

Jackson Township Sportsman's Club Rules and By-Laws

Article 1 – Purpose

“Mission Statement”

United together to form a brotherhood of sportsmen dedicated to the conservation of fish and wildlife in the Jackson Township area. Furthermore, to be active in the education and preservation of our hunting and fishing rights, for our members, and our community. Lastly, to insure that our work will set a precedence for the future generation of sportsmen.

Article 2 - Goals

1. Purchase / lease real estate, for hunting, fishing, habitat, meetings, etc.
2. To organize hunting and fishing trips.
3. To stock fish and/or wildlife in our area.
4. To provide habitat for wildlife.
5. Organize fundraisers for the benefit if wildlife.
6. Educate members on hunting safety.
7. Educate members on fishing
8. Educate land owners on the benefits and tax advantages for providing habitat.
9. To keep up with legislation to protect the right to keep and bare arms.
10. Promote memberships to organizations, ex: NRA, Illinois Wildlife Federations, etc.
11. Promote necessary involvement with necessary items like F.O.I.D Card- NRA Membership.
12. Promote the club – solicit new potential members, and promote more active participation within the club.
13. And all things incidental to all of the aforementioned subjects.

Article 3 – Membership

The Jackson Township Sportsman’s Club shall maintain a minimum of 51% of Jackson Township residents prior to allowing non residents to join.

1. Jackson Township Residents
 1. Those residing inside Jackson Township will be eligible to join anytime after the current dues and the initial fees are paid.
2. Non Jackson Township Residents
 1. Membership will be open once a year to non Jackson Township residents at the November meeting
 2. New non resident members must be sponsored by a Jackson Township Resident that is in good standing with the JTSC.
 3. JTSC residents can only sponsor one non resident member per year.
 4. Sponsors can submit the names of non residents at any regular club meeting. Should more than one name be submitted, the names will be placed in a container and drawn for placement on the list.
 5. Non resident JTSC members in good standing, children/siblings may join when they reach the age of 18 years old, pending the 51% Jackson Township membership rule. In the case where the JTSC has a waiting list the non resident JTSC members children/siblings will move to the top of the waiting list.
 6. New members must be present, with your sponsor, at the November meeting. The new members’ dues and fees shall be paid at this time.
 7. No current JTSC members in good standing will be asked to leave the club should we drop below the 51% township resident rule.

Article 4 – Meeting of Members

1. ALL ELECTED OFFICERS OF JTSC SHALL RESIDE IN JASKSON TOWNSHIP.
2. Meetings shall be held the 3rd Monday of every month, at the clubhouse with the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary in attendance, or their designated representative, but no more than 2 designated officials at any official meeting.

3. A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 10 members total and a minimum of 2 elected officers. They shall have the power to vote as they see fit, to carry on pertinent club business. Meetings with less than 10 members present shall only approve a maximum of \$1000.00 expenditures.

Article 5 – Elections & Offices

1. The offices of the club shall be a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
2. The office of the President shall be regressive, should a new President be elected during the October meeting, the retiring President will become Vice President. Election of officers shall be during the October meeting.
3. Nomination of the office will be held at the September meeting. Members seeking an office, must be nominated by another member and seconded from the floor.
4. Election of officers will be held at the October meeting by club members present.
5. Election by show of hands, unless requested by a majority of members present, for a secret ballot. The Secretary will record and announce the results.
6. The candidate with the most votes wins the office.
 1. Note: In the event the President cannot fulfill his term, the Vice President will assume the Presidents duties.
 2. If for any reason the Vice President cannot fill the office, a special election will be held to fill the position of President
 3. Any officer of the club may succeed himself, if he is nominated and elected by the majority voice vote by the assembled members. He may also decline.
7. Review of by-laws shall be done after the election of officers, during the October meeting. Amendments to the by-laws shall be done by 2/3rds majority vote by the attending members.

Article 6 – Duty of Officers

1. President – The President shall be the principle executive officer of the club and in general, supervise and control all of the business and offices of the club. He shall preside at all meetings of the members. The President shall have the authority to appoint, with approval of the membership, such as committees as appear to be necessary to the efficient operation of the club.

The duties and authority of such committees, shall be defined by the elected officers. At the January meeting, the President and Vice President shall provide a budget to the club's membership for approval. The budget will consist of how the club will spend the monies received by the club for dues and initiation fees, during the next fiscal year.

2. Vice President – In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting, he shall have all of the powers and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The Vice President shall also perform such duties as may be assigned to him from time to time by the President.
3. C. Treasurer – The Treasurer shall have charge and custody, and be responsible for all funds and securities of the club, receive and give receipts for all monies due and payable to the club. Pay bills authorized by the President or Vice President. In the event of his absence, the President shall sign checks, and in general perform all of the duties of this office. At the start of each meeting, the Treasurer shall be responsible for a financial statement, which is to include the following:
 - I– A previous treasury total
 - II– Listing of all expenditures paid out since the last meeting
 - III – Present treasury total
 - IV– Approval of any outstanding bills, by simple majority vote of the attending members.
4. D. Secretary – The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the members and the officers. He shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with these by-laws, and be custodian of the parliamentary records of the club. The Secretary shall keep a register of the names and address of each current member. As new members join the club, the Secretary will see that they each receive a current copy of the club by-laws and is placed on the mailing list. The Secretary shall provide an agenda for each monthly meeting, the night of the meeting, and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary, and other such duties as shall be assigned to him from time to time by the President.

Article 7 – Dues and Assessments

1. Membership and Dues
 1. Dues shall be at a rate of \$25.00 per year due by the October meeting. All new members to the club will be required to pay a one time initiation fee of \$ 25.00, in addition to the normal yearly dues. Dues and initiation fees will be set, and approved by a majority vote of the attending members at the September meeting.
2. Payment
 1. All dues for returning members, shall be paid before or during the October meeting.
3. Default and Termination

1. When any member shall be in default in the payment of dues for a period of two (2) months from the October meeting, their membership shall then be terminated. Reinstatement shall be by full payment of back dues, and to include repayment of the *current* initiation fee.

Article 8 – Disbursements and Fundraisers

1. The President and / or the Treasurer is authorized to make EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES for the purpose of supplying the club with necessary operating supplies. This amount shall not exceed \$250.00. If in the event, more than \$250.00 is needed, a vote of three elected officers shall be required. For any expenditures of \$1000.00 or more, a 2/3rds majority vote of the attending members shall be required.
2. Any monies raised through methods, other than dues and initiation fees, shall used exclusively as equity into the club.

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