

BYLAWS OF THE SOCIALIST RIFLE ASSOCIATION

MADISON CHAPTER



CONSTITUTIONAL BYLAWS

ARTICLE ONE: AMENDMENTS

Constitutional bylaws may be amended, added, or removed by a two thirds majority vote by the membership. A period of at least two weeks will be given for this to be completed.

ARTICLE TWO: CORE FUNCTIONS

SECTION ONE: STATEMENT OF INTENT

The Socialist Rifle Association of Madison promotes and advocates for the right of the working class to self defense and community defense. The Chapter seeks to provide a positive, leftist space for the discussion of firearms and other means of self defense. The Chapter additionally seeks to provide members with the ability to learn other valuable skills, such as first aid, radio operation, disaster response, martial arts, and community advocacy. The Chapter will conduct itself ethically and in compliance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws. The Chapter will not advocate for or participate in offensive violence or acts of riot. The Chapter will always strive to be a positive and ethical force in the community to promote socialistic change and inclusiveness.

SECTION TWO: JURISDICTION

The Chapter will cover the metropolitan area of Madison, WI, with a core jurisdiction of Dane County. Members in non incorporated regions may join as members of this Chapter at their discretion. The Chapter makes no claim to the jurisdiction of the Northeastern WI Chapter, Red Cedar Chapter, nor a future Milwaukee Chapter. In the event of jurisdictional dispute, this Chapter will first attempt to resolve the dispute with the chapter(s) in question. If a resolution is unable to be achieved, the procedure outlined in Article 9 Section 2 of the Socialist Rifle Association's bylaws will be followed.

SECTION THREE: DEFINITIONS AND SUPREMACY

The Socialist Rifle Association of Madison is a chapter of the Socialist Rifle Association.

References to the Socialist Rifle Association are to the umbrella organization, whereas references to the Chapter refer to the Socialist Rifle Association of Madison. This Chapter recognizes the supremacy of the Socialist Rifle Association bylaws, as ratified by the Central Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association, and pledges to act in accordance with all applicable bylaws governing chapters.

Unless otherwise specified, a vote of the membership shall be interpreted to mean a vote of full, dues paying members.

SECTION FOUR: MEMBERSHIP

Any individual who agrees with this Chapter's purpose and is not disqualified by the limitations listed in Article 3 Section 1 of the national bylaws may join as a provisional member. Provisional members may attend Chapter meetings and other public Chapter events, but may not vote and may not attend Chapter events without the consent of the leadership of the Chapter.

Additionally, provisional members may not attend Chapter range days until they have attended two meetings, allowing that one of these meetings may be a one on one meeting with a member of the Chapter leadership, and received sponsorship from Chapter leadership and at least two full members. It is anticipated that provisional members who wish to continue to participate in Chapter activities will become full members. Full membership within the chapter will be granted with the sponsorship of the leadership of the chapter and the payment of dues to the national organization. Full members will have all rights and privileges granted in this Chapter and may provide testimony for provisional members.

A member may lose their membership by resigning or by expulsion from the group. Expulsion can take place if a unanimous decision of the leadership finds the member guilty of gross misconduct, followed by an affirmative two thirds vote of the membership. Alternatively, one fifth of the membership can petition in writing to remove a member for gross misconduct, followed by an affirmative two thirds vote of the membership.

SECTION FIVE: ELECTIONS

Voting may take place for any matter ranging from daily business of the chapter to the amending of the constitution. Votes may take place publicly or confidentially. All votes concerning committee members will be held confidentially. It is at the discretion of the leadership on how to hold a vote, however any member can request a confidential vote for any reason, at which time the leadership will provide a mechanism for it.

ARTICLE THREE: LEADERSHIP

SECTION ONE: CHAPTER ORGANIZER

In recognition of the difficulty of establishing new chapters of an organization, at the onset of active meetings of the Chapter, leadership authority will be vested in a chapter organizer, appointed by the Central Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association. This organizer's chief role will be the vetting of new members and the growth of the Chapter to sufficient size to be self-perpetuating. The organizer will act in the best interests of the organization and be responsible for leading meetings of the membership. The organizer will additionally work to provide as safe an environment as possible during Chapter events. The organizer may handle day to day affairs of the chapter, such as event registration, but all decisions of significance must be approved by simple majority approval of the membership. Any member has the right to contest a decision made by the organizer, and appeal it to the membership at the next regular meeting.

The organizer will, periodically, provide reports of the status of the Chapter to the Chapter members and to the Central Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association. It is recognized that

upon the membership becoming large enough to sustain a Chapter Central Committee, the organizer will invoke this provision to hold elections for the Chapter Central Committee. If the organizer does not invoke this provision in a timely fashion, any full member of the Chapter may petition the Central Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association to review the organizer's actions. The Central Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association may invoke this provision by any mechanism determined by that body.

SECTION TWO: CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Upon the invocation of Article Three, Section One, Paragraph Two, elections will be held for the Central Committee of the Chapter. The qualifications to be a committee member will be that the individual is a full member of the Chapter, at least eighteen years old, is legally able to possess firearms, and is in compliance with all applicable bylaws and regulations regarding leadership positions as established by the Socialist Rifle Association. The size of the Central Committee will be set to three.

