

BYLAWS OF THE PANOLA COUNTY GUN CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be Panola County Gun Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II – OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of shooting among citizens of the United States resident in 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 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

Any citizen of the United States 18 years of age or older may become a member of this organization on vote of the Board of Directors after subscribing to the following pledge:

“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 and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.”

and on payment of the usual initiation fee and dues. All members shall also be a member in good standing with the National Rifle Association (NRA).

ARTICLE IV – DUES

- (a) Upon acceptance, initiation fee of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00).
- (b) The member’s annual dues to the club shall be one hundred dollars (\$100.00) due July 1st and payable no later than September 1st of each year.
- (c) Members joining after September 30th, shall have their annual dues prorated on a quarterly basis (\$25.00 per the end of the quarter in which their dues are received).
- (d) A member who has let their membership lapse for two or more years will be required to pay another initiation fee along with their dues.
- (e) No members of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this club.

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ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- (a) Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the first Saturday of July in each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter. The members of the Board of Directors shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected.
- (b) Regular Meetings. A regular meeting of the club shall be held on the first Saturday of each quarter at the range at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall provide updates on club business that has been conducted since the previous club meeting as well as solicit input and feedback from the general club membership.
- (c) Special Meeting. A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon call of the Board of Directors, or upon written demand by the general membership, signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote, stating the object of the proposed meeting. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given to all officers and members in good standing not less the seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. Notice of the meeting can be made via electronic means, i.e. email or posting on the club web page, and/or via the United States Postal Service mail. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.
- (d) Business may be conducted at any of these meetings (annual, regular, or special) provided that a minimum of eight percent (8%) of the current membership in good standing, verification of roster and number to be provided by the club secretary, is present. If this minimum membership is present, then a quorum of the club membership is thereby established. Any action brought to a vote will be considered binding upon approval of the majority, i.e. fifty percent (50%) of this quorum, unless specified otherwise in these bylaws.

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) individuals as follows: President-Treasurer, Vice-President, Secretary, Competitions Division Head, and three (3) members at large from the general membership.
- (b) These seven (7) individuals shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote of the members in good standing present at the annual meeting of the club. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. The newly elected board of directors shall assume their duties on the upon election at the annual club meeting (first Saturday of July) or immediately following special elections.
- (c) These seven (7) individuals must have met the following minimum qualifications prior to being nominated for a position on the board of directors:
 - a. Hold an NRA and/or CMP competition classification card(s) of Expert or higher.
 - b. Actively compete in club matches, minimum of four (4) per calendar year. If the individual has a medical condition that precludes them from competing, they must have held an NRA and/or CMP competition classification card(s) of Expert or higher.
- (d) 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 upon the call of the President or on

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demand, in writing (via email or postal mail) to the Secretary, by three (3) other members of the Board of Directors.

- (e) A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.
- (f) The Board of Directors shall have general supervision and control of all the activities of the club and its finances.
 - a. The Board of Directors has the authority to promulgate rules and regulations for the orderly and safe operation of the club and club property. These rules and/or regulations must be agreed upon by a quorum vote of the Board of Directors, and they do not require an amendment to these bylaws to become effective. If changes are made, the club membership will be notified via electronic means, i.e. email or posting on the club web page, and/or via United States Postal Service mail.
 - b. The Board of Directors may change the initiation fee and/or annual dues requirement. These rules and/or regulations must be agreed upon by a quorum vote of the Board of Directors, and do not require an amendment to these bylaws to become effective. If changes are made, the club membership will be notified via electronic means, i.e. email or posting on the club web page, and/or via United States Postal Service mail. The new fee and/or dues will go into effect at the next dues payment, i.e. July 1st, or at the applicable start of the next quarter of the calendar year thereafter, that follows the Board of Directors' action.
- (g) Resignation of any member of the Board of Directors may be accepted by a majority of the remaining members of the Board.
- (h) A vacancy in the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called and new directors shall be elected to fill vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (b) above.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (a) President-Treasurer. The President-Treasurer shall:
 - a. Preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board of Directors.
 - b. Be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to this office.
 - c. Be in charge of all club funds and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors.
 - i. Club funds are defined as membership dues and any other monies including those associated with the organization and execution of club competitions/matches.
 - ii. Club funds, shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the President-Treasurer, the Vice-President, or Secretary, and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Board of Directors.
 - d. Keep an accurate account of all his/her transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Board of Directors when requested.

