

# THE ALLISON PARK SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

## CONSTITUTION

### Article 1-Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Allison Park Sportsmen's Club Incorporated.

Section 2. It shall be composed of Sportsmen, Fishermen, Hunters and any other persons interested in the aims and purpose of this organization.

Section 3. The Allison Park Sportsmen's Club, Incorporated, shall be affiliated with the Allegheny County Sportsmen League and The National Rifle Association Of America.

### Article 2-Objectives

Section 1. Objectives of The Allison Park Sportsmen Club Incorporated shall be as follows:

- A) To encourage protection and restoration of waters, wildlife, forest and field, safeguard public health by eliminating pollution, discourage unwise drainage and seek wise land and water use in the broad public interest, nurture and improve wildlife stocks restore and rehabilitate wildlife environment.
- B) To seek more intensive education for the whole public, youth and adult, in recognizing resource conservation as vital to our way of life and its preservation; to emphasize the parallel between economic prosperity and the maintenance of an adequate resource backlog.
- C) To sponsor and support legislation designed to end methods and activities destructive to natural resources and to institute methods seeking to replenish and renew a sound resource economy.
- D) To cooperate with County, State, Federal and private agencies of resources management, in improving and strengthening basic resources and in husbanding them through wise utilization.
- E) To promote highest standards of sportsmanship and strengthen farmer-sportsman understanding.
- F) To develop and constantly seek, improve a state-wide long-range program to stimulate and encourage greater public interest in resources.
- G) To develop greater outdoor opportunity for all, as essential to character building and to the physical and spiritual welfare of the people.
- H) To promote organizations of city, community, county and regional interests having like aims, giving them aid, counsel and support in resolving problems of local, community, or state import.
- I) To encourage organized rifle and pistol 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.
- J) 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.
- K) To promote and support an active program for these youth of the community to improve the knowledge and skill of these juniors in matters relating to the proper care and handling of firearms, and to develop among these juniors those qualities of leadership, loyalty, cooperation and good sportsmanship which are essential to good citizenship.

### Article 3-Membership

Section 1. Any individual expressing an interest in resource conservation and complying with provisions of this constitution and subsequently stated by-laws shall be eligible for membership in the Allison Park Sportsmen Club provided such application shall be submitted by a member in good standing and approved by a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the club.

Section 1a. Applicants for membership shall also subscribe to the following pledge before being accepted for membership:

I certify that I am a citizen of The United States Of America and that I am not a member of any organization or group which has as any part of its program, the attempt to overthrow the government of The United States or any of its political subdivisions by force or violence; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence, and if admitted to membership I will faithfully endeavor to fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Section 2. Each member of the Allison Park Sportsmen Club shall pay into the treasury of the organization a per capita tax of not less than \$5.00; this sum to fall due on September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Individuals failing to pay the per capita tax within 30 days following the January meeting shall be dropped from the rolls of membership and may be reinstated only upon payment of the current year's dues. The per capita tax includes an entire family unit.

Section 3. Each member holding active status shall have the right of a vote upon all issues which shall come before the organization for decision and no member shall be permitted to cast the vote of another member.

### Article 4-Powers

Section 1. Powers of The Allison Park Sportsmen Club shall be:

- A) To direct, manage, supervise and control the business, property and funds of the organization.
- B) To make surveys, conduct research and experiments bearing upon wildlife and other conservation.
- C) To prepare and issue publications relating to its work.
- D) The management of target shooting ranges and competition.

Section 2. The work of The Allison Park Sportsmen Club shall not be conducted for private gain.

### Article 5- Meetings

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Allison Park Sportsmen Club shall be held at such place and time as may be determined by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special or called meetings may be held upon call of the President and any three members of the Executive Committee or by any group of members totaling as many as six.

Section 3. Active members in good standing to the number of 10% of the membership but no less than 6 members plus three officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business at any meeting.

Section 4. The Secretary shall send notices of any meeting called for this article to all members in good standing at least seven days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. Any special or called meeting notice shall state the purpose of said meeting.

### Article 6- Management

Section 1. Management of The Allison Park Sportsmen Club shall be vested in an executive committee composed of the officers, as hereinafter stated, who shall be selected in the manner prescribed in the by-laws.

### Article 7- Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Allison Park Sportsmen Club or at any adjourned or special meeting thereof by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present, provided that 30 days written notice of intent to amend shall have been given "The National Rifle Association Of America" and each member in good standing.

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BY – LAWS

Article 1- Officers

- A) The officers of this organization shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Instructor and Executive Officer, who acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot 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 is elected.
- B) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly at such time and place as the committee 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 committee.
- C) Four members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- D) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.
- E) A vacancy in the executive committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in paragraph (A) above.

Article 2- Duties Of Officers

- A) President- the president shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. He shall be a member ex-office 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 absence or at his request.
- C) Secretary- the secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by The National Rifle Association and by the Director Of Civilian Marksmanship. He shall notify all members of the executive committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings. He shall keep true records of all meetings of the executive committee and of the club and have custody of the books and papers of the club, except the treasurer books of account. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt therefore. He shall be responsible for reafiliating the club annually with the organizations stated in Article 1 of The Constitution.
- D) Treasurer- the Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club and place the same in such banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the treasurer and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the executive committee. The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the executive committee when requested and an annual report to the organization at the annual meeting.
- E) Chief Instructor- the Chief Instructor shall have charge of all small firearms instruction with authority to appoint his assistants. he shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.
- F) Executive Officer- the Executive Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the club, the printing of score cards, the arranging of competitions, etc. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

Article 3- Elections

- A) Annual elections shall be held in September of each calendar year. At least 30 days prior to the meeting, the President shall appoint a nominating committee of not less than three, nor more than five members, which committee shall have the duty of placing in nomination the names of candidates for each of the various offices. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the election meeting provided they are entered by members in good standing. The candidates for each office or position receiving the greatest number of votes for that office shall be declared elected. Officers elected at such annual meeting shall assume their duties on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Such officers shall hold office for one year except as hereinbefore noted and/or until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected.
- B) No person shall be eligible to hold office in The Allison Park Sportsman Club who shall not be of good moral character and of known interest in and concern for the aims and purposes of this organization.

#### Article 4- Withdrawal of Membership

- A) Any member whose conduct shall be decided, by a majority vote of the executive committee to have been injurious to the interest 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 Executive Committee to the club at a special meeting called for that purpose, but it shall require two - thirds vote of those present to reverse the committee's decision.
- B) Any official or 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 by the Secretary of The National Association.
- C) The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and action taken.

#### Article 5- Match Rules

All rifle and revolver or pistol competitions held by the club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by The National Rifle Association Of America, approved by the National Board for the promotion of rifle practice and the Secretary of the Army.

#### Article 6- Amendments

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