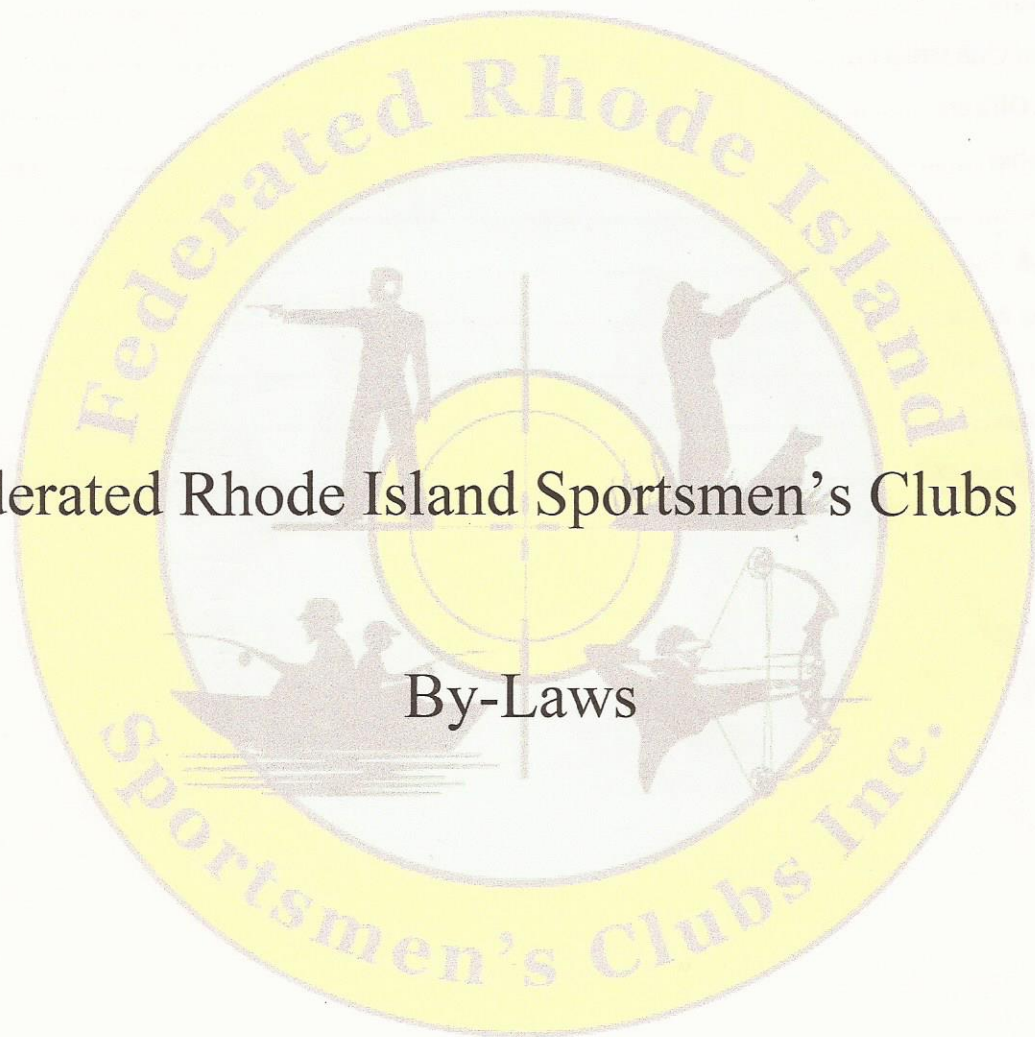


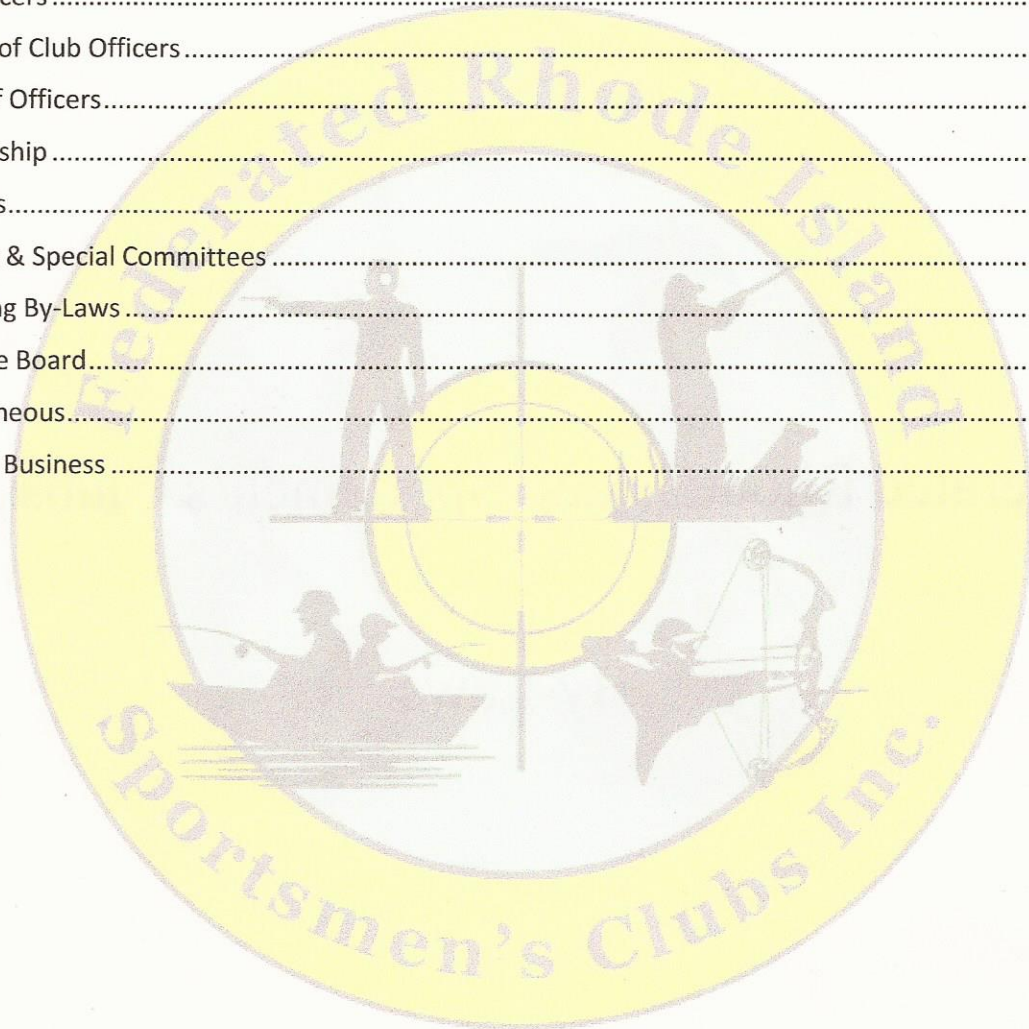
Federated Rhode Island Sportsmen's Clubs Inc.

By-Laws



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# **ARTICLE I**

## ***Name and Purpose***

SECTION 1 The name of this organization shall be:

FEDERATED RHODE ISLAND SPORTSMEN'S CLUBS INC.

SECTION 2 Its purpose shall be the uniting of organized sportsmen of Rhode Island and nearby territory into a single body, thereby creating cooperative thought and action, towards establishing and maintaining sane and suitable control of the restoration, protection, and preservation of fish, game, and non-game wildlife and their habitats and to perpetuate with high ethics and ideals the recreational sport of fishing, hunting, trapping, sport shooting, camping, horseback riding, and of reforestation, beautification, and clean water.

# **ARTICLE II**

## ***Club Officers***

SECTION 1 The Officers of the Federation shall be a President, a Vice President, a 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, a Communications Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

# **ARTICLE III**

## ***Election of Club Officers***

SECTION 1 The President, Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Communications Secretary, Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected by written ballot at the Annual Meeting in October and shall hold office for one year or until their successors have been elected or reelected and have accepted office.

