

Taft Sportsmen's Club
Constitution
&
By Laws

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I

NAME

SECTION 1: The name of this organization shall be known as the Taft Sportsmen's Club & Jr. Division.

SECTION 2: It shall be composed of sportsmen, fishermen, shooters, archers, etc.

SECTION 3: The Taft Sportsmen's Club and Junior Division may be affiliated with the Sportsmen's Council of Central California, California Wildlife Federation and through it, with the National Rifle Association and with the California Rifle and Pistol Association.

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

Section 1: Objectives of the Taft Sportsmen's Club and Jr. Division shall be as follows:

A: To encourage protection and restoration for 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 stock; restore and rehabilitate wildlife environment.

B: To seek more intensive education of 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 resources 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 the highest standards of sportsmanship and to strengthen former-sportsmen's understanding.

ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: MEMBERSHIP: 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 Taft Sportsmen's Club and Junior Division.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP FEE: Each member of the TSC&JD shall pay into the treasury of the organization a membership fee. This fee will be governed by the Board of Directors. This fee is for one (1) family at one (1) address and anyone at that address still living at home under the age of eighteen (18).

A: This fee to fall due upon January 1st of each year.

B: Individuals failing to, pay the membership fee within Thirty (30) days following the due date shall be dropped from the rolls of membership and may be reinstated only upon payment of the current year's dues.

C: Club dues are to be governed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3: VOTE AND VOTING: Each member holding active status shall bare the right to vote upon all issues which shall come before the organization for decision and no member shall be permitted to cast a vote for another member.

SECTION 4: LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Any member can become a life member by being a member in good standing two (2) years prior to their sixty fifth (65) birthday. Your life membership will become active on January 1st of the year following your birthday.

ARTICLE IV
POWERS

SECTION 1: Powers of the TSC&JD shall be:

A: To direct, manage, supervise and control the business, property and funds of the organization.

B: To make surveys, conduct research and prepare and issue publication relating to its work.

C: The work of the TSC&JD shall not be conducted for private gain.

ARTICLE V
MEETINGS

SECTION 1: REGULAR MEETINGS: Regular meetings of the TSC&JD shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETING: Special or called meetings may be held upon call of the President and any three (3) Board Members or by a group of members totaling as many as seven (7), provided that at least three (3) day's notice shall have been given to all members of the organization.

SECTION 3: QUORUM: Active members in good standing to the number of fifteen (15) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business at any time.

ARTICLE VI
MANAGEMENT

SECTION 1: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Management of the TSC&JD shall be vested in a Board of Directors composed of the Officers, as hereinafter stated, together with eight (8) members in good standing, who shall be selected in the manner hereinafter stated.

SECTION 2: QUORUM: One-half of the membership of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, provided that at least one (1) but no more than three (3) of their number shall be members ex-officio.

SECTION 3: ABSENT: If any member of the Board of Directors excepting ex-officio members shall be absent from as many as three (3) consecutive duly-called meeting of the Board, his/her position may be held vacant.

A: At the discretion of the membership and upon recommendation of a majority of the Board, (unless the member has good reason, such as emergencies, illness, or if meeting date falls during the members vacation)

B: SPECIAL ELECTION: In such event, a special election shall be called for the election of a member to the Board to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of the deposed Board Member.

C: HEARING: No Board Member may be deposed, however unless he/her shall have been given a fair hearing in advance of which he/she shall have received two weeks/ (fourteen days) notice of the organization intent to act.

SECTION 4: TWO YEAR TERM: Members, except for ex-officio members shall at the first annual election, elect four (4) directors to serve a two-year term.

A: Those Board Members already serving in the two-year slot will move up to the one-year slot, and serve as one-year Board members.

B: The only other election will be for those Directors elected to serve an unexpired term.

SECTION 5: EMPOWERED: In any and all cases where subjects are not covered in this Constitution, the Board of Directors shall be empowered to act excepting that it may not go contrarily to the mandates of the general membership.

**ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS**

SECTION 1: This Constitution may be amended at any meeting of the TSC&JD at any adjourned or special meeting thereof by a two-thirds majority vote of active members present.

A: Provided that thirty (30) days written notice of intent to amend shall have been given to each member in good standing.

**BYLAWS
OFFICERS
ARTICLE I**

SECTION 1: OFFICERS: The officers of the TSC&JD shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom shall serve without compensation.

SECTION 2: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: The Board of Directors, as governing body of the TSC&D shall have general control over all officers and committees and management of all affairs.

