

Gardner Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.
Gardner, Massachusetts 01440

BYLAWS
As amended October 5, 2021

Article I: NAME

The name of the club shall be the **Gardner Rifle & Pistol Club, Inc.**

Article II PREAMBLE

The object of this organization shall be the encouragement of organized rifle and pistol shooting among legal residents of the United States with a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such persons of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship. It shall be the 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 legal resident of the U.S.A., 18 years of age, with a valid License to Carry (LTC) or a Firearms Identification Card (FID) may become a member of the Club on a vote of the Executive Committee and upon payment of dues. All members are required to keep their LTC or FID current in order to maintain membership in good standing.

Article IV DUES

Dues are paid on a yearly basis in advance. Dollar amount of the dues shall be set annually. Annual dues commence on January 1st with a provision that a new member coming in after the first of June shall have the dues pro-rated for the remainder of the year. The monies are to accompany the application in either instance.

All delinquent members, as of the first of February, shall be dropped from the Club. Any person wishing to be reinstated may do so by paying the dues for the delinquent year by March 1st. Any person delinquent for more than 60 days will have to be reinstated as a new member.

Article V Meetings

Regular Meetings: Monthly meetings to be the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. with the exception of the summer months of July and August.

Annual meetings: The Annual Meeting of the Club shall be held the 1st Tuesday in October of each year.

Election of Officers will take place at the regularly scheduled November meeting.

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Special Meetings: A Special Meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President, the Board of Directors or written demand of not less than 20 percent of the members entitled to vote stating the object of the proposed meeting. Notice of the time and place of such special meetings shall be given to all officers and members in good standing, by the Secretary, in writing, by U.S. mail or email not less than 7 days prior to the date affixed for holding of such meetings.

Quorum: The quorum shall consist of 10 members, entitled to vote, of which not less than 2 are officers.

Article VI

OFFICERS

The officers of the organization shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Range Officer who, acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by a majority vote, by ballot, and hold office for one year or until successors are elected. The Executive Committee, who shall have general supervision of the activities of the club, shall manage the affairs of the club. Meetings of officers shall be held at anytime on the call of the President and two officers, which shall constitute a quorum.

Article VII

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and the Executive Committee. He/She shall ex officio serve as a member of all regular and special committees and shall perform all other duties as normally pertain to this office.

Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence or at his/her request and manage the club Access/Security and Video Surveillance System.

President/Vice President: The President and Vice President shall have charge of the ranges of the Club, the printing of the score cards, the arranging of the competitions etc. They shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

Secretary: The secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the organization. He/She shall notify all members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify all members of special and annual meetings as required by Article V. He/She shall keep a true record of meetings of the Executive Committee and of the organization and have custody of the books and papers of the Club. He/She shall also submit records of the prior year to the custodian of the records.

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Treasurer: The Treasurer shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of the organization and place the same in such bank or banks as may be approved by the Executive Committee. Such money shall only be withdrawn by check signed by the Treasurer and/or the Vice President for the payment of such bills as have been approved by the Executive Committee, except that the Treasurer may draw checks for national membership fees only.

Membership Secretary: The Membership Secretary shall be responsible for the collection of dues, initiation fees, issuance of electronic key FOBs. He/she shall maintain accurate and complete membership records to include but not be limited to names, addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, date dues paid, amount paid and FOB number. He/she shall also provide reports to the President as required.

Range Officer: The Range Officer shall be responsible for the safe and efficient operation of all range functions.

Article VIII **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors shall consist of the existing officers and the past President (if available). Past President to be the Chairman of the Board, quorum of directors should be three.

Article IX **EXPULSION OF MEMBERS**

Any member whose conduct shall be decided, by a majority vote of the Executive Committee, to have been injurious to the interest or welfare of the Club shall forfeit their membership and rights. Such vote shall not be taken without giving the offender two weeks notice of the charges against them and affording them an opportunity to be heard in their defense. They may appeal the decision of the committee to the Club at a special meeting called for that purpose, but it shall require a two-thirds vote of those present to reverse the committee's decision.

Article X **MATCH RULES**

All rifle, revolver and 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.

Article XI **AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment to these bylaws may be presented at any meeting of the club. A two-thirds vote of the members present will be required to pass it. Intent to present amendments shall be posted on the club website at least seven days prior to the meeting.

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Article XII GOVERNING MATCHES

Any officer of the Executive Committee, in good standing, may act as governor of any and all matches held at the Club.

Article XII REMOVAL OF A BOARD MEMBER

Any officer of the Executive Committee that has two (2) unexcused absences from the monthly meetings will be removed from office. An unexcused absence is an absence without mitigating circumstances that the Executive Committee was not aware of and /or did not approve.

Article XIII GUESTS

First Year Members will only be allowed one guest per visit.

Members bringing guests to the range must have each guest complete the **RELEASE OF LIABILITY** form prior to participating in any club activities. This includes GUEST'S NAME, SIGNATURE, AGE, DATE, and CLUB MEMBER'S NAME. Club members are responsible for any safety violations and/or infractions of club rules committed by their guests.

Individuals old enough to obtain a Firearms Identification Card (FID) and/or License to Carry (LTC) are allowed to shoot as a guest (6) times before club membership is required.

Individuals not yet old enough to obtain a Firearms Identification Card (FID) and/or License to Carry (LTC) may shoot as a guest until they become of age.