

**BYLAWS OF THE**

**BLUE HILL RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB INC.**  
**BLUE HILL, MAINE**  
*Affiliated with the National Rifle Association #CO841*

ARTICLE I-Name

The name of this non-profit organization shall be the Blue Hill Rifle and Pistol Club Inc. which will function as and adopt the bylaws for a Shooting Club.

ARTICLE II -Objective

Objectives of this club shall be:

(a) To encourage organized rifle, pistol, shotgun, archery shooting among law-abiding citizens of the United States residing in our community. With a view toward a better knowledge on the part of such citizens of the safe handling and proper care of firearms, as well as improved marksmanship.

(b) To forward the development 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 citizen of the United States may become a member of this organization on vote of the membership after the satisfactory completion of the application and subscribing to the following pledge and on payment of the usual initiation fees and dues. No person may be denied membership in this organization on account of gender, race, creed, color or national origin.

All officers must be 21 years of age or older.

Junior members, under 21 yrs. may be enrolled and participate in club activities under the supervision of adult members. Honorary members are either nominated by the Executive Committee or members 70 yrs with 10 yrs service in the club. Members 21 yrs. and older may obtain a clubhouse key by fulfilling the key member requirements.

**THE BLUE HILL RIFLE & PISTOL CLUB INC. PLEDGE**  
**from the National Rifle Association**

**I Certify that I am a citizen of good repute of the United States of America; that I am not a member of any organization or group having as its purpose or one of its purposes the overthrow by force and violence of the Government of the United States or any of its political subdivisions; that I have never been convicted of a crime of violence; and that, if admitted to membership, I will fulfill the obligations of good sportsmanship, good citizenship, and support the objectives of the club.**

ARTICLE IV - Dues

(a) The member's annual dues to the club shall be payable no later than the annual meeting month by the amount set at the annual meeting.

(b) No member of the club in arrears shall be eligible to vote or to enjoy any other of the privileges or benefits offered by this club.

( c ) Key members must each year, attend a meeting to obtain or retain a key and sign the agreement to abide by the range key holder policy.

ARTICLE V - Meetings

(a) **Annual Meeting.** The annual meeting of the club shall be held on the second non holiday Monday in December in each year. If the annual meeting shall not take place at the time fixed it shall be held within a reasonable time there after, and the officers shall hold over until their successors have been elected.

(b) **Regular Meetings.** The regular business meeting of the club for the transaction of ordinary business shall be held on the second non holiday Monday of the month at such time and place as may be fixed by the Executive Committee.

( c ) **Special Meetings.** A special meeting of the club may be held at any time upon the call of the President or upon the call of the Executive Committee, or upon demand in writing, stating the object of the proposed meeting, and signed by not less than 20% of the members entitled to vote. Notice of the time, place and object of any special meeting shall be given all officers and members in good standing in writing by United States mail not less than seven days prior to the date fixed for the holding of the meeting. The place of such special meeting shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

(d) **Quorum.** Eight members, three of which must be officers, of the club entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

#### ARTICLE VI - Officers

(a) The officers of this club shall be a President, vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Instructor and Executive Officer, who acting together, shall constitute the Executive Committee. They shall be elected by a majority vote by ballot of the members in good standing at the annual meeting of the club. They shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected. (The offices of secretary and treasurer may be combined.) All officers must be 21 years of age or older.

(b)The Executive Committee shall have general supervision, maintenance, activities, and control of the club. The Executive Committee may make agreements with other organizations and individuals to carry out the objectives of the club.

( c ) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held regularly at such time and places as the Committee may determine. Special meetings may be held at any time on the call of the President or on demand, in writing, to the Secretary, by three members of the Committee.

(d) Four members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(e) Resignation of any officer may be accepted by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

(f) A vacancy in the Executive Committee may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Committee. However, if more than one vacancy exists, a special meeting of the club shall be called and new officers shall be elected to fill the vacancies until the date of the next usual meeting as provided in paragraph (a) above.

(g) The officers of this club shall maintain individual membership in the National Rifle Association for their tenure in office.

#### ARTICLE VII

(a) **President.** The President shall preside at all meetings of the club and of the Executive Committee. The President shall be a member ex officio of all regular and special committees, and shall perform all such other duties as usually pertain to his office.

