

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1 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 Jr. 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 2 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 3
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 Jr. 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 being in good standing 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. A club member will be considered in good standing when he/she has remained current on club dues.

SECTION 4: LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Any member who reaches the age of sixty-five (65) and who has been an active member for the previous five (5) years may request to become a life member. Upon confirmation of membership criteria and concurrence by the club, the life membership will become active on January 1st of the year following the members 65th birthday.

ARTICLE 4
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 publications relating to its work.

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

ARTICLE 5
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) days' notice shall have been given to all members of the organization.

SECTION 3: QUORUM: Members in good standing to the number of twelve (12) shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any and all business at any time.

ARTICLE 6
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 ex-officio.

SECTION 3: ABSENT: If any members of the Board of Directors excepting officers shall be absent from as many as three (3) consecutive duly called meetings 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 member's vacation).

B: SPECIAL ELECTION: In the 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/she shall have been given a fair hearing in advance of which he/she shall have received two weeks (14 days) notice of the organization intent to act.

SECTION 4: TWO YEAR TERM: Members, except for ex-officios 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 a one year Board member.

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 7
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 (2/3) 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 1

SECTION 1: OFFICERS: The officers of the TSC&JD shall be a President, 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& JD 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. Its Board of Directors and its ex-officio shall serve as members of all committees 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. They 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 upon prior approval. Receipts must be furnished.

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 2 FINANCES

SECTION 1. DEPOSIT OF FUNDS: All funds of the TSD&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 Treasurer 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 Shoots, Ham Shoots, Raffles, etc. shall have 10% of the gross of such funds deposited into the building fund.

SECTION 5: AUDIT OF CLUB: There will be an annual audit of the club's books and other equipment that the club 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 3
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: NOMINATIONS: Nominations may be made from the floor during the election meeting provided they are entered by members in good standing.

SECTION 3: ELECTED CANDIDATE: The candidates for each office or position receiving the greatest number of votes for that office shall be declared elected.

SECTION 4: ELECTED OFFICERS: Officers elected at such annual meeting shall hold office for one (1) calendar year except as herein before noted and/or until their successors shall have been duly qualified and elected.

SECTION 5: 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 6: 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 know interest in and concern for resources conservation.

SECTION 7: DISCHARGE OF OFFICE OR DIRECTORS: Any officer, club member or 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, club member, or director.

ARTICLE 4
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 5
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 6
COOPERATION

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

ARTICLE 7
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, 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 8
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 (2/3) 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 9
JUNIOR SPORTSMEN

Section 1: AGE ELIGIBILITY: Any boy or girl under the age of sixteen (16) 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: PRIVILEGES: A junior sportsmen shall have only those privileges of an adult membership that shall be set forth in this article.

SECTION 3: CONTINUOUS: Continuous membership of the junior sportsmen shall be contingent upon a parents continuing as a dues-paying member.

SECTION 4: DUES: Dues shall be paid for this purpose by the January meeting of each year.

SECTION 5: REINSTATEMENT: Reinstatement shall be automatic if a parent pays his/her dues subsequent to that date.

ARTICLE 10
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 11
RANGE

The TSC&JD range is located 1/8 mile south of Petroleum Road. Petroleum Road runs east from Highway 33.

ARTICLE 12
RANGE USE

The TSC&JD range is OPEN to club members.

ARTICLE 13
RANGE GATE

The gate at the TSC&JD range will remain locked when not in use. Only club members shall have the combination to the lock on the gate.

ARTICLE 14
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 15
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 16
RANGE MASTER CERTIFICATION

RANGE MASTER must be certified by the National Rifle Association (NRA) by POST (Police Officers of Standard and Training) for the state of California or by an established shooting discipline's certified range or safety officer course.

ARTICLE 17
AWARDS

MEMBERSHIP: Any TSC&JD membership must be purchased by May 1 prior to any entry being made for any award.

JUNIOR HUNTER: Anyone holding a valid junior hunting license.

One adult family member will attend one (2) General Meetings and two (2) Work Parties. One of the work parties must be completed by August 1. A junior attending a meeting and performing work parties must be accompanied by an adult family member will qualify only themselves for an award.

ARTICLE 18
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 at the December meeting.

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

PLEASE REFER TO THE AWARD'S CRITERIA

Ex-officio – Ex-officio on a board of directors means someone who automatically serves on a board by virtue of having some other position.

Member in Good Standing – A member who is currently up to date with annual membership fees.

Active Member in Good Standing – A member who has done two (2) work parties and attended two (2) meetings and has paid their yearly dues.