

AMENDED BY-LAWS OF THE
BAY CITY GUN CLUB, INC.
BAY CITY, TEXAS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this organization shall be the BAY CITY GUN CLUB, INC.

ARTICLE 11

OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized shotgun, rifle and pistol shooting among citizens and youth of the United States who reside in our community with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens and youth of the safety, handling, and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward 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.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Any adult citizen of Matagorda County or any other county adjoining Matagorda County, upon nomination by a current member in good standing, may become a member of this organization on vote of the Board of Directors after subscribing to the following pledges and on payment of the usual initiation fee and dues.

The NRA Pledge

I CERTIFY that I am a citizen of good report of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or ally of its political subdivisions, that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship and good citizenship.

Bay City Gun Club Pledge

I further certify that I have received and read a copy of the BAY CITY GUN CLUB By-laws and Range Policy. I further agree to abide by such rules and policies. I also understand that if I violate such rules and/or policies, then my membership, as well as all privileges passing with membership may be forfeited.

Each member of the Club shall execute and deliver to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Club an indemnity agreement indemnifying the Club from any loss which might occur on the Club's premises.

No member under the age of 18 years of age may take a guest to the Club until that member has obtained the age of 21 years of age. Any guest under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult member of the Club.

Any member in good standing of the Club may bring onto the premises of the Club a guest. Only one (1) guest per member is allowed at any one time and no guest may come onto the Club's premises without a member being present. Additionally, the member who brings the guest to the Club's premises will be responsible for all acts and conduct of such guest. Guests will also be encouraged to join the Club through the recommendation of the member responsible for the guest. In no event shall any guest be allowed to come onto the premises of the Club on more than three (3) separate occasions. Any member who brings a guest to the Club in excess of the three (3) separate occasions will be subjected to possible forfeiture of membership. This provision shall not apply to individuals who reside outside of Matagorda County.

Additionally, the Board of Directors will have full authority to determine costs and fees for any guests who may come into the Club for purposes of clay target shooting or rifle range. The fee, until modified by the Club's Board of Directors shall be \$5 per day while shooting clay targets, plus the cost of clay targets, and \$10 per day while in the rifle range and/or pistol range.

Members of other guns clubs may shoot during program shoots by the Club when invited for competitive shooting between clubs. Additionally, the public may attend and, if authorized by the Board of Directors, may also shoot at competitive shooting events sponsored by the Club.

ARTICLE IV

DUES

(a) The member's annual dues to the Club shall be determined by the affirmative vote of members present at each annual meeting of the Club.

(b) No member of the Club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this Club.

ARTICLE V

MEETING

(a) *Annual Meeting* The annual meeting of the Club shall be held on the third Tuesday of January in each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at 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.

(b) *Regular Meetings.* The regular business meeting of the Club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Board of Directors.

(c) *Special Meeting.* A special meeting of the Club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of three (3) or more members of the Board of Directors, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20 percent of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail not less than seven (7) days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

(d) *Quorum* A majority of the members of the Club present and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS

(a) The officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer and nine (9) Directors, who acting together shall constitute the Board of Directors. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing at the annual meeting of the Club. Each officer with the exception of Directors shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. Directors, when elected, shall hold office for three (3) years. All officers must be twenty-one (21) years of age or older. Three (3) Directors' term of office shall expire each year and three (3) new Directors shall be elected.

(b) The Board of Directors shall have general super-vision and control of all the activities of the Club. The Board of Directors may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out objectives of the Club.

(c) Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held regularly at such time and place as the Board may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing, to the Secretary-Treasurer, by three (3) members of the Board.

(d) Seven (7) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

(e) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

(f) A vacancy in the Board of Directors may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board. However, if more than one vacancy exists a special meeting of the Club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next annual meeting as provided in Paragraph a. above.

(g) The officers of this Club and all members shall maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association unless the requirement is waived by the Board of Directors as to the individual involved.

ARTICLE VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

(a) *President.* The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board of Directors. He shall be a member ex-officio of all regular and special committees and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his

office. He shall serve also as the Executive Officer where he shall have charge of the ranges of the Club, the printing of the scorecards, then arranging of competitions, etc. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Secretary-Treasurer and approval of at least two (2) members of the Board of Directors.

(b) *Vice-President* The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in his absence or at his request. He shall also serve as the Chief Instructor where he shall have charge of all small arms instruction with authority to appoint his assistants. He shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Secretary-Treasurer and Board of Directors.

(c) *Secretary- Treasurer.* The Secretary-Treasurer 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 by the. Director of Civilian Marksmanship. He shall notify the members of the Board of Directors of all meetings and shall notify the members of the special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. He shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Club and have the custody of the books and papers of the Club. All applications for membership in the Club shall be made to the Secretary-Treasurer. He shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues. He shall be responsible for re-affiliating the Club annually with the National Rifle Association.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Club and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Secretary-Treasurer and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Board of Directors. He shall keep an accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report with vouchers at any meeting of the Board of Directors when requested and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION

(a) Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special 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 officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special 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 Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Board present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing shall have been given to the member of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Board of Directors at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred 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-Treasurer, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting of the Board of Directors to hear the charges. The Secretary-Treasurer will give at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the meeting to each member of the Board of Directors 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.

(d) Any member suspended or expelled by the Board of Directors may appeal to the full membership of the Club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the Club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give at least fifteen (15) days' notice in writing to all members of the Club in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full Club the Secretary-Treasurer will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Board of Directors at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Board of Directors.

(e) Any official or member of the Club who has been suspended or expelled by the -National Rifle Association of American shall automatically stand suspended or expelled from this Club immediately upon receipt of official notice by the Secretary-Treasurer of this Club from the Secretary of the National Rifle Association.