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- e. Provide an annual report of all funds, club and competition/match related, to the organization at its annual meeting.
 - f. Reaffiliate the club annually with the NRA and the CMP.
- (b) Vice-President. The Vice-President shall:
- a. Perform the duties of the President-Treasurer in his/her absence or at his/her request.
 - b. Be authorized to conduct all necessary banking business, including signing checks, for the club accounts in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors.
 - c. Be the primary liaison with any firearm/firearm safety certified instructors (certification from the NRA, CMP, or similar certification authorities) and state concealed carry instructors.
 - i. Ensure that the instructor(s) provide proof of instructor certification (annually).
 - ii. Ensure that the instructor(s) provide proof of liability insurance (annually); the policy must name the club as the primary or an additional certificate holder.
 - iii. Ensure that the instructor(s) provide reports of training and pay the club the agreed upon rate per student instructed.
- (c) Secretary. The Secretary shall:
- a. Conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the National Rifle Association (NRA) and/or by the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP).
 - b. Notify all members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required by Article V.
 - c. Keep a true record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the club.
 - d. Have custody of the books and papers of the club, and keep a duplicate record of the President-Treasurer's books of account.
 - e. Be responsible for the collection of all membership applications and associated fees and dues and shall remit the same to the President-Treasurer, taking his/her proper receipt thereof.
 - f. Be authorized to conduct all necessary banking business, including signing checks, for the Club accounts in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors.
 - g. Assist the President-Treasurer with preparing and promulgating club financial records and reports.
- (d) The Competitions Division Head shall:
- a. Be responsible for establishing an annual match schedule and associated match programs and bulletins.
 - b. Submit to the applicable entities, i.e. the NRA and/or the CMP, the necessary paperwork to hold/register matches and report match results.
 - c. Tabulate and promulgate match results for posting on the club website.
 - d. Collect all club match fees, tabulate and distribute cash awards for all club matches from collected match fees, and provide the remainder of said monies to the club President-Treasurer, Vice-President, or Secretary for deposit.
- (e) The remaining three (3) directors at large will assist the elected officers and the competitions division head in the management of the club, care and upkeep of the range, organizing and hosting club and community events, and other duties as called upon.

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ARTICLE VIII – SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

- (a) Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting, as defined in Article V, called for this purpose. No vote on removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing (email or postal mail) shall be given to the specific director of the reasons for his/her removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his/her removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the specified director shall be given a full hearing.
- (b) Any club member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote on suspension or expulsion. No vote on removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing (email or postal mail) shall have been given to the club 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 club member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.
- (c) Charges against any director or member may be made by any member in good standing. The charges shall be made in writing (email or postal mail) 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 will immediately notify the President-Treasurer. The President-Treasurer 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 the accused, which notice shall be in writing (email or postal mail) 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 (email or postal mail) to the Secretary who will notify the President-Treasurer. The President-Treasurer will call a special meeting of the club, as defined in Article 5, for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen (15) days' notice which may be made via email or postal mail to all members of the club in good standing, stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At this special meeting of the club, the Secretary will first verify that a quorum is present as defined in Article V, paragraph (d). If a quorum is not present, then another special meeting of the club will be called; this is to be repeated as often as necessary. When a quorum is present, then the Secretary shall read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, read or display the accompanying exhibits, and 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 and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.
- (e) Any member of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this club immediately upon receipt of official notice to the club from the National Rifle Association.
- (f) Whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled, a complete report showing charges and action taken along with the appeal proceedings, as applicable, may be made available to the NRA, CMP, and/or another shooting club if deemed appropriate by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors.