A: EMPOWERED TO APPOINT: It shall be empowered to appoint any and all officers whose elections are not here-in-after provided for; it shall, at its discretion, determine the amounts of moneys to be spent on various projects, and amounts to be allotted for current expenses.

SECTION 3: PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD: The President shall preside at all meetings of the TSC&JD. It's Board of Directors and its ex-officio shall serve as member of all committee and shall perform such duties and have such other powers as normally pertain to the office.

SECTION 4: VICE PRESIDENT: The Vice President shall preside over all meetings, in the absence of the President.

SECTION 5: SECRETARY: The Secretary shall keep accurate permanent records of business transacted and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 6: TREASURER: The Treasurer shall receive all money accruing to the TSC&JD. Shall deposit same in a responsible bank and account for same at all meetings.

SECTION 7: REMUNERATION: No elected officer or Board Member shall receive any fees, salaries or other remuneration from the TSC&JD.

SECTION 8: REIMBURSEMENT: The membership will decide certain actual expenses and services which shall be reimbursed.

SECTION 9: ELECTED AND INSTALLED: All officers shall serve until their successors shall have been duly qualified elected and installed.

SECTION 10: ELECTED AND APPOINTED: No member shall hold two (2) elected offices at one time during one term. A member may hold one (1) elected and one (1) appointed office at one time during one term of office.

ARTICLE II FINANCES

SECTION 1: DEPOSIT OF FUNDS: All funds of the TSC&JD, shall be deposited in such banks as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS: All disbursements of funds shall be numbered checks drawn by the Treasure and shall be counter signed by the President, Vice President or Secretary. The checks must be signed by any two (2) of the four (4) officers. No disbursement of funds shall be made without the specific approval of the membership/Board.

SECTION 3: BUDGET: The President shall prepare an annual budget which shall be submitted to the Board of Directors within forty five (45) days following his election. The new budget to become effective within fifteen (15) days thereafter unless opposed by a majority of the Board.

SECTION 4: PROGRAM DUES: Any fund raising project or general program of the TSC&JD such as Trap Shoot, Ham Shoot, Raffles etc. shall have 10 % of the gross of such funds be deposited into the general fund.

SECTION 5: AUDIT OF CLUB: There will be an annual audit of the clubs books, and other equipment that the clubs deems necessary.

A: Upon the instatement of officers there will be an inventory of all club belongings as they are passed to the incoming officer.

ARTICLE III ELECTION

SECTION 1: ANNUAL ELECTION: Annual election shall be held at the regular December meeting of each calendar year, before the beginning of the fiscal year on February 1st.

SECTION 2: NOMINATING COMMITTEE: At least thirty (30) days prior to the election the President shall appoint a nominating committee of five (5) members. The nominating committee shall have the duty of placing in nomination the names of candidates for each of the various elective offices and positions.

SECTION 3: ADDITION NOMINATIONS: Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the election meeting, provided they are entered by members in good standing.

SECTION 4: ELECTED CANDIDATE: The candidates for each office or position receiving the greatest number of votes for that office shall be declared elected.

SECTION 5: ELECTED OFFICERS: Officers elected at such annual meeting shall hold office for one (1) calendar year. Except as here in before noted and/or until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected.

SECTION 6: MULTIPLE OFFICES: No member shall hold two (2) elected offices, in one (1) calendar year. A member can hold one (1) elected and one(1) appointed office in a calendar year.

SECTION 7: BOARD MEMBER: No member shall be eligible to hold office or Board member in the TSC&JD who shall not be of good moral character and of known interest in and concern for resources conservation.

SECTION 8: DISCHARGE OF OFFICE OR DIRECTORS: Any officer of Director may be discharged for cause, provided that he /she shall be given an opportunity in open hearing to defend himself/herself and provided that he/she shall have been given at least two (2) weeks fourteen (14) days advance notice of the date of hearing. A majority vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the TSC&JD present shall be required to depose of any officer or director.

ARTICLE IV
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: SPECIAL COMMITTEES: The President may appoint when deemed necessary from time to time any special committee. This special committee will only last the calendar year of appointment, and if needed must be re-appointed by the incoming President.

SECTION 2: SERGEANTS-AT -ARMS: The President shall appoint a Sergeants-At-Arms at each general membership meeting. The Sergeants-At-Arms responsibility shall be to maintain order and carry out the mandates of the chair.

ARTICLE V
COMMITTEE DUTIES:

SECTION 1: SPECIAL COMMITTEE: Special committee shall discharge such duties as are given them by the President and the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI
COOPERATION

SECTION 1: COOPERATION: The TSC&JD shall cooperate with all conservation organization as well as with agencies of the Federal, State and/or Local Conservation management.

