

Greenbelt Gun Club, Inc. Bylaws

As Amended 26 March 2022

ARTICLE I: NAME

This organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, and organized and managed as a 501(c)(7) nonprofit social club in compliance with current Internal Revenue Service regulation, shall be known as the GREENBELT GUN CLUB, INC., hereinafter called the CLUB.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

The objective of the CLUB shall be the encouragement of organized shooting sports among the citizens and legal residents of the United States, with a view toward better knowledge on the part of such persons of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship.

ARTICLE III: NONPROFIT

Since the object for which the CLUB is formed and the activities to be carried on are exclusively educational, recreational, and patriotic, no part of its net earnings may directly or indirectly benefit, nor inure to, any of its members.

ARTICLE IV: AFFILIATIONS

The CLUB shall maintain the following affiliations and/or memberships:

- A. The Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore (AGC). The CLUB, as a Charter Member, is required to have a representative (Trustee) present at AGC Trustee meetings. The President shall nominate a Primary Voting Trustee, and at least one Alternate Voting Trustee, who meet the requirements of the then-current provisions governing Trustees contained in the AGC bylaws, to represent the CLUB at AGC Trustee meetings, subject to the advice and consent of the Club Board of Directors. The President shall determine voting seniority of multiple Trustees.
- B. The National Rifle Association (NRA) NRA Club #C3043
- C. The Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association (MSRPA)
- D. Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP) CMP Club #71087

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to any citizen or legal resident of the United States not prohibited by law from owning, possessing, or using firearms.

Applications for new or renewal memberships must be submitted to the CLUB on the approved form. Membership in the CLUB is contingent upon approval of the Board of Directors.

Membership renewal may be denied an individual by a majority vote of the Board of Directors present. The member may appeal a decision of the Board at a special meeting of the General Membership called for that purpose. It shall require a 2/3 majority of the votes cast to reverse the Board's decision.

Non-US citizens must be sponsored annually by an active regular member of the CLUB.

The Membership Committee Chairman is nominated by the President, subject to approval by the Board, to receive and process applications for new and renewal membership. Membership Committee activities shall be in accordance with the CLUB Procedure, "Membership", as approved by the Board of Directors.

The membership year shall be from January 1 through December 31 of the calendar year. Membership is subject to the submittal and approval of a signed application and the payment of all dues and fees.

Classes of Individual Membership:

Probationary: These members are entitled to all benefits of the CLUB except that they have no vote in CLUB matters.

Regular: These members are entitled to all CLUB benefits and are entitled to vote in matters brought before the CLUB.

Junior: This classification is open to persons under eighteen (18) years of age as of January 2nd of the current year. These members have no vote in CLUB matters and must have a regular member sponsor.

Life: These members are entitled to all benefits of, and have a vote in matters brought before, the CLUB. They are exempt from CLUB dues. This classification is reserved for persons who:

- A. Have made recognized exemplary contributions to the objectives of the club and
- B. Have been nominated by another member and whose name has been submitted to the CLUB Board of Directors for consideration on the form provided (Appendix A).

NOTE: Life Membership may constitute no more than five (5) percent of the CLUB membership at the time awarded and is permanent, subject only to the provisions of Article XII, Expulsion of Members, regardless of subsequent total CLUB membership.

Honorary Life: Life Members who have moved to locations outside the area at a distance that precludes their regular active participation in CLUB events/affairs will, at the discretion of the CLUB Board of Directors, be designated Honorary Life Members. Said members will be exempt from payment of CLUB dues and will

no longer have a vote in matters brought before the CLUB. Honorary Life Members shall not be included in the 5% CLUB membership limitation for awarding Life Membership.

Associate: These members are entitled to all benefits of the CLUB except that they have no vote in CLUB matters. This classification is limited to regular members' spouses.

ARTICLE VI: DUES AND FEES

The initiation fee of the organization shall be \$25.00. Annual dues are due and payable by January first (1st) of each year as follows:

Regular membership: \$25.00
Junior membership: \$ 2.00
Life membership: \$ 0.00
Associate membership: \$ 6.00

Members whose dues have not been paid by April 1 are not included in the membership of the CLUB. Late applications for renewal of membership may be submitted to the CLUB but may be subject to the initiation fee.

