

**Constitution & Bylaws of
The Plymouth County League of
Sportsmen's Clubs**

Article I

Name

The name of this organization shall be "The Plymouth County League of Sportsmen's Clubs", hereinafter referred to as the "league".

Article II

Object

The purposes for which this league is organized are to conserve, restore and manage the fish, game and other wildlife and its habitat in Plymouth County Massachusetts and its environs, to seek to procure better hunting and fishing for sportsmen and women hereinafter sportsmen, to promote and maintain friendly relations between landowners and sportsmen, to cooperate in obtaining proper respect for and observance of fish and game laws, to engage in activities necessary for the introduction and passage of laws which will favorably affect the above purposes, to promote closer cooperation in matters of common interest to member clubs and organizations, and to acquire, hold, maintain, use and dispose of such real and personal property as may be necessary and convenient to carry out the above purposes.

Article III

Membership

Section 1

All regularly constituted and organized sportsmen's organizations in Plymouth County Massachusetts and immediate vicinity shall be eligible to apply for league membership. Such organizations shall be granted membership upon the affirmative vote of a majority of delegates present and voting at a regular meeting of the league.

Section 2

Individual members of member organizations shall be members of the league.

Section 3

Each Affiliated club may be represented at the meetings of this league by a maximum of four (4) delegates and/or alternates who shall be appointed by their club or organization.

Section 4

Any member shall have the right to be present at any meeting of the league and to debate on any subject properly before the meeting.

Section 5

Honorary membership may be conferred on any person for extraordinary services rendered the organization, or any person who has served as a delegate or an alternate for ten (10) consecutive years.

Application for same must be referred to the executive committee and their recommendations acted upon by the league at the next regular meeting.

Article IV

Dues

Section 1

Membership fees shall be due on January 1st of each year.

Section 2

Each affiliated club shall pay annual membership dues as set by a majority vote of the delegates present and voting at the annual meeting in June.

Section 3

If the dues are not paid on or before the date of the April meeting of the league, such club shall be considered "not in-good-standing", and, after a hearing before the Executive Committee, may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates of clubs in-good standing, present and voting.

Article V

Voting

Section 1

Only delegates, alternates, and honorary members in good standing, hereinafter referred to as "delegates", shall have the right to vote.

Section 2

Each affiliated club and organization shall be entitled to one vote, the delegates voting as a unit, on all matters in which a roll call vote is ordered. Delegates may vote singly at any time an informal vote is taken.

Section 3

Any delegate may submit proposals to the league. Action on any question or proposal placed before the league shall be determined by majority vote of the delegates present and voting.

Article VI

Meetings

Section 1

Regular meetings of the league shall take place on the third Wednesday of each month or at other such time as may be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present.

All delegates shall be given notice of the time and place of each meeting not less than seven (7) days prior to said meeting.

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A proper meeting place shall be provided by any of the affiliated clubs. The expenses of league meetings shall be borne by that club unless voted otherwise by the league.

Section 2

The quorum for any meeting of the league shall be at least one delegate from six (6) affiliated clubs in good standing.

Section 3

Special meetings may be called by the president or by petition of the delegates of at least three (3) affiliated clubs.

Article VII

Officers

Section 1

Officers of the league shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

There shall be an executive committee consisting of the officers of the league, the immediate past president, and five (5) elected delegates.

Only delegates from affiliated clubs in good standing shall be eligible to hold elected positions in the league.

Section 2

Officers and executive committee members shall be elected for a term of one year at the annual meeting held in June of each year. Any vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by election at the first meeting following the occurrence of such vacancy.

Article VIII

Duties and Powers of Officers

Section 1

The president shall have the following duties and powers: to preside over all meetings of the league and executive committee, appoint all committees except as otherwise provided herein, perform other duties as the league may direct.

Section 2

The vice-president shall in the absence of or at the request of the president, assume and exercise all powers of that office and perform other duties as directed by the league.

Section 3

The secretary shall have the following duties and powers:

To keep a complete record of the proceedings of the league,

To maintain a complete roster of member clubs including the names of the president, secretary, delegates and alternates, and any honorary members of the league,

To provide, convey or furnish a copy of the minutes of each meeting to each person listed on the roster at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the next meeting of the league. The minutes shall include the time and place of the next meeting.

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to conduct all routine correspondence for the league required by the office of secretary and other correspondence as requested by the delegates or president except financial, to be in possession of a copy of this constitution and Robert's Rules of Order at all meetings of the league,
to perform other duties as may be directed by the league.

Section 4

The treasurer shall have the following duties and powers:

To have charge of all funds, securities and other assets of the league and to keep accurate records thereof in books adapted to that purpose,

To collect all monies due the league and to deposit same in an insured account in the name of the league,

To pay all bills and other obligations of the league as directed by vote of the league,

To carry on all correspondence relating to the financial affairs of the league,

To serve under bond at the expense of the league,

To report the financial condition of the league at each regular meeting, including receipts, disbursements since the previous report and any outstanding obligations,

To present all books and records for review at a mutually convenient place and time at the request of the audit committee,

To perform other duties as directed by the league.

Section 5

The executive committee shall meet at the call of the president or two (2) members of the executive committee. All members shall be notified of the time, place and reason for said meeting by mail, telephone or electronic contact or personal contact.

Section 6

The president shall appoint delegates, approved by the membership, to any organization the league wishes to join or associate with in such numbers allowed by such organization, Said delegates shall attend meetings and bring a summary of any matters discussed.

Article IX
Committees

Section 1

Committees may be formed by a majority vote of the delegates. Committees must be reauthorized at the annual meeting in June.

Section 2

The President shall yearly request an audit of the Club's books. An audit committee will be formed consisting of three (3) delegates who will be appointed by vote of the delegates (top 3 vote totals of nominations submitted)

Section 3

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There shall be a Nominating Committee of five (5) members, two (2) appointed by the president and three (3) selected by the delegates at the April meeting. The committee shall report to the May meeting, a list of one (1) or more candidates each for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and five (5) other members who, with the officers, comprise the executive committee. Said officers to be elected at the June meeting to take office at the start of business at the September meeting.

Section 4

The president may appoint other committees as necessary and require that regular reports of their progress be made to the league. A committee or individual member(s) may be discharged when in the opinion of the president the committee has completed its task, or is no longer functioning.

Article X
Amendments

Section 1

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present and voting and that said delegates represent not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the affiliated clubs.

Section 2

A copy of all proposed amendments shall be mailed or electronically transmitted to the president, secretary of each affiliated club and to each delegate not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of the meeting at which action is to be taken on such amendments.

Article XI
Amendments

Section 1

The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Roll call of all clubs and delegates
2. Reading of minutes of the previous meeting
3. Reading of communications and bills
4. Report of the treasurer
5. Reports of Committees
6. Application for Membership
7. Voting on new clubs
8. Unfinished business
9. New business
10. Selection of place and date of next meeting
11. Election of officers
12. Good of the Order
13. Adjournment

Article XII
General Rules

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Section 1

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this league in all cases where they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with this constitution.

Section 2

This constitution or any part hereof may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present and voting and that said delegates represent not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the affiliated clubs.