ARTICLE VII
SEVERANCE

SECTION 1: REMOVED FOR CAUSE: Any member or officer of the TSC&JD may be removed for cause.

SECTION 2: CHARGES: Provided that such charges be made known to him at least two (2) weeks I fourteen (14) days in advance of a hearing before the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3: VOTE: Provided further that at least two-thirds (2/3) of the vote of the Membership present, shall be received favoring such removal.

SECTION 4: FORFEIT: Any member or officer so removed shall forfeit all rights in any funds or property belonging to the TSC&JD.

SECTION 5: NAME & INSIGNIA: The use of the name and insignia of the organization shall thereafter be denied him.

ARTICLE VIII
AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1: AMENDMENTS: The By-laws may be amended at any general meeting of the TSC&JD.

SECTION 2: QUORUM: A quorum must be present at a general meeting.

SECTION 3: VOTE: With a quorum present it will take two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a general meeting, to pass an amendment change.

SECTION 4: NOTICE: A thirty (30) day written notice of intent to amend shall have been given to each member who is in good standing.

ARTICLE IX
JUNIOR SPORTSMEN

SECTION 1: AGE: Any boy or girl under the age of eighteen (18) and being a son or daughter of a member whose dues are paid and is in good standing. Membership will be under one of the parent's name.

SECTION 2: ELIGIBILITY: By attending with his/her parent two (2) regular meetings, (1) meeting and a work party, or (2) work parties, of the TSC&JD may become a Junior Sportsmen. Junior must be accompanied by an **Adult family member**.

SECTION 3: PRIVILEGES: A junior sportsmen shall have only those privileges of an adult membership that shall be set forth in this article.

SECTION 4: CONTINUOUS: Continuous membership on the junior sportsmen shall be contingent upon a parents continuing as a dues- paying member.

SECTION 5: DUES: Dues shall be paid for this purpose by January meeting of each year.

SECTION 6: REINSTATEMENT: Reinstatement shall be automatic if a parent pays his/her dues subsequent to that date.

ARTICLE X
CLUB PROPERTY

SECTION 1: PROPERTY: All club property will be inventoried and a report submitted for each program at the March general membership meeting. Any discrepancies must be noted and reported.

ARTICLE XI
RANGE

The Taft Sportsman's Club and Junior Division range is located 1/8 mile South of Petroleum road. Petroleum Road runs east from Highway 33.

ARTICLE XI
RANGE USE

The Taft Sportsman's Club and Junior Division range is OPEN to club members.

ARTICLE XIII
RANGE GATE

The gate at the Taft Sportsman's Club and Junior Division range will remain locked when not in use. Only club members shall have the combination to the lock on the gate.

ARTICLE XIV
RANGE APPEARANCE

When at the RANGE, please be professional and help keep all trash picked up. It is your range; help us keep the range a SAFE PLACE TO SHOOT.

ARTICLE XV
RANGE MASTER

When there is a qualifying shoot taking place, there will be a certified RANGE MASTER there at all times that this shoot is taking place.

ARTICLE XVI
RANGE MASTER CERTIFICATION

RANGE MASTER must be certified by the National Rifle Association (NRA), by P.O.S.T. (Police Officer of Standard and Training) for the state of California, or by an established shooting discipline's certified range or safety officer course.

ARTICLE XVII
RANGE RENTAL FEE

SECTION 1: RENTAL FEE: The range must have one designated club member in attendance for supervisor purposes. The range fee shall be governed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2: CLEAN UP: The range shall be cleaned up by the person/persons renting the range which includes emptying the trash cans, etc. to the satisfaction of the supervisor person in charge.

ARTICLE XVIII
AWARDS

Membership: Any TSC&JD membership must be purchased before any entry is made for any awards. Membership must be paid before turning in any fish.

Junior Hunter: Anyone under the age of 16 or holding a junior hunting license.

Each contestant will attend one General Meeting and two work parties. One of the work parties must be completed by Aug. 1st.

ARTICLE XIX
AWARDS PROGRAMS

SECTION 1: Each individual club awards program's rules and requirements will be stipulated by a designated committee and approved by the general membership by the December meeting.

SECTION 2: These rules will be posted on the Taft Sportsmen's Club website and in the January/February newsletter.

SECTION 3: All awards will be funded through the general fund. Each committee will send one designee to a December board meeting to approve fund amounts.