Range badges for CLUB members' use of the Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore ranges shall be purchased in accordance with the current policies of the AGC and the CLUB. Renewing members wishing to purchase a range badge must have a range orientation form on file. New members wishing to purchase a range badge must complete a range orientation conducted by a CLUB Instructor prior to, but within two (2) months of, badge purchase.

ARTICLE VII: MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annual Meeting: The annual General Membership meeting of the CLUB shall be held on the first Saturday of November each calendar year, in conjunction with the Early Renewal meeting. If the annual meeting shall not take place during the time fixed, it shall be held as soon as possible thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected.

Board Meetings: Meetings of the Board of Directors for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held at such times as may be decreed and at such place as may be fixed by the Board. All Board meetings are open to the General Membership.

Special Meetings: A special meeting of the General Membership of the CLUB may be called by submitting to the Board a petition signed by a minimum of

twenty (20) voting members in good standing. The Board must call the special meeting within sixty (60) days of the date of the petition.

Announcements: The Secretary shall transmit via email a proper announcement to all members of all meetings of the General Membership of the CLUB at least fifteen (15) days prior to the date of each meeting.

Quorum: Members of the CLUB in attendance and in good standing, and otherwise entitled to vote per Article V of these bylaws, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the CLUB's General Membership.

ARTICLE VIII: OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND COMMITTEES

The officers of the CLUB (5) shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Officer. There shall be six (6) elected at-large Directors.

Standing Committees (3) shall be: Membership, Programs for Junior Shooters, Range Operations/Firearms Safety, and Events. Special Committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors as required.

ARTICLE IX: DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the CLUB and of the Board of Directors. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all standing and special committees and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the latter's absence. The Vice President shall also assist and support all other officers and committee chairpersons at their request as required.

Secretary: The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence and record keeping. The Secretary shall notify members of the Board of all meetings of that body and shall give notification via email to all members of all CLUB meetings as discussed in Article VII. A time-stamped email will serve as proof of required notifications. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board and the CLUB and have custody of the books and papers of the CLUB. The Secretary shall also act as the CLUB's liaison with the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), the National Rifle Association (NRA) and the Maryland State Rifle & Pistol Association (MSRPA) and perform such other duties as required.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the CLUB and shall place the same in such bank accounts as approved by the Board. Such funds shall only be withdrawn for payment of obligations previously approved by the Board by online automated clearing house (ACH) transfers or check

signed by the Treasurer or President. The Treasurer shall render an interim report at each Board meeting and an annual report at each annual meeting. The Treasurer is responsible for the filing of State and Federal tax returns and any required property tax returns, and maintenance in good standing of the CLUB's corporate charter.

Executive Officer: The Executive Officer shall have control and custody of all Club-owned firearms and equipment and shall record and maintain an inventory of all Club-owned equipment and its whereabouts. The Executive Officer shall arrange various shooting events for the CLUB and shall have general supervision of all range activities, including CLUB shoots, league entries, safety training sessions, equipment maintenance, team development and CLUB representation for all shooting disciplines. The Executive Officer shall implement an active annual program of CLUB shooting events including Junior Programs. The Executive Officer may solicit volunteers to manage specific shooting disciplines; high power team, rifle, trap/skeet, pistol, etc.

Directors (6): Directors shall provide a broad representation from the General Membership in assisting the CLUB officers as required. They participate as equals to CLUB Officers in Board votes on CLUB matters. Directors shall be available to serve as interim CLUB Officers as required and serve as Committee Chairpersons.

