



# BYLAWS

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## **ARTICLE I-STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The object of the association shall be to encourage and participate in the sport of cowboy mounted shooting and to provide an outlet for those persons wishing to compete in said sport. We shall abide by the rules set forth in current edition of the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) Rulebook. We will encourage organized shooting of single action .45 caliber pistols, rifles, and shotguns of the type available prior to 1900 among citizens of the United States. It shall be our further object and purpose to forward the development of those characteristics necessary to promote good sportsmanship and the foundation of true patriotism. We will strive to increase and promote our knowledge of horses in order to increase our horsemanship skills on all levels. We will take a view toward better knowledge of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. The further intention of the organization is to provide an atmosphere and social climate conducive to riding, camping, and other similar events where members dress and conduct themselves in the fashion that promotes our western heritage. The Board of directors will adhere to the guidelines set forth in the following articles, shall administer the affairs of the association.

## **ARTICLE II – NAME**

The name of the organization shall be Arizona Cowboy Mounted Shooters Association, Inc (ACMSA- herein referred to as “the club”). The ACMSA is recognized as our official club by our national affiliate organization, Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (CMSA) and we will endorse all CMSA functions as well as abide by all CMSA rules as set forth in the rule book.

## **ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in ACMSA shall consist of three (3) classes:
  - A. Active- which will consist of all persons wishing to participate in the ACMSA matches as competitors regardless of age or gender. And rider under the age of 18 years may compete with a signed parental consent form. Emergency contact information must be on file with the club.
  - B. Associate – will be all persons wishing to participate in the activities as non-riding participants and/or support staff at the ACMSA matches (does not have a vote on Club issues).

- C. Family – same as an Active member and immediate family members in the same household. This will include spouse and any one in their custody (children-grandchildren) under the age of 18 years.
2. Eligibility in ACMSA shall be extended to all persons of good character who would like to become members of an organization and who pledges to promote the preservation of the cowboy life.
3. All ACMSA Active/Family members must also be members of CMSA and are encouraged to participate in its function.
4. Dues – AMCSA dues payable yearly. You may join the club at any time throughout the year. Dues for membership shall be determined by the board of directors on an annual basis.
5. RESIGNATION, SUSPENSION, EXPULSION AND REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS:
  - A. Resignation- A member in in good standing may resign to any board member at any time. A member resignation will not be cause for a refund of membership dues.
  - B. Suspension- A majority vote of the Board of Directors may immediately put any member on suspension for any of the following while attending an ACMSA event:
    - 1) Has caused personal injury or committed an act that may cause injury to themselves, another person, property, or livestock
    - 2) Has committed actions that have or are likely to bring discredit to mounted shooting, ACMSA
    - 3) Has conducted themselves in a manner unbecoming of an ACMSA member
    - 4) Has been abusive or treated their horse in any otherwise inhumane fashion
    - 5) Has acted in an unsafe manner when dealing with firearms
    - 6) Refuses a directive of an ACMSA board member, official, or designated range master acting for the safe and efficient conduct of ACMSA events or is unreasonably disruptive to the efficient operation and enjoyment of ACMSA events by its participants
6. Expulsion- A member may be expelled from ACMSA with a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors for violation listed in Article III, 5,B
7. Suspension/Expulsion – Any member placed on suspension or expelled by the board of directors, will not be allowed to participate in any club activity until their 90 days waiting period and requires reinstatement by the Board of Directors.
8. Reinstatement - Any member suspended or expelled from the ACMSA may, after a period of ninety (90) days, appear before the Board of Directors to request a reversal of the Board of

Directors decision concerning their membership status. The Board of Director's reply to such a request will be in writing and by mail (USPS) only.