(f) The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of this Club is suspended or expelled, showing charges and action taken.

ARTICLE IX

MATCH RULES

All rifle and revolver or pistol competitions held by the Club will be governed by the rules and regulations laid down by the National Rifle Association of America, approved by the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and the Secretary of the Army.

ARTICLE X

RANGE POLICY

All members of the Club shall abide by and comply with the Club Range Policy and all safety requirements contained therein or posted at the Club facilities.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS

Any proposed amendments to these By-laws may be introduced by any member of the Club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose. Such proposed amendments must be submitted to the National Rifle Association for approval. After they have been approved by the NRA they must be acted upon by the Club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose providing a copy of the approved amendments has been sent to each Club member by United States mail at least ten (10) days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be necessary to pass or reject it.

RANGE POLICY

1. All persons using the range are responsible for their own acts and/or omissions. They must obey posted safety rules, exercise good safety sense, and show a spirit of cooperation toward keeping the range safe and in a clean and orderly condition.
2. Youth groups affiliated with churches, schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or other worthy organizations may use the range at designated times, upon application to the Club President without charge. Such groups must be limited in number to fifteen (15) and be properly chaperoned. In addition, such groups must be supervised, directed and instructed by a Range Officer appointed by the Board of Directors of the Club. The group will be responsible for normal fees of targets.
3. Scheduled group activities will take precedence over the interests of individuals. The membership will receive at least seven (7) days advance notice of any scheduled activity. It is the responsibility of the person conducting a group activity to close any part of the range, the use of which would endanger or interfere with the group function.
4. No alcoholic beverage in any form will be permitted on the range. Any person obviously under the influence of alcohol may be denied access to the range by the caretaker or any Club member. If an officer or Board member requests or orders a member or guest of a member who is consuming alcohol or under the influence of intoxicating beverages to leave the Range or Club property, and the person fails to honor the request, then such action or refusal can be grounds for membership expulsion.
5. Only paper or approved clay targets will be used on the shotgun, rifle range, and pistol ranges. Paper targets must be fastened with tape, small staples or thumb tacks. Do not use nails. No temporary targets or target holders will be permitted. Shooting at target support posts of 2"x4" cross-members is prohibited. If the Club exclusively provides the targets, then no targets shall be used other than Club targets and failure to abide with this requirement can be grounds of membership expulsion.
6. No glass targets of any kind may be used. Cans filled with water for demonstration purposes may be used. The user must pick up all pieces of can. No piece may be left on the Range.
7. At the close of each shooting match at the trap, skeet, and/or doubles range, each shooter will have 90 seconds to pick up his spent shells. All shells remaining on the ground after that time will remain the property of the Club for future sale to re-loaders. All brass shells must be picked up after shooting. Those remaining on the ground at the end of matches will become the property of the Club for the purpose of selling to hand loaders.
8. A range Captain will be appointed to arbitrate any dispute arising from use of the range. His decision will be final and binding on all parties except that he may not override the Board of Directors.
9. Persons passing in or out of the Range gate will leave it locked, unless notice has been left that the Range is open to the public.
10. Anyone using the range will have or will be accompanied by someone who has a membership card in his possession. The member will at all times be responsible for his guests or guests and their conduct.

11. The Range will be closed when necessary for maintenance purposes. If the required work will take more than a few hours, the membership will be given the earliest possible written notice of the closing date.

12. Shooting hours will be daylight hours.

13. Members of the Bay City Gun club, Inc. and members of their immediate families living under their roof may use the range without charge. Each person using the Range must be accompanied by a member if under twenty-one (21) years of age.

SAFETY POLICY

The Club is insured, the individual is not. **YOU** are responsible for **YOUR** conduct and safety at the range.

In order to regulate firing on the range when there may be some danger to person or persons downrange, the following regulations will be our policy until further notice:

1. No firing is to be done when any person is in front of the firing benches or down range.
2. No fully automatic weapons shall ever be fired on the facility. An automatic weapon may only be fired in the semi-automatic mode.
3. Only guns in good, safe condition may be fired on the Range.
4. All guns and guns with new sights must be test fired at the 25-yard target and zeroed to within 3-inches of the aiming point before firing at longer ranges.
5. Actions should be left open and magazines empty except when on the firing line ready to shoot.
6. Guns must be completely unloaded when making any adjustments other than sight adjustments. Guns should never be pointed at any person whether loaded or unloaded.
7. Loading of one cartridge or shell at a time is encouraged. In any case, do not load more rounds than are intended to be fired in a short time from one position.
8. No shooting at any target will be permitted while any person is in front of the shooting shed or target throwers. Cooperation among shooters will be required for inspecting or putting up of targets.
9. No shot larger than 7 1/2 will be allowed on the trap, skeet or doubles range.
10. If the use of one portion of the Club facility may interfere with another person's use of a different portion of the facility, then the person or persons first using the facility will be allowed to complete his use prior to the other portion of the facility being used.

FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE ABOVE RULES CONTAINED IN THE "RANGE POLICY" AND THE "SAFETY POLICY" MAY RESULT IN PERMANENT EXPULSION FROM THE SHOOTING RANGE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MATAGORDA §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the officers of the Bay City Gun Club, Inc., DAVID G. LONG, President, and HAROLD W. MARTIN, Secretary-Treasurer, and stated the foregoing Amended By-laws, Range Policy and Safety Policy of the Bay City Gun Club, Inc. was duly adopted at the annual membership meeting of the Bay City Gun Club, Inc., wherein a two-third (2/3) majority vote of all members present and/or voting by proxy was held and passed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE on this the 5th day of February, 1991.