(b) **Vice-president.** The Vice-president shall perform the duties of the President when absence or when requested.

( c ) **Secretary.** The Secretary shall conduct all official correspondence pertaining to the proper preparation and forwarding of all reports required of the club by the National Rifle Association and by the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The Secretary shall notify the members of the Executive Committee of all meetings and shall notify the members of the special and annual meetings, as required in Article V. The Secretary shall keep a true record of all meetings of the Executive Committee and of the club and have custody of the books and papers of the club, except the Treasurer's book of account. All applications for membership in the club shall be made to the Secretary. The Secretary, with the Treasurer, shall be responsible for the collection of all fees and dues and shall remit the same to the Treasurer, taking his proper receipt therefore. The Secretary shall be responsible for re-affiliating the club annually with the National Rifle Association.

(d) **Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the club 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, or President, and for the payment of such bills as shall have been approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer, with the Secretary, shall keep accurate account of all his transactions and render a detailed report

with vouchers at any meeting of the Executive Committee when requested and an annual report to the organization at its annual meeting

(e) **Chief Instructor.** The instructor shall have charge of all small arms instruction and club property with authority to appoint his assistants. The Chief Instructor shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee

(f) **Executive Officer.** The Executive Officer shall have charge of the ranges of the club, the printing of scoreboards, the arranging of competitions, etc. The Executive Officer shall contract no bills without the authorization of the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - Suspension or Expulsion**

Any officer may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing present at any special meeting called for this purpose. No vote on suspension or removal may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the officer of the reasons for his removal and of the time and place of the special meeting at which such ballot on his removal is to be taken. At such special meeting the officer shall be given a full hearing.

(b) Any member may be suspended or expelled from the club for any cause deemed sufficient by the Executive Committee by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Committee present at any regular or special meeting. No vote on suspension or expulsion may be taken unless at least fifteen days notice in writing shall have been given to the members of the charges preferred and of the time and place of the meeting of the Executive Committee at which such charges will be considered. At such meeting the member under charges will be accorded a full hearing.

(c) Charges against any officer or member may be preferred by any member in good standing. They shall be in writing clearly stating the facts relied upon and accompanied by all affidavits or exhibits which are to be used in their support. Such charges shall be filed with the Secretary, who will immediately notify the President. The President will call a meeting for the Executive Committee to hear the charges. The Secretary will give at least fifteen days notice of the meeting to each member of the Executive Committee, to the accuser and to the accused, which notice shall be in writing and will include a true copy of the charges and of the supporting affidavits and exhibits.

(d) Any member suspended or expelled by the Executive Committee may appeal to the full membership of the club. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the Secretary who will notify the President. The President will call a special meeting of the club for the purpose of acting on the appeal. The Secretary shall give at least fifteen days notice in writing to all members of the club in good standing stating the date, time, place and reason for such special meeting. At the meeting of the full club, the Secretary will read the original charges, the supporting affidavits, and will read or display the accompanying exhibits, and will read the minutes of the special meeting of the Executive Committee at which the charges were heard and action taken. A full hearing will be given to the accuser and the accused. A vote will be taken by ballot of the members in good standing present and a two-thirds vote shall be required to reverse the action of the Executive Committee.

(e) The National Rifle Association shall be given a complete report whenever a member of this club is suspended or expelled showing charges and action taken.

#### **ARTICLE IX - Match Rules**

All rifle, revolver, pistol, and shotgun 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 Civilian Marksmanship Program or other sanctioning organization.

#### **ARTICLE X - Amendments**

Any proposed amendments to these bylaws may be introduced by any member of the club at any regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose. The amendments must be acted upon by the club membership at a regular meeting or special meeting called for the purpose provided a notice of change to the bylaws has been sent to each club member by United States mail at least ten days previous to the meeting. A two-thirds vote of the members

present will be necessary to pass or reject it. After being passed by the membership, a copy will be submitted to NRA club affiliated department for their records.

I hereby certify that these bylaws have been adopted by this club.

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President's Signature

Date

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Secretary's Signature

Date

All organizations are subject to federal income tax unless they have a specific exemption under the provisions of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954. For further information, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040