SECTION 2 Any delegate, alternate delegate, business member or associate member in good standing shall be eligible to hold office. Good standing shall be defined as the club/association dues are paid and he/she has not been previously dismissed from a Federation position.

SECTION 3 If an officer's seat becomes vacant before mid-term, there shall be an election to fill the vacancy. If an officer's seat becomes vacant after mid-term, it shall be filled with an appointment by the President. Midterm shall be defined as the day after the April Meeting.

## ARTICLE IV

### *Duties of Officers*

- SECTION 1 The PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Federation and be an ex-officio voting member of all committees. He/She shall also receive and write all correspondence, and keep all other correspondence on file with the Recording Secretary.
- SECTION 2 The VICE-PRESIDENT: The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President whenever he/she shall be absent or incapacitated.
- SECTION 3 The 2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President shall be the director of Committee chairmen and chairwomen. They shall sit as the Executive Board Chair.
- SECTION 4 The RECORDING SECRETARY: The Recording Secretary shall attend all meetings and shall keep all the minutes of the meetings and send a copy of the same to the President, Secretary, Delegate and Alternate Delegate of each member club, shall keep an exact list of all member clubs, their officers and their addresses, and send a list of the same to the Federation Treasurer for records They shall be the custodian of the corporate seal, shall bring to each meeting a copy of Robert's Rules of Order (revised), and a copy of these By-Laws amended to date.
- SECTION 5 The COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY: The communications secretary shall act as a corresponding and communications secretary. They will work closely with all executive committee members as well as the committee chairs. They will be responsible for all communications with the clubs and organizations; will be responsible for the mailbox, social media, emails, membership recruiting and renewals, deer list management, and all other forms communication.
- SECTION 6 The TREASURER: The Treasurer shall keep a written record in book provided by the Federation. He/She shall collect annual dues and other funds and pay all bills approved by the Federation unless otherwise provided, and all checks shall be signed by the President or the Treasurer. In addition, the Treasurer has the authority to pay all operational bills not to exceed a monthly total as determined by the Executive Board. He/She shall submit a monthly report on monies received and disbursed. The accounts shall be audited each year prior to the Annual Meeting by the Audit Committee and shall render a detailed written of all receipts and expenditures, for the year, at the Annual Meeting. He/She shall see that the Federated Annual Report is paid when due to the Rhode Island Secretary of State.

## Article V

### *Membership*

- SECTION 1 Any association or club in the State of Rhode Island or nearby territory that promotes sports, including fishing, hunting, trapping, sport shooting, camping, horseback riding, the preservation and protection of wildlife and their habitats, reforestation, beautification, and clean waters is eligible to become a member of the Federation. Each member club or association shall pay annual dues, such being determined by the Federation.
- SECTION 2 Annual dues are payable on or before the first day of February in each calendar year and any member club or association who shall fail to pay such annual dues within the time prescribed may be dropped from membership.
- SECTION 3 (1) Any club or association desiring to become a member of the Federation shall file an application with the Executive Board and this application shall be accompanied by a check for the annual dues  
(2) The club or association will then be voted upon by the body at the next regularly scheduled meeting  
(3) any club or association becoming a member of the federation during the last (3) months of any calendar year shall be exempt from payment of dues for that year.
- SECTION 4 Any member club or association shall be honor bound to cease all opposition to Federated sponsored legislation
- SECTION 5 Any person promoting the ideals of ARTICLE V Section 1 may become an associate member. Each associate member shall pay annual dues, such being determined by the Federation
- SECTION 6 Any business promoting the ideals of Article V Section 1 may become a business member. Each business member shall pay annual dues, such as being determined by the Federation.
- SECTION 7 NON-MEMBERS: All non-members present at a bona fide meeting will not be allowed to remain beyond Order of Business # 4 unless invited to do so by the President.

## ARTICLE VI

### *Meetings*

- SECTION 1 The Annual Meeting shall be held in October of each year at such time and place as may be selected. Other meetings may be held as the Federation may vote and/or on the call of the President or of seven (7) or a majority of the member clubs. A monthly meeting shall be held every month of the year and shall follow the by-laws and Robert's Rules of Order.