The Central Committee will be elected by preferential voting on a single ballot. Voters will rank all candidates from first preference to last preference. The numerical values of these preference votes will be summed for each candidate, with the candidate(s) possessing the lowest sums elected to the number of seats being contested. One term of the Central Committee will be equal to one calendar year.

All committee members have responsibilities over the entirety of the Chapter. All committee members are expected to conduct themselves ethically while exercising their powers and to act in the best interests of the chapter. The committee may decide on day to day matters or regular business decisions. These decisions may not effect constitutional bylaws and must be directly related to the meetings, inviting a guest speaker, or coordinating an event with another chapter. If one fifth of members petition in writing their objection to committee decision, the membership will vote on whether to affirm or reject the decision.

SECTION THREE: REMOVAL

Any member in a leadership position may be removed from their position for misconduct or loss of eligibility. This may be initiated by 1) a petition from one fifth of the membership 2) a vote of no confidence by the Chapter Central Committee or 3) a vote of no confidence by the Central Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association.

If the individual has lost eligibility to be in their position on grounds of a change in qualifications as determined by this Chapter or by the Socialist Rifle Association, their removal shall be effective immediately after the vote of the Central Committees of either the Chapter or the Socialist Rifle Association.

If the individual is being charged with a violation of their office or the bylaws, at least two weeks will be given for the membership and committee to prepare. During the next eligible meeting, the

membership will review all evidence presented and vote on removal. Removal will require a two thirds affirmative vote.

SECTION FOUR: RANGE OFFICERS

Range officers for the Chapter will be recognized by simple majority vote of full members of the Chapter. This will occur based on the understanding that the individual has demonstrated adequate firearm safety knowledge and habits to facilitate and supervise a range day. It will be the duty of range officers to intentionally seek out range day participants that are inexperienced or less experienced to instruct. Chapter Range Officers may schedule range days at their discretion in addition to regularly scheduled Chapter range days and are required to attend and fill the role of trainer and supervisor as needed at any range day they schedule.

ARTICLE FOUR: INOPERABLE CLAUSE

In the event that the Chapter is rendered nonfunctional due to consistent lack of quorum or the consistent absence of multiple committee members, a committee member may invoke the ratification procedure of the Chapter's charter with a one month waiting period and all reasonable effort will be taken to notify current members that the Chapter will be doing so.

ARTICLE FIVE: RATIFICATION

Pursuant to Article 9 Section 2 of the Socialist Rifle Association Bylaws, the Socialist Rifle Association of Madison formally ratified these bylaws on Sunday, April 28th, 2019. 8 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 abstentions were witnessed by Chapter organizer Gabriel Clemente. The Central Committee of the Socialist Rifle Association granted recognition of this ratification Monday, April 29th, 2019.

CHAPTER BYLAWS

ARTICLE ONE: CONDUCT

SECTION ONE: CODE OF CONDUCT

Members are expected to follow basic rules of conduct while at meetings or at events being hosted or participated in by the Chapter. Failure to adhere to these rules can be grounds for disciplinary action, ranging from informal warnings up to a vote to expel the member as outlined in the constitution.

SECTION TWO: MEMBERSHIP CONDUCT

Members are expected to be respectful to others at all times. Feuding and fighting does not benefit the organization or the movement. The Socialist Rifle Association is an inclusive organization. Discrimination on the grounds of ethnicity, race, religion, sex, gender, sexual orientation, political beliefs, or disability is not allowed. Due to the fact that some political beliefs are incompatible with this rule, members who voice support for fascism or other discriminatory political ideologies will be sanctioned appropriately, up to and including expulsion.

Not adhering to a purely socialistic ideology is not grounds for expulsion from the membership. Any individual may be a member if they agree with the core mission statement of advocating for the working class to possess arms for defense of self and the community. It should be understood, however, that the purpose of this is for socialistic ends.

SECTION THREE: FIREARM CONDUCT

Members should understand that the Socialist Rifle Association advocates for the use and reasonable proliferation of firearms for the defense of self and the community. When members are using firearms at Chapter events or in personal use, they must always observe the four rules of firearms:

- All guns are always to be treated as if they are loaded.
- Never point a firearm at anything you are not willing to kill or destroy.
- Never place your finger on the trigger until you are ready to fire.
- Always know what is behind your target.

Members must be aware of local firearm regulations and applicable laws. The Chapter will work to provide resources on these topics.

It is the responsibility of the member to ensure they may lawfully possess a firearm.

Should any member in a leadership role learn that a member is in possession of a firearm unlawfully, that leader will restrict the member from participating in firearm-related activities until the situation can be discussed with the member and resolved.

Wisconsin is generally considered a pro-firearm state. Due to the political nature of the Socialist Rifle Association, however, members may find themselves under increased scrutiny for their activities. The Chapter will work to provide resources and guest speakers that will assist the membership in interactions with law enforcement and the general public. If a member doesn't know how to safely operate a firearm, they should not operate it until being shown how to by someone who can safely operate the firearm.

ARTICLE TWO: MEETINGS

SECTION ONE: SCHEDULING

Meetings will be held as often as the membership and/or committee members feel is reasonable, with an effort to hold at least one meeting a month. Times and locations of meetings will be publicized at the discretion of Chapter. Sharing information regarding chapter events that had been deemed private or for members only may be grounds for disciplinary action.