ARTICLE X: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The board of Directors (the Board) shall consist of the officers of the CLUB (5) and the six (6) elected at-large Directors. The Board shall have general supervision and control of all activities of the CLUB. The Board shall have final authority for all decisions concerning the CLUB. Meetings of the Board shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Board shall determine. Those members elected to serve on the Board of Directors are expected to attend at least 3/4 of the regularly scheduled monthly Board of Director's meetings held during the year. Prompt response to Club-related email is also a requirement to ensure that business is conducted in an efficient and timely manner. Board members who do not meet these requirements are subject to removal from office by a simple majority vote of the other members of the Board of Directors. A Special meeting of the Board may be held at any time on the call of the President, or on demand in writing to the Secretary by three (3) members of the Board. A simple majority of the currently serving Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI: ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

The election of Officers and Directors shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the CLUB. At least fifteen (15) days prior to the annual meeting, the Secretary shall transmit to the membership via email and post or cause to be posted on the Club website, a list of nominees. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the annual meeting. A simple majority of the votes cast will be necessary to elect any Officer. This may require preliminary run-off votes to be cast if more than two (2) candidates run for an office. If more candidates than the number of

Directors to be elected are placed in nomination, the persons who receive the highest number of votes cast, up to the number of Directors to be elected, shall be declared elected. Elected Officers and Directors shall assume their seats at the subsequent January meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event of the loss, resignation or expulsion of an Officer or Director, the President shall call a meeting of the Board to appoint an interim successor for said Officer or Director.

ARTICLE XII: EXPULSION OF MEMBERS

Any member whose conduct shall be found by a majority vote of the Board to have been injurious to the interest or welfare of the CLUB shall forfeit their membership in the CLUB. Such vote shall not be taken without giving the member two (2) weeks' notice of the charges against the member and affording the member an opportunity of being heard in their defense. The member may appeal a decision of the Board at a special meeting of the General Membership called for that purpose. It shall require a 2/3 majority of the votes cast to reverse the Board's decision.

Reinstatement shall be incumbent upon payment of all dues and fees that may be in arrears.

ARTICLE XIII: AMENDMENTS

Amendments of these Bylaws is reserved to the General Membership. Amendments(s) will be considered at any general membership meeting or special meetings of the CLUB. A copy of the proposed amendment(s) shall be transmitted via email to each voting member of the CLUB in good standing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which the amendment(s) will be considered. A 2/3 majority of the votes cast will be necessary to approve the amendment(s).

STATUS OF BYLAWS

Approved: 13 November 2000

Revised: XX March 2003

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Revised: 12 February 2013

Approved: 15 March 2013

Revised: 8 September 2015

Approved: 22 October 2015

Revised: 5 December 2017 by BOD

Amended 24 March 2018 as follows

Article VII, Quorum, original language:

Members of the CLUB whose residence of record is in one of the following Maryland Counties; Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Montgomery, or Howard

and are otherwise entitled to vote, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the General Membership.

Article VII, Quorum, new language:

Members of the CLUB in attendance and in good standing, and otherwise entitled to vote per Article V of these bylaws, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the CLUB's General Membership.

MSP viva voce: 24 March 2018

Revised: 8 October 2018

Amended 10 November 2018 as follows:

Article V, Membership, original language (second paragraph):

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MSP viva voce: 10 November 2018

Revised: 8 February 2022

Amended 26 March 2022 as follows:

Original language:

Article VIII, MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Annual Meeting: The annual General Membership meeting of the CLUB shall be held during the first quarter of each calendar year. If the annual meeting shall not take place during the time fixed, it shall be held within a reasonable time thereafter and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected.

Revised language:

Annual Meeting: The annual General Membership meeting of the CLUB shall be held on the first Saturday of November each calendar year, in conjunction with the Early Renewal meeting. If the annual meeting shall not take place during the time fixed, it shall be held as soon as possible thereafter, and the officers shall hold over until their successors shall have been elected.

MSP viva voce: 26 March 2022

Original language:

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MSP viva voce: 26 March 2022

		Signature	Date
President	Gary Mendenhall	_____	_____
Vice President (Acting)	Ken Austin	_____	_____
Exec. Officer	(Open)	_____	_____
Secretary	Dan Kerr	_____	_____
Treasurer	Kevin Maher	_____	_____