

Wolverton Mountain Gun Club
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Bylaws

(Updated to reflect amendments through 1/27/2024)

Wolverton Mountain Gun Club Bylaws adopted June 1, 1967 and amended: 1) January 18, 1997; 2) February 16, 1998; 3) January 13, 2001; 4) January 11, 2003; 5) January 23, 2016; 6) March 4, 2017; 7) January 21, 2023; 8) January 27, 2024

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be Wolverton Mt. Gun Club.

ARTICLE II: OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle, pistol, shotgun and archery shooting among the citizens of the United States and the residents of the community, with a view towards 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 further 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 with a focus on instilling these principles in the youth.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP (Modified 2/16/1998, 1/23/2016, 3/4/2017, 1/21/2023, 1/27/24)

A. Upon approval by the board of directors, any citizen of the United States of America may become a member of this organization upon passing a background check at the applicant's expense, payment of a one-time initiation fee of \$500.00 and payment of first year's dues/maintenance fees.

B. The initiation fee is transferable and the associated membership must either be sold back to WMGC at the current initiation rate, transferred to a named recipient or gifted to the club.

- 1) If a member wishes to transfer (give or will) their membership to another individual, they must notify the board with the name of the intended recipient. The board will provide a voucher to the member to give to their intended recipient. Priority will be given to this individual upon receipt of their application for membership, passing of the background check and approval by the board of directors.
- 2) Annual dues/maintenance fees are not transferable and must be paid by the prospective new member along with their initiation fee (if appropriate) to complete the application process.

C. Failure to remain a member in good standing will result in termination of membership. The initiation fee is non-refundable.

- 1) "Good Standing" requires members to be current with Annual Membership Dues/Maintenance Fees.

(a) Annual Membership Dues/Maintenance Fees **are due by January 1st** and must be paid no later than March 1st of each calendar year to avoid forfeiture of membership.

2) "Good Standing" requires adherence to the membership Code of Conduct.

D. The privileges of accessing the range facilities, inviting guests to the range facilities and/or holding office shall be extended to a member's spouse or domestic partner and dependent children at least age 18 who have not yet attained their 21st birthday inclusive to those living within the member's household. (Modified 1/21/2023)

1) Children under the age of 18 using the range facilities must be supervised by an adult who is at least age 21.

2) Only members may vote at an annual, general or special meeting

E. No member in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other privileges or benefits offered by this organization.

ARTICLE IV: DUES/MAINTENANCE FEES

A. A member's annual dues/maintenance fees to the club shall be for fiscal year term.

B. The dollar amount of dues/maintenance fees are set at the annual meeting.

C. Any change in the dollar amount of dues/maintenance fees shall:

1) Be approved by the Executive Committee.

2) After being approved by the Executive Committee, be approved by the club membership at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that a copy of the proposed change has been sent to each club member at least ten days prior to the meeting. A 60% majority affirmative vote of the members present shall be necessary to change dues.

D. Annual dues/maintenance fees are not transferable.

E. Annual dues/maintenance fees must be paid by the new member to complete the transfer of an Initiation fee.

F. No member in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other privileges or benefits offered by this organization.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

A. The Annual Meeting of this club shall be held as soon after the 1st of January as practical. The officers shall hold office until their successors have been elected.

B. A Special Meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or the call of the Executive Committee. Notice of the time, place and object of the special meeting shall be given all members in writing not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

C. A General Meeting may be called by any member of the club, upon demand in writing stating the object of the proposed meeting and signed by not less than twenty percent (20%) of the membership. Notice of the time, place and object of this meeting shall be given all members not less than ten (10) days prior. The Executive Committee shall determine the time and place of such a meeting. One-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of the membership shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting.

D. A majority of those present (50% +1) shall be required for any motion to pass.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

A. The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers are elected for a one-year term at the annual meeting. Eight Directors shall be elected for two-year terms in staggered years, four elected each year at the annual meeting. The Officers and Directors shall constitute the Executive Committee. (Modified 1/13/2001)

B. The Executive Committee shall have general supervision and control of the activities and finances of the club, and shall conduct all business of the club.

C. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly (Generally every month) at such time and place as the Committee shall determine.

D. Seven members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.

E. The resignation of any Officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

F. A vacancy on the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee, and shall perform all other duties that pertain to that office.

B. Vice-president - The Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in the President's absence, or at the President's request.

C. Secretary - The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports. The secretary shall notify members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of all regular and special meetings as required in Article V. The secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have custody of the books, Bylaws, standing rules and papers of the club. (Modified 1/11/2003)

D. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of dues and fees. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of the club and place such funds in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall keep an account of all the treasurer's transactions and render a detailed report with receipts at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested, and an annual report to the club at the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all duties and filings with the Cities, States and US Government related to the financial assets, responsibilities and liabilities of the organization. (Modified 1/11/2003 and 1/21/23)

E. Membership – The President shall appoint one of the elected Directors to receive applications for membership to the club, and to manage acceptance and orientation of new members. (Modified 1/21/2023)

F. The Executive Committee will establish a procedure by which organized groups may reserve one or more of the ranges for special events which may or may not be open to the general membership. (Modified 1/21/2023)

G. Directors - Each Director shall conduct themselves as a representative of the membership at large, and shall act accordingly. Directors to have duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

A. Any officer may be removed by a 60% majority vote of the members in good standing present at a General meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least ten (10) days' notice in writing has been given to the officer, stating the reasons for removal and the time and place of the General meeting at which a ballot for removal will be taken. At such a General meeting, the officer shall be given a full hearing.

B. Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least ten (10) days' notice in writing has been given to the member, stating the charges and the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee, where the charges will be heard. At such meeting, the member shall be accorded a full hearing.

C. Charges against any officer or member may be referred by any member. They shall be in writing, clearly stating the facts related upon, accompanied by any affidavits and exhibits, which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least ten (10) days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee and to the accuser and the accused. Such notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

D. Any member expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be in writing to the Secretary who shall notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to all members in good standing, stating the date, time and place, and the reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges and supporting affidavits, and will read or display accompanying exhibits and will read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting 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 secret ballot by the members in good standing that are present and a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE IX: MATCH RULES

All events, including rifle, shotgun, handgun and archery competitions held by the club shall be governed by rules and regulations of Wolverton Mountain Gun Club and/or the sponsoring sanctioning body of any event deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee. (Modified

1/11/2003)

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION OF CLUB

Upon dissolution of this club, the Executive Committee shall designate all assets to be divided equally among their choice of similar non-profit shooting or outdoor clubs or recognized charitable groups.

ARTICLE XI: BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to the Bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any meeting. They must be acted upon by the membership at a meeting called for that purpose. A copy of the proposed amendment must be provided to each club member prior to the meeting. An affirmative 60% majority vote of the members present will be required to amend the bylaws. (Modified 1/18/97)

STANDING RULES

Wolverton Mountain Gun Club Standing Rules

1. All Wolverton Mt. Gun Club members must be National Rifle Association members and the membership year shall follow the calendar year. (Adopted 1/18/1997)
2. 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 the Director of Civilian Marksmanship. (Adopted 1/18/1997) (Modified 1/11/2003)
3. The Secretary shall be responsible for the re-affiliation of the club annually with the National Rifle Association. (Adopted 1/18/1997) (Modified 1/11/2003)
4. Any officer of the club who has been suspended or expelled by the National Rifle Association shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from the club immediately upon receipt of official notice to the Secretary of this club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association. (Adopted 1/18/1997) (Modified 1/11/2003)
5. The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of the club is suspended or expelled. Such report shall show the charges and the actions taken. (Adopted 1/18/1997)
6. The membership cap will be set at 350 members. (Modified March 4, 2017)

Amendments to the Bylaws

1) January 18, 1997

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 1997. Bylaws changed to refine the wording of Article XI: Bylaw Amendments by adding the sentence, "They must be acted upon by the membership at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose." Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

2) February 16, 1998

Changes voted on at an Emergency Meeting February 16, 1998. Bylaws changed to redefine membership requirements and initiation fee in preparation of purchasing the club property. Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

3) January 13, 2001

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting of January 13, 2001. Bylaws changed to increase Executive Committee by (2) two for a total of eight. This amendment added one director on January 13, 2001 and one open position to be appointed by the Executive Committee for a one-year term to coincide with term staggers. Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

4) January 11, 2003

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting of January 11, 2003. Bylaws changed to remove the Secretary-Treasurer position and add a Secretary and a Treasurer with corresponding duties and a title change of Trustees to Directors. Article IX: Match Rules was amended to include all events. Bylaws change accepted by unanimous vote.

5) January 23, 2016

Changes voted on at the Annual Meeting of January 23, 2016. Bylaws changed Article III: Membership by eliminating the "installment payment plan" to pay the initiation fee for new members. Adding a new paragraph as follows further amended this article:

C. "Failure to remain a member in good standing will result in termination of membership.

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(a) Annual Membership Dues/Maintenance Fees must be paid no later than March 1st of each calendar year.

Bylaws change accepted by more than a 2/3 affirmative vote as required by Article XI.

6) March 4, 2017

Removed Article III B. Payments in full of the initiation fee must be completed within 9 quarters from date of pledge is deleted. Partial payments are no longer accepted.

Standing Rules adds no. 6. "The membership cap will be set at 350 members."

7) January 21, 2023

Article III A is revised to reflect an increase of the annual one-time nonrefundable initiation fee to \$500.00.

Article III D is added as follows: "The privileges of accessing the range facilities, inviting guests to the range facilities and/or holding office shall be extended to a member's spouse or domestic partner and dependent children at least age 18 who have not yet attained their 21st birthday inclusive to those living within the member's household.

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Article VII will have the following sections added: E. “Membership – The President shall appoint one of the elected Directors to receive applications for membership to the club, and to manage acceptance and orientation of new members.”

F. The Executive Committee will establish a procedure by which organized groups may reserve one or more of the ranges for special events which may or may not be open to the general membership.

Bylaws changes accepted by more than a 60% affirmative vote as required by Article XI.

8) January 27, 2024

Article III is modified as follows:

A. ***Upon approval by the board of directors, any*** Any citizen of the United States of America may become a member of this organization ***upon passing a background check at the applicant’s expense, payment of a one-time initiation fee of \$500.00 and after*** payment of ~~a one-time non-refundable initiation fee of \$500.00.~~ ***the first year’s dues/maintenance fees.*** (Modified 1/21/2023)

B. The initiation fee is transferable and ~~may be sold, willed or given away by its owner upon approval by the board.~~ ***the associated membership must either be sold back to WMGC at the current initiation rate, transferred to a named recipient or gifted to the club.***

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