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ARTICLE IX – MATCH RULES

All formal competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America or the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendment(s) to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or at a special meeting, as defined in Article V, called for that purpose. The proposed amendment(s) must be acted upon by the club membership provided that the proposed amendment(s) are made known to the members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment(s) and of the special meeting can be made via electronic means, i.e. email or posting on the club web page, and/or via United States Postal Service mail. A quorum must be established as defined in Article V, paragraph (d), and a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present will be necessary to approve the proposed amendments.

ARTICLE XI – RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

- a) Rights and privileges of members
 - a. Right to all facilities of the club that do not interfere with a scheduled club event or function.
 - b. Use of the highpower range requires successful completion of an orientation. The orientation can be scheduled by contacting any member of the Board of Directors and will be scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.
 - c. Right to bring members of their immediate household with them (spouse and children younger than nineteen (19)) and not be subject to the exclusions of paragraph (d) below.
 - d. Right to bring guests, except as follows:
 - i. No more than two shooting guests at one time.
 - ii. County residents limited to one visit per year.
 - iii. Out-of-county residents limited to two visits per year.
 - e. Obligations and responsibilities
 - i. All members when on club's roadways or property must have his/her membership card with them, on their person or in their vehicle.
 - ii. The member is responsible for self, family, and/or guests while on the range
 - iii. The member is responsible for properly using all facilities and property of the club.
 - iv. The member must abide by all range rules.
 - v. Temporary or permanent transfer of membership card to others is expressly prohibited.
 - vi. No alcohol or controlled substances are allowed on club property except by permission of the Board of Directors.

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- vii. No shooting before 0700 (7 a.m.) or after 1900 (7 p.m.) or sunset, whichever occurs first.

I hereby certify that these bylaws have been adopted by this club.

_____ signed copy kept with club records _____

President's Signature

_____ signed copy kept with club records _____

Secretary's Signature

As approved by the Board of Directors and in accordance with Article VI paragraph (f) of the Bylaws, the following additional rules and regulations are effective June 11, 2020. All members and their guests are responsible for compliance with the following:

- 1) No consumption of alcoholic beverages on club property.
- 2) No use of perception-altering substances on club property. If under the influence of perception-altering substances, do not use or handle firearms while on club property.
- 3) All members, when on club's roadways or property, must have his/her membership card with them, on their person or in their vehicle.
- 4) The member is responsible for self, family, and/or guests while on the range.
- 5) The member is responsible for properly using all facilities and property of the club.
- 6) Temporary or permanent transfer of membership card to others is expressly prohibited.
- 7) No shooting before 0700 (7 a.m.) or after 1900 (7 p.m.) or sunset, whichever occurs first.
- 8) The member must abide by all range rules.
- 9) Members must obtain a 600-yard qualification prior to using the 600-yard range (also known as the highpower range).
 - i. Any PCGC Board Member may be contacted to schedule and conduct an orientation to the 600-yard range at a time/date mutually agreed upon.
 - ii. Upon successful completion of the 600-yard range orientation, the member's membership card will be signed, dated, and annotated by the Board member who conducted the orientation. These members are then deemed '600-yd range qualified'.
- 10) The firing of 0.50 caliber BMG is expressly prohibited on any club range.
- 11) No calibers larger than 0.338 loaded with smokeless powder are allowed to be fired on the 600-yard range.
- 12) Black-powder rifles, without caliber restrictions, may be fired on all club ranges.
- 13) During practice sessions on the 600-yard range, 600-yd range qualified club members may utilize a mixture of electronic targets, e-targets, and pit puller(s) provided that there is a minimum of three (3) empty target carriers between the pit puller(s) and the e-target. The pit puller(s) must remain at their targets during live-fire. All other safety and pit rules apply