9. Complaints – Any member witnessing violations of general safety practices of ACMSA or CMSA rules and/or Bylaws by another member may submit a signed complaint to the Board of Directors.
10. Disciplinary process shall be as follows,
  - A. First offence: A written warning from the ACMSA, this step may include a probationary period.
  - B. Second offence: A suspension anywhere from one (1) month to three (3) months
  - C. Third offence: A suspension for one year.
  - D. Final Step: Lifetime banishment from the ACMSA, club activities, and revocation of all privileges of membership. Any membership dues collected will not be refunded.
11. If the Board of Directors of ACMSA vote to suspend a member from local events or club activities, ACMSA shall be required to mail(USPS) a letter notifying the CMSA national Board of their actions, the terms of the suspension, and the reinstatement procedures. This notification letter shall include the signatures of the officers of ACMSA.
12. The ACMSA Board of Directors may at its sole discretion, elect to take action outside of the guidelines based on the severity of the infraction.
13. The ACMSA Board of Directors has the final decision on all disciplinary issues and actions. If any board member is on more than one board and there is a conflict, that board member shall abstain from voting on said conflict due to conflict of interest.

## **ARTICLE IV – CLOTHING**

1. Costume - All members of ACMSA will be required to wear clothing in compliance with the current CMSA rules and regulations.
2. Non-Compliance- Any member not complying with the section I of Article IV may be prohibited from participating in a match or exhibition at the discretion of the match director of Board of Directors. In keeping with this theme, all Board Members will be in costume at the awards following each match. ACMSA strongly encourages all members to also be in costume with the exception of chaps or chinks for photos.
3. Assistance– Any member or prospective member so wishing may have a seasoned member assigned by the Board of Directors to help accumulate the necessary clothing and equipment to comply with section I above.

## **ARTICLE V – ARMS AND AMMUNITION**

1. Firearms- All firearms shall comply with the current CMSA rules and regulations.
2. Ammunition – All ammunition shall be provided by the ACMSA and ONLY that ammunition may be used in competition. Ammunition used in the competition is only allowed in the loading area, staging area, and the arena. Live ammunition is prohibited at ACMSA events.
3. Display Ammunition – Contestants are to have no live ammunition on their person or in the cartridge belts or saddle bags. Dummy ammunition with fired primers or without primers may be used in cartridge belts. Failure to follow this rule will result in disqualification from the match/event.

## **ARTICLE VI – Officers and Board of Directors**

1. Number of Directors- The ACMSA Board of Directors will consist of no less than six(6) individuals including officers
2. Specified Duties of Officers
  - A) President– The president shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. They shall prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Board. They may appoint necessary committees to carry out the Board’s programs. Abiding by all state and federal laws required for the ongoing business of the club, are the responsibility of the President, including the Arizona Corporation Commission.
  - B) Vice President the Vice President shall perform duties that is authorized them; including the powers of President should he be absent or unable to fulfill his duties. In case of Vice Presidents inability to act, the Board of Directors shall declare the office vacant and said Board shall choose a successor.
  - C) Secretary- the Secretary shall record the minutes of all board meeting. They shall be responsible for supplying information for the newsletters and gathering information for and writing articles for publication. They shall keep local media up to date regarding dates of matches, meetings, practices, as well as supply them with the articles about our matches.
  - D) Treasurer- the Treasurer shall keep record of all financial transactions for ACMSA. It will be the responsibility of the Treasurer to collect all monies for matches, memberships, and disperse of said money to cover all payables approved by the Officers of the board. Profit and loss, financial records, and tax returns are to be completed and approved in a timely manner. Due to the importance of this position, the Treasurer shall supply the Board of Directors their qualifications to carry out this position. The Treasurer may be required to be bonded. The Board will approve of the Treasurer.

- E) Directors – All directors shall be assigned duties as deemed necessary by the President or The Board of Directors. All directors are required to accept and reliably execute the duties for club activities.
3. All Board Members are required to be at all events early and leave after all tasks are complete.
  4. If at any time a Board Member deems it necessary to resign from their position, they must do so in writing. They will not be eligible to be elected into another position for a period of two (2) years from the date of the resignation.
  5. Board Members are volunteers; these are not paid positions.

## **ARTICLE VII – ELECTION and TENURE**

1. Elections: the election of the Board of Directors shall take place during the annual General Membership Meeting. Members will be notified at least 30 days in advance of this meeting.
2. Voting: Each active member, over the age of 18 a club member in good standing for a minimum of 60 days, is entitled to one vote on club issues.
3. Method of Elections: The President shall appoint a nominating Committee who shall submit nominations for the available positions. The slate of nominees will be presented at the General Membership Meeting. Nominations will be taken from the floor and the general membership shall vote on all the nominees at that time. The use of signed absentee ballots and proxy ballots is permissible. These ballots are to be in the hands of the election committee 7 days prior to elections. The nominees that receive the majority of the vote shall be declared the winners. These winners will take office immediately following CMSA World Championship.
4. Term of Office: The term of office for all Directors/Officers shall be for approximately two (2) years and shall begin immediately follow CMSA World Championships. A Director/Officer may be re-elected to the same position or another Board position as often as the membership re-elects them. The positions subject to re-election will be staggered as follows: President, Treasurer, and at least one director will alternate every other year with the Vice President, Secretary, and remaining directors.
5. Vacancies: The Nominating Committee shall place before the Board the names of individuals to be considered for any vacant director position. The replace shall be decided by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. The elected individual shall the serve the remainder of the vacated position.
6. Dismissal: Any officer or Director may be dismissed by 2/3 vote of the board of Directors on the following grounds:

7. Unapproved absence from three board activities in a row (i.e. board meetings, events, etc.)
8. Repeated failure to adequately and reliably perform their assigned duties.
9. Any action which is subject to suspension under the terms of Article III, 5. B.
10. Conduct which is detrimental to the mission of the club.

## **ARTICLE VIII- Qualification of Board Members & Officers**

1. President- Must be an active member of ACMSA in good standing, for 18 months, and must have served on the Board of Directors for at least 1 year.
2. Officers- (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)- Must be an active, adult member of ACMSA in good standing for at least 1 year prior to serving on the Board of Directors.
3. Board Member – must be an active adult member of ACMSA in good standing for at least 6 months prior to serving on the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX- Emergency Clause**

1. Emergency Clause- These by laws may be temporarily altered in full or in part when the Board of Directors decides an emergency exists. A 2/3 majority of the board must vote in favor of declaring an emergency. This action must be deemed a temporary expedient to best serve the interest of all the members of ACMSA.

## **ARTICLE X – Meetings**

1. The board of Directors will decide when and where meetings will be held and schedule them as needed. All members in good standing, new or prospective members are welcome to address the Board of Directors. Those who wish to address the Board of Directors should send their request to the President in writing, that they may add that item to the agenda. Requests to add business items to the agenda should be received by the president at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.
2. The members will be notified via face book of the meeting time, date, and location.
3. If an Emergency or closed meeting has been called, no notification will be forthcoming.

## **ARTICLE XI- Changing Bylaws**

1. These by-laws may be changed as follows. Any member in good standing may submit a proposed change to these bylaws by submitting the recommended change in writing at a regularly scheduled meeting to the Board of Directors. The Board will consider the change and

vote on including change at the next year-end board meeting.

2. If recommended change receives at least 2/3 majority vote of all present or otherwise legally represented voting members, it will be adopted. A by-law committee will be formed as needed by the President and will make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

These By-Laws are being put into effect for Arizona Cowboy Mounted Shooters of America (ACMSA), established in 1999. This is a fun club and has grown to include individuals and families of all walks of life. Please note that these were written to protect and govern our club. We are a not for profit organization and hope to provide many more years of family fun.

President Scott Crawford date 5/16/16

Vice President K BOTHERMAN date 5/17/16

Secretary Wendy Schaefer date 5/17/16

Treasurer Ronda Blauvelt date 5-17-2016

