

Sidney Shooting Park, Inc.

BY-LAWS

Article I – Introduction

Section 1: Organization Name: The name shall be: Sidney Shooting Park, Inc.

Section 2: Objective: The club shall be organized to:

- a. Promote the use of firearms and archery equipment for sporting, recreational, and competitive purposes.
- b. Provide public information and training on the safe use of firearms and archery equipment.
- c. Provide Members with opportunities to socialize with other Members who have similar interests in the shooting sports.

Section 3: Usage: The facility grounds are designated as a Game Preserve, and no hunting of game animals is allowed. Special hunting privileges may be granted by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Article II - Membership

Section 1: Eligibility: Any citizen of the United States or legal resident of the State of Nebraska who is at least 19 years of age that may legally own and/or possess firearms and archery equipment in the state of Nebraska.

Section 2: Approval: Each membership application shall be voted upon by the Board of Directors for acceptance. A majority vote (see Article IV, Section 6) of the Board of Directors is required for approval of membership.

Section 3: Annual Member: Any eligible person who has made application for membership, has paid the annual membership fees, and been approved by majority vote of the Board. Memberships are for one club membership year unless suspended or revoked for cause (see Article II, Sections 9 and 10). The following annual memberships are established:

- a. Individual;
- b. Family - parents with legal custody of dependent children ages 20 and under living under the same roof;
- c. Youth - Any person 18 years of age and under whose parent, legal guardian, or person who has the written permission of the person's parent or legal guardian, agrees to sponsor that Youth Member. Such sponsor shall be responsible for the conduct of the Youth Member when the Youth Member is on the club grounds or at a club-sponsored event.
- d. The Board of Directors may establish other annual membership categories as deemed necessary.

Section 4: Life (or Charter) Member: Any eligible person who has made application for membership, has paid the Life or Charter fees, and been accepted by majority vote of the Board. Memberships are for the member's lifetime unless suspended or revoked for cause (see Article II, Sections 9 and 10).

Section 5: Membership Fees: The Board of Directors may establish a membership and maintenance fee which may be changed, as necessary to meet obligations of the Corporation, by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 6: Voting Privileges: Life Members, Charter Members, Annual Individual Members, and Annual Family Memberships each receive one vote for election of Board Members at an annual meeting. Youth Members do not receive a vote.

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Section 7: Current Membership: Current Members are Life/Charter Members and those annual Members that have paid the membership fee for the current club year. The current club membership year shall be from January 1 through December 31. Annual membership fees become due on the first day of January regardless of which month in a previous year a Member actually joined. There is no proration of membership fees.

A current Member shall enjoy all privileges: membership pricing where applicable, and voting privileges at annual meetings.

Section 8: Non-Current Membership: Members who have not paid the current club year fee shall not receive membership pricing or have voting privileges.

Section 9: Suspension of Membership: A membership may be temporarily suspended by any Board Member or designated club official for the following reasons:

1. Failure to follow established Rules and Regulations.
2. Theft, destruction, misuse, or damage of club property.
3. Unsafe handling of firearms including failure to follow common safety rules whether or not those rules have been formally established by the club.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct or disrespect towards other participants while present on the range facilities or at club events.

Any Board Member or designated club official who observes this type of conduct shall obtain the name of the Member involved, notify the Member that his/her membership is being suspended, and direct the Member to immediately leave the range.

The Board Member or designated club official shall then contact the club President and explain the circumstances. The President shall determine, based on the circumstances, if a meeting of the Board of Directors should be called to vote on a revocation of that membership.

Section 10: Revocation of Membership: Memberships shall be revoked, for the following reasons, by a majority vote (see Article IV, Section 6) of the Board of Directors present at a meeting called for that purpose. This meeting shall be held within thirty (30) days of:

1. Failure to follow established Rules and Regulations.
2. Theft, destruction, misuse, or damage of club property.
3. Unsafe handling of firearms including failure to follow common safety rules whether or not those rules have been formally established by the club.
4. Unsportsmanlike conduct or disrespect towards other participants while present on the range facilities.

Any person whose membership has been suspended or revoked shall not be permitted to use club facilities, even as a guest, or to participate in any club or benefit event.

Any person whose membership has been suspended or revoked shall be eligible to reapply for membership after six (6) months from the date of the suspension. A shorter time may be considered by the Board of Directors upon showing of completion of a satisfactory firearms or archery safety course (as may be applicable). The decision of the Board of Directors shall be final.

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Article III – Annual Meeting

Section 1: Annual Meeting of the Membership: An annual meeting of the Members shall be held each year on a date designated by the Board. The annual meeting shall be held to elect members of the Board of Directors and for the transaction of other business as determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 2: Place of Meeting: The annual meeting shall be held at the clubhouse located at the Sidney Shooting Park or at an appropriate location designated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 3: Attendees: The attendees of the annual meeting shall consist of only current Members in good standing.

Section 4: Notice of Meeting: A notice of the annual meeting shall be sent at least 30 days prior to the meeting to all current Members in good standing.

Section 5: Quorum: A quorum shall consist of those current Members in attendance at the annual meeting.

Section 6: Special Meetings of the Membership: A special meeting of the membership may be called by the President or three (3) members of the Board of Directors, as necessary, to conduct club business between annual meetings.

Article IV – Board of Directors

Section 1: General Powers: The sole governing powers shall be vested in the Board of Directors, who shall manage the business, property, and affairs of this Corporation. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for oversight of club business to include, but not limited to: certificates of the Corporation, and any Deed, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the membership has authorized to be executed. They shall ensure that club business is conducted in accordance with the By-Laws adopted by the membership.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall consist of nine (9) Members in good standing.

Section 3: Term of Office: Term of members of the Board of Directors shall be for three (3) years with three Members being elected by the membership at each annual meeting.

Section 4: Nominations: Members must submit their names before the annual meeting to be considered for election to the Board of Directors. Nominations will not be accepted at the annual meeting or after a deadline date set by the Board. The current Board of Directors will meet prior to the annual meeting to vote to accept each nominee. Nominees must receive a majority vote (see Article IV, Section 6) of the Board in order to be added to the list to be presented at the annual meeting for election.

Section 5: Election: Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the annual meeting by a majority of the current membership voting. If a candidate does not receive a majority of votes, voting shall continue until a majority is received. If there are three candidates for a position and a majority is not received by any candidate on the first vote, the person receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from consideration. Voting will then continue until one candidate receives a majority of the vote.

Section 6: Quorum: When transacting club business, including changes to the Rules and Regulations, a minimum of five (5) members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum. Any club business shall

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require a majority vote of the Board members, representing a quorum, in attendance. If a majority vote is not achieved, no action may be taken on that business under consideration.

Section 7: Chair: The President of the Corporation shall serve as Chairperson at the meetings of the Board of Directors. In his/her absence, the Vice President shall serve as the Chairperson.

Section 8: Vacancies: In the event of the vacancy of any member of the Board of Directors, for any reason, the President is authorized to fill that position with a qualified Member. That Member shall serve in that position until the next annual meeting at which time the membership shall vote to confirm the appointment, or elect another person to serve the remainder of the term. The President shall seek the advice of the Board in making such appointment.

Section 9: Board Meetings: The Board of Directors shall meet monthly on such day and at such time as the Board shall determine. A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the President or three (3) members of the Board of Directors, as necessary, to conduct club business between Board meetings.

Article V – Officers

Section 1: Term: All Officers shall be elected for a term of one (1) year.

Section 2: Nominations: Election of club Officers shall be conducted at a reorganization meeting held by the Board of Directors immediately after the annual meeting. Nominations for each office may be made by any current Director. A maximum of three (3) candidates may be nominated for each office or position.

Section 3: Election: Club officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors by majority of the Board Members voting. If a candidate does not receive a majority of votes, voting shall continue until a majority is received. If there are three candidates for a position and a majority is not received by any candidate on the first vote, the person receiving the fewest votes shall be removed from consideration. Voting will then continue until one candidate receives a majority of the vote.

Voting will normally be conducted by voice vote, or when necessary, by visual count.

Elected Officers shall assume their duties and authority immediately after the close of all election business.

Section 4: President: The President shall be the principal officer of the Corporation and shall, in general, supervise and control all the business and affairs of the Corporation. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Members and meetings of the Board of Directors. He or she may sign, with the Treasurer or any other proper officer there unto authorized by the membership, certificates of the Corporation, any Deed, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the membership has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Corporation, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed; and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Section 5: Vice President: In the absence of the President, or in the event of his/her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, shall have the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President may sign, with the Secretary/ Treasurer, certificates of the Corporation; and shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President or by the Board of Directors.

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Section 6: Secretary: The Secretary shall:

- a. Keep the minutes of the annual meeting of Members.
- b. See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these By-Laws or as required by law.
- c. Be custodian of the Club records.
- d. Keep a register of the contact information of each Member which shall be furnished to the Secretary by such Member.
- e. In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.
- f. Shall serve as custodian of the By-Laws. The Secretary shall be responsible for publishing and posting such By-Laws as adopted by the Board members.

Section 7: Treasurer: The Treasurer shall:

- a. Have charge and custody of and be responsible for all funds and securities of the Club; receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the Club from any source whatsoever and deposit all such moneys in the name of the Club in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.
- b. Sign, with the President or Vice President, certificates of the Corporation, the issue of which shall have been authorized by resolution of the Board of Directors.
- c. In general, perform all the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the President.
- d. Render to the President and the Board of Directors, or whenever the President may require it, an account of the financial condition of the Club and of all his/her transactions as Treasurer.

Section 8: Designated Club Officials: From time to time, certain Members may be designated by the Board or the President to act in an official capacity for the club such as to supervise an event, act as a range officer, etc. While acting in that capacity, such Member shall have the authority granted to them by the Board or President.

Section 9: Vacancies: In case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of one or more of the officers, the President of the Board may fill each such vacancy for the unexpired term of office. The President shall seek the advice of the Board in making such appointment.

Article VI – By-Laws and Rules

Section 1: By-Law Changes: These By-Laws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted, wholly or in part, by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the current Board Members.

Section 2: Rules and Regulations: The Board of Directors shall make and enforce Rules and Regulations for the safe use of the facilities provided by the Corporation. The Secretary shall cause such rules and regulations to be posted on the club bulletin board, including any changes, which may from time to time be adopted by a majority vote (see Article IV, Section 6) of the Board of Directors.