the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board, provided however, that the vacancy of President shall be filled by the Vice President unless that office shall also be vacant, and any person elected to the Board of Directors by the Board shall hold office until the date of the next annual membership meeting, or thereafter until a successor is duly elected.
- (f) The officers of this club should maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association for their tenure in office.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- (a) President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the club of the Board of Directors. He/she shall be a member, ex-officer of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.
- (b) Vice-President. The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at his/her request.

- (c) Secretary. The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertain to the business and operation of the club. He/she shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. He/she shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the club and have the custody of the books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's books of account. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary. He/she shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking proper receipt therefore.
- (d) Assistant Secretary. The Assistant Secretary shall assume the duties of the secretary if the secretary cannot fulfill his/her duties. During the regular matches the Assistant Secretary will assist in the collection of monies, help in the weighing of light guns, collection the closest to center monies and the sale of club merchandise.
- (e) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by both the President and Treasurer and for the payments of such bills as shall have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Board of Directors when requested and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.
- (f) Public Relations Officers. The Public Relations Officers shall be responsible for the dissemination of all match results and other pertinent club information through any club approved publication. Any manuscript to be submitted for publication must first be read and authorized for publication by the President or Vice President in his/her absence.
- (g) Target Chairperson and Assistant Target Chairpersons. The Target and Assistant Target Chairpersons shall have responsibility for placement of all targets and all matters pertaining to targets and scoring and shall be the final arbiter of all target measurements. The Target Chairperson may appoint such assistants as he/she may see fit and such assistants shall have full authority in these matters in the absence of the Target Chairperson or the Assistant Target Chairpersons.
- (h) Statistician and Assistant Statistician. The Statistician and Assistant Statistician shall compile results of all shoots and matches and individual records for each shooter and each event and such other data as may be required by the Board of Directors.

- (i) Range Master and Assistant Range Masters. The Range Master and Assistant Range Masters shall conduct and have responsibility for all matters pertaining to the range and he/she shall account as the official Range Master. The Range Master may appoint such assistants as he/she may see fit and such assistants shall have full authority in these matters in the absence of the Range Master or the Assistant Range Masters.
- (j) Pit Chairperson and Assistant Pit Chairpersons. The Pit Chairperson and Assistant Pit Chairpersons shall conduct and have responsibility for all matters pertaining to the target pits and he/she shall account as the official Pit Chairperson. The Pit Chairperson may appoint such assistants as he/she may see fit and such assistants shall have full authority in these matters in the absence of the Pit Chairperson or the Assistant Pit Chairpersons.

ARTICLE VIII – SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- (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 at least thirteen (13) days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his/her removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his or her removal is to be taken. At such special meeting, the officer shall be given a full hearing.
- (b) Any member, any officer, or any appointee may be temporarily suspended or expelled 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 present at any regular or special meeting. No final vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least thirteen (13) days notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting, the member under charges will be afforded a full hearing.
- (c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the secretary, who shall immediately notify the President. The President shall call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary shall give at least thirteen (13) days notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors and to the accuser and to the accused, which 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 expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing, the Secretary who shall notify the President. The President shall call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least thirteen (13) days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing the date, time, place, and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary shall read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and shall read or display the accompanying exhibits, and shall 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 shall be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX – MATCH RULES

- (a) All rifle competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the Board of Directors as included in current range and club operating procedures manual subject to veto or change by majority of members voting at any duly qualified regular or special meeting.
- (b) Participants in any shoot or match conducted by the club need not own the firearm with which they compete.

ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- (a) The rules in “Robert’s Rule of Order Revised” shall govern meetings of this club in all cases under which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION

- (a) This organization may be dissolved upon a vote to dissolve by at least two-thirds of the membership hereof at a meeting specially called for that purpose, after written notice to all members has been given at least thirteen (13) days prior to such meeting. In the event of such dissolution, or upon dissolution by any other cause, after all organization debts have been paid, the organization’s remaining property shall be divided proportionately, i.e., on a share alike basis, among the members in good standing.

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

- (a) Any proposed amendments to these By-Laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or special meeting. No vote may be taken on such amendment at the meeting at which it is first proposed but such amendment may be voted upon only at a subsequent meeting thereto after thirteen (13) days notice has been given to the membership, which notice shall include a text of the proposed change or amendment to these By-Laws. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass or reject such change or amendment.

- (b) These By-Laws have been accepted by the undersigned as incorporators and directors of the Original Pennsylvania 1000 Yard Benchrest Club, Inc.

Procedure:

1) There will be a private meeting with the President, Vice-President and Secretary. If one of the above club officers cannot attend he/she will assign a board member to take their place, providing the assigned board member is an active shooter.

2) If there cannot be a mutual agreement reached after the meeting described in number 1, the party/parties wishing to pursue a Petition or Grievance will take their case to a meeting of the entire board.

3) If there is still not a mutual agreement after the meeting with the entire board, there will be a demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place, and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. If the Board of Directors fails to fix a time and place for a meeting within five days of the receipt of the demand in writing for a meeting signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote, said members demanding such a meeting may fix the time and place of such special meeting.

4) At the meeting the President will read the written demand aloud. The members who signed the petition will explain their demands. There will then be discussion period with all the members, after which there will be a ballot vote taken. The recording secretary will mark a membership list as to who voted. At the end of 2 days of voting (light gun match on Saturday and heavy gun match on Sunday) the ballot referees will count the ballots and make an announcement to the club members. The results of the vote will be the final results. All results will be posted for the information of all members.

Disclaimer:

It has become custom for individuals to hire out their services as "Target Pullers" to work the competitor's shift in the pits in substitution for them and for consideration. While Club's By-Laws and match rules do not prohibit these activities, it must be understood that such arraignments are private contracts between the parties' to which the club is not a party and the Club assumes no and has no liabilities of any kind whatsoever in these regards.