- SECTION 2 Ten (10) member clubs shall constitute a quorum at all meetings. A majority of the members of any committee shall constitute a quorum at all committee meetings.
- SECTION 3 Each member club shall be entitled to have one (1) delegate and alternates at all meetings, but each member club shall be entitled to but one (1) vote on any motion or vote. All associate members who are present and not delegates will be allowed one (1) collective vote as a group, determined by simple majority of the associate members present, on any motion or vote. All business members who are present and not delegates will be allowed one (1) collective vote as a group, determined by simple majority of the business members present, on any motion or vote.
- SECTION 4 Each delegate or alternate upon gaining the floor shall identify himself and his club before speaking.
- SECTION 5 All proposed legislation from member clubs shall be submitted on the member club's stationery and over the signature of said club's secretary.
- SECTION 6 All legislation proposed by this Federation shall be sent to member clubs for their approval before final action is taken at the next Federation meeting.
- SECTION 7 All legislation proposed by this Federation shall be voted on by roll call.
- SECTION 8 All legislation presented to the body for consideration by non-member groups or persons must be presented in its entirety. Furthermore, it must be researched by the Legislative Committee before being brought to the body for a vote.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### ***Standing & Special Committees***

- SECTION 1 The following Standing Committees are duly authorized:
1. Audit Committee
  2. Banquet Committee
  3. Ecology Committee
  4. Education Committee
  5. Fish and Game Committee
  6. Hall of Fame Committee
  7. Ladies Committee
  8. Legislative Committee
  9. Membership Committee
  10. Nominating Committee
  11. Scholarship Committee
  12. Sport-Shooting Committee
- SECTION 2 Special Committees – The President of the Federation shall appoint any Special Committees they deem necessary for specific purposes. The existence of all Special Committees shall terminate with the out-going president or by a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *Amending By-Laws*

SECTION 1 These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members clubs in financial good standing and present at a regularly scheduled meeting after at least a thirty (30) day By-Law meeting notification has been made at the monthly meeting. Those proposed amendments shall be submitted in writing over the signature of said club's delegate to the Federation Executive Board in care of the Federation President or by a member of the Federation Executive Board. The Executive Board shall consider said proposed amendment and submit said, along with any recommendations, to the member clubs at the time of the By-Law meeting notification.

## ARTICLE IX

### *Executive Board*

SECTION 1 The Executive Board shall consist of elected officers of the Federated for the current year, together with five (5) directors. These 5 directors will be the Committee Chairs from Fish and Game, Legislative, Sport-Shooting, Banquet, and Ladies Committees, all appointed at the Annual Meeting, who shall serve for one year. Director vacancies occurring after the election shall be filled by Executive Board appointment.

SECTION 2 The Executive Board shall have and exercise all the powers of the Federation except those powers required by law or by these By-Laws to be exercised by the members. The Executive Board shall have power to remove a member of the Executive Board, Board Chairperson and/or Board Member(s) by a (2/3) two thirds vote. Decisions on Federation finances, policies and, legislative matters may be made by the Executive Board on a pro-tem basis until approved or rejected by the members at the next constituted meeting.

SECTION 3 The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President shall serve as the Chairperson of the Executive Board. A quorum shall consist of six (6) members.

SECTION 4 The Executive Board may vote at each meeting to spend up to 500.00 to cover miscellaneous expenditures, all such activity shall be recorded by the recording secretary and treasurer and reported under communications and bills at the next meeting.

## **ARTICLE X**

### ***Miscellaneous***

SECTION 1 Anything not specifically covered by these By-Laws shall be acted upon as set forth by Robert's Rules of Order (Newly Revised).

## **ARTICLE XI**

### ***Order of Business***

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Guest Speaker(s)
4. D.E.M. Report
5. Minutes of the last month's meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Communications and Bills
8. Committee Reports
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Setting of date and time for the next meeting
12. Adjournment

### **RECORD OF AMENDMENT**

These By-Laws were last amended at the August 26, 2019 meeting.