

# BY - LAWS OF THE UNION COUNTY GUN CLUB, LLC BLAIRSVILLE, GA

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## ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be — **Union County Gun Club, LLC (UCGC)**

## ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized shotgun, rifle and hand gun shooting among legal citizens of the United States without regard to race, color or religion. The purpose being to further the 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 objective and purpose to promote the development of those characteristics of honesty, good fellowship, self-discipline, team play and self-reliance which are essentials of good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. There shall be **NO** political affiliation associated with this club.

## ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

- **Requirements:**

- **Individual Membership is required for each person authorized to use the range.**
- **Active Members** shall have up to two (2) guests, as long as the member is present and actually supervising the guests.
- **Active Members** must be up-to-date on membership dues and other fees as may be required.
- **All Members** agree to abide by the UCGC By-Laws, Range rules and guidelines.
- **All Members must** have signed a Waiver of Liability Form
- **All Members must** take an approved class on the range safety rules and demonstrate knowledge of same. The Board reserves the right to refuse membership to anyone who fails to complete the above requirements.

- **Charter Membership**

- **Charter Membership** are members who join the club before we have an active gun range to help finance the start-up of the club---Charter Membership ended on June 28, 2019 when it became apparent that our Target Range would become a reality.
- ⊖ **Charter membership** shall be \$35.00 per year.
- **Charter members** who remain in good standings with their dues shall retain Charter Membership identification-status on their membership cards.
- Annual charter-membership fee to remain at \$35.00 for as long as our financial responsibilities remain solvent and can be changed by the Board if

required.

- No weapons permit or background check is needed at this time for charter membership. However, they must fill out the membership application form.
  - At the time that we have an active gun range, proof of a valid I.D. such as *license/permit* or driver's license will be required.
- ⊖ Within an immediate Family Unit (i.e. Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Son, or Daughter) the Charter-membership of a deceased family member can be transferred to another family member of that same immediate Family Unit member---with the following caveats.
  - The recipient of the Charter-Membership must be 18 or older
  - The recipient must fill out a Membership application.
  - The UCGC Board Members will vote to accept the transfer.

- **Regular Membership**

- **Regular Membership** dues to be determined by the board after a range has been secured and operational.
- **Regular Membership** is open to all citizens of the United States, 18 years of age or older.
  - They must apply to become a member of this organization by doing the following:
  - Completes a Board approved membership application form.
  - Pay annual dues as levied by the Board
  - At the time that we have an active gun range, proof of a valid I.D. such as *license/permit* or driver's license will be required.

## ARTICLE IV – DUES

- Annual dues will be determined by the Board. They will be due on **Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** of each year and considered past due on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** of that year. Dues will not be pro-rated for partial year membership.
- Members with past due dues may not participate in club meetings or use the facilities of the club.
- Charter members who fail to pay their dues by **March 31<sup>st</sup>** shall lose their Charter Membership status even if they catch up with past due payments.

## ARTICLE V – MEETINGS

- **Annual Meeting**
  - **An Annual meeting** shall be first Thursday in **March at a time and place to be determined by the board.**

- **Regular Meetings**
  - **Regular meetings** of the membership shall be determined by the board.
- **Special Meetings**
  - **Special meetings** shall be called by the board
- **Board Meetings**
  - **The Board** shall be the governing body of the club and have control of all activities of the club.
  - **A Quorum** of 50% of the Board Members must be present for an official board meeting.
- **Election of Officers**
  - **Election of officers** shall be for a period (or term) of one year and for no more than 3 consecutive terms---after the establishment of the range.
    - After 3 consecutive terms, the officer shall be off-duty for a year and then be eligible for re-election for additional terms.
  - **Secretary and Treasurer** will have no term-limits.
  - **Elections for Officers** shall be held during the annual meeting.
    - **President** shall appoint a nominating committee to present slate of candidates for office to be voted on at the annual meeting.
    - **If a vacancy develops on the board, the board can fill the vacancy till the next election cycle.**

## ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

### The Officers of the club shall be

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Relations Chairman
- Membership Chairman
- Past President
- Range Committee
- Chief Range Safety Officer
- Members-at-Large (2)
- They along with any other members so designated shall be considered members of the Board. The above officers have voting rights on the board.

## ARTICLE VII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**President:** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Board. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to the office.

**Vice President:** The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the

absence of the President or at the President's request.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the UCGC. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Board of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board and of UCGC including the Treasurer's report.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer shall have charge of and account for all funds of UCGC and shall oversee the placement of these funds into the bank or banks approved by the Board. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by two of the following four authorized signatories. President, Vice President, Secretary and/or Treasurer. Request for payment of bills may be approved with the signature of any two active board members.

**Public Relations Chairman** Shall be responsible for fund-raising, public relations, for maintaining the website, and newsletters.

**Membership Chairman** Shall be responsible for maintaining the list of active charter members and maintaining the list of regular members, and issuance of all membership cards and any other duties as specified by the board.

**Past President.** To maintain continuity, the immediate Past President shall be a member of the Board for a period of one year, or until a change in the presidency, which ever shall last occur.

### **Range Committee**

**Shall** have charge of the range of the Club. This includes:

- Maintenance of the range
- Range Acquisition & useage
- Maintenance of Targets and Frames
- Arranging competition.

**Chief Range Safety Officer:** shall have authority on the Range. The Chief Range Safety Officer may appoint a certified Range Safety Officer to supervise the range. Uphold the Standard Operation Procedures.

**Range Safety Officer (RSO):** Shall be responsible for range safety rules and upholding standard operation procedures. The Range Safety Officer or other RSO rulings shall not be challenged on the range.

**Members-at-Large,** These officers will be responsible for communicating with the general members; the “eyes and ears” for the Club. A member-at-large shall serve as a member Ex-Officio of any special committee as designated by the Board.

**Officers,** by mutual agreement, may reallocate duties among themselves, provided the President is advised of such allocation.

## **ARTICLE VIII – SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION**

- **Charges against any officer or member** may be referred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or 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 Board to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days’ notice of the meeting to each member of the Board and to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.
- **Any member** may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Board present at any board-meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days’ notice in writing shall have been given to the member. The reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special Board meeting shall be included in this notice. At such special meeting the member shall be given a full hearing and a ballot on their removal is to be taken.

## **ARTICLE IX - MATCH RULES**

To be determined by the Match Director

## **ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

- Proposed amendments to these by-laws may be introduced by any member of the UCGC at a regular meeting or a special meeting. These proposed amendments will be reviewed by the Board and presented to the membership at the Board’s discretion.
- To revise the by-laws they must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose of revising the by-laws. A copy of the proposed revision must be sent by e-mail or USPS to each member fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass the revision.

## **ARTICLE XI - FINANCIAL REVIEW**

An annual financial review of the books of UCGC shall be conducted by a Certified Public Accountant approved by the Board.

## **ARTICLE XII - DISSOLUTION UCGC**

May be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a Special Meeting specifically called for that purpose. Notification of said meeting shall be sent to all members by electronic mail or USPS at least 15 days prior to the meeting. In the event of the dissolution of UCGC, other than for purposes of reorganization whether voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law, none of the property of UCGC nor any proceeds thereof nor any assets of UCGC shall be distributed to any members of UCGC, but after payment of all debts of UCGC, its property and assets shall be given to charitable organizations located within the Union County area as deemed